

PARTNERING WITH SHARED CARE

Each month the Shared Care Committee (SCC) reviews Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and Proposals submitted from communities/Divisions of Family Practice interested in engaging in Shared Care work. The following are details of approved 'New Partnerships' from the meeting.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Expressions of Interest

Approved 'EOIs' provide limited funds (under 15K) for initial exploration of a project of interest to a community.

- Healed Together—Evaluating the East Kootenay Pediatric Eating Disorders Clinic

Proposals

Full project proposals are submitted after successful completion of an EOI.

- [Maternity Spread Network](#) – Central Interior Rural
- Surgical Optimization
 - \$90,000 was approved to support 3 additional teams the SSC/SCC [Surgical Patient Optimization Collaborative](#) (SPOC), bringing the total number of teams supported to 15.
 - SCC will connect with appropriate parties to explore integrating the surgical optimization work with PCN's.

PRESENTATIONS

Kootenay Boundary Coordinated Complex Care for Older Adults Project, Rachel Schmidt (Project Manager) & Jennifer Ellis (Consultant)

- Through a series of physician interviews and surveys, it was determined that **relationships and communication between GPs and specialists** are key to effective coordination of care for older adults.

- The Kootenay Boundary project aimed to improve relationships to **establish clear guidelines and protocols to increase and streamline access to care** for the elderly and frail in the region.
- A network of 'Thought Leaders' comprised of GPs and specialists was established to **identify gaps and seek solutions**.
- **Extensive consultations and conversations took place** through several events engaging GPs and specialists to discuss how to improve relationships, provide effective referrals and consult letters, communicate and share knowledge clearly and thoroughly, clarify roles for a team approach etc.
- **Positive outcomes** include; time-saved; improved referral letters; increased communication with GPs regarding their patients post-op; and improved physician interaction.
- **Next steps:**
 - Sustaining relationships and creating organizational memory.
 - Exploring potential for care coordination agreements for complex adults.
 - Building relationships and spreading behaviour patterns beyond the Thought Leader Group.
 - Embedding relationship learnings into residency programs.
 - Leveraging trust built through repeated engagement to advanced problem solving.

FOCUS OF SHARED CARE COMMITTEE

Developing innovative approaches to improving collaboration between GPs, GPs with focused Practice, and specialist physicians, and spreading success through Spread Networks and other strategies.