

Community Rural Continuing Medical Education (Community RCME)

An initiative of the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC)

PROGRAM VISION

COMMUNITY ELEMENTS



Rural GPs and Specialists

- Identify collective RCME needs
- Choose fundholder
- Decide how to spend funding



HA Chief of Staff

- Helps identify community RCME needs
- Facilitates interprofessional participation

PROVINCIAL ELEMENTS



Additional Supports and Resources



Provincial Manager

- Coordination of funding and information provincially
- Reporting and recommendations for improvement to JSC
- Support and training for Provincial Coordinators and assist community implementation



Provincial Coordinators *(in development)*

- Support community implementation and transition into the program
- Collaborate closely with Health Authorities to a) understand healthcare priorities, b) develop local/regional needs assessments, and c) gather data on RCME spending and community reach for reporting purposes



Specialist, Sub-Specialty, Indigenous and Funding for Innovation (SPIFI) *(in development)*

- Funding for rural specialists and rural GPs with sub-specialties
- Funding for innovative approaches to Community RCME including Indigenous community involvement



Network of Support

- Annual review of Community RCME needs provincially
- Recommendations for improvement

Joint Standing Committee



Community Funds

- \$2.2 million distributed equitably across rural BC
- Administered by organization chosen by community of physicians



Physician RCME Lead(s)

- Promotes community RCME
- Surveys physicians to identify community RCME needs
- Prioritizes using RCME funding criteria and budget



Non-physician coordinator and event organizer

- Logistics, accreditation and certification
- Technology set-up
- Organize payment for event costs
- May support multiple networked communities



Equipment and resources needed to deliver community RCME activities



Event Costs

- Venue, food, course costs
- Fees to visiting physicians providing community RCME
- Participants may pay a portion from individual funds



Evaluation and QI

- Content, participation by physicians and interprofessional teams
- Annual outcomes and pearls
- Recommendations for improvement

Results include:

- Stronger local health systems and relationships
- More sustainable communities
- Mentorship and community RCME for rural Specialists and GPs with Sub-specialties
- Stronger collaboration and inter professional teams
- New physician-driven innovation in Community RCME
- Physicians receive CME credits

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