

## Lake Country Health Hub Feasibility Study receives provincial funding

**Lake Country, BC** – Health Hub Feasibility Study gets the go ahead

Diverse community partners have expressed interest in creating a community space for public health and non-for-profit organizations to work collaboratively to meet community needs. Thanks to funding provided by the Province of BC, through Interior Health, the Lake Country Health Planning Society (LCHPS), along with Urban Matters consulting firm, will be working on a Lake Country Health Hub Feasibility Study over the next year.

“A Feasibility Study is the next step in expansion of the Lake Country Health Hub as an innovative community health centre,” said Brenda Kalinovich, Executive Director. “This community-driven project has involved hundreds of Lake Country residents, passionate community volunteers and partners such as the District of Lake Country, MLA Norm Letnick, United Way, Interior Health, School District 23, Lake Country RCMP, and over 30 organizations involved with the Lake Country inter-agency group.”

The goal of the study is to propose how local primary health care needs will be addressed from a community asset-driven approach. Among other objectives, the feasibility study will further define the Lake Country Health Hub vision, operating model options, space requirements, financial model and investment requirements, partnership considerations and alignment with overall primary care network planning in the region.

“The Lake Country health Hub will support the delivery of client-centred services that promote health and wellness while improving population health outcomes. A recent community needs assessment identified critical health priorities for Lake Country in mental health services, urgent care and expansion of public health services,” says Kalinovich. “We are looking forward to working with key stakeholders including Interior Health Authority, local First Nations organizations, Central Okanagan Division of Family Practice and local family physicians to inform planning and priorities.”

The complete feasibility study will be provided to the Ministry of Health and the Central Okanagan Collaborative Services committee by May 31, 2019.

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