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TO All IH Managers and Medical Leaders
FROM Atsuko Tanahara, Leader, Specialist Services Committee Initiatives
DATE Nov. 7, 2023

RE: 2023/24 Q4 Application Intake – Physician Engagement in Health System Redesign (HSR) Funding

Medical Affairs is accepting proposals to support engagement of physicians in health authority redesign activities. The goal is to ensure physicians are engaged and have an opportunity to participate in planning, decision making, and implementation of new initiatives or changes to health services.

The application deadline for engagement activities beginning in 2023/24 Q4 is **Friday, Dec. 1, 2023**. Please note that we accept applications at any time, however, the review timeframe may vary for applications submitted outside of the quarterly intake process.

All projects must align with the priorities of your portfolio and the organization. Preference will be given to projects that support the [IH Strategic Priorities](#). Funding is based on a fiscal year, with the current fiscal year's allocation available until March 31, 2024.

Funding for this initiative is provided by Family Practice Services Committee (FPSC), Shared Care Committee (SCC), and Specialist Services Committee (SSC): Joint Collaborative Committees of the Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC.

If you have a project that could be eligible, and you have approached physicians to participate or have plans to do so, please discuss with your vice president or executive director/VP direct report. If confirmed that the project aligns with priorities for 2023/24 and is approved for submission, please complete the attached application form. All application forms must have approval by your VP or a VP direct report.

Application process and deadlines

To apply for funding to support physician engagement in a redesign activity or project, please **complete the two attached documents**:

- Health System Redesign (HSR) application form in PDF (with digital signature of approval or email approval directly from VP, executive director or VP direct report)
- Excel HSR funding calculation sheet, which supports the amounts included in the application

Please Note: Regardless of when you apply, your application should include your funding request for the balance of the fiscal year; you DO NOT need to reapply for funding each quarter.

We will open the 24/25 application intake early February 2024.

General funding criteria

- Funding cannot be used for physician education, training, or orientation.
- Funding is to be aligned with the Ministry of Health priorities.
- Funding is intended to assist health authorities to receive meaningful physician input and engagement in acute and community-based service redesign activities and projects.
- Physician input and engagement should reflect appropriate application of the IAP2 [Core Values](#) and [Spectrum of Engagement](#).
- Funding is applied for time-limited redesign projects and broad scale physician engagement in health authority service redesign activities, recognizing that these may be several years in duration.
- Funding is not intended for ongoing program administration, standing committee work or to cover the cost of staff positions.
- Funding is intended to cover physician participation beyond hospital administrative duties for which physicians are already responsible and compensated.
- Funding for physician engagement health authority redesign activities should not be applied where funding responsibility for physician engagement rests elsewhere, regardless of whether funding for those activities is considered inadequate. This is to avoid overlap and duplication of funding from multiple sources.

If you are unsure if your project aligns with the funding criteria, or would like to discuss other funding opportunities, please contact Atsuko Tanahara, leader, specialist services committee initiatives, and we will work with you on identifying and coordinating the most appropriate support(s) for your project.

Submit completed documents (electronic format only, please) to SSCLeader@interiorhealth.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Atsuko by email at SSCLeader@interiorhealth.ca or by telephone at 250-469-7070 ext. 12173.