

Partnering for Change II: Transforming Primary Health Care in Northern BC (2018-2021)

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Purpose



To continue the work begun in Partnering for Change Phase I (2011-2016)



To understand how networks of partners can be engaged to transform primary health care (PHC) at community and regional levels



To continue to study how such processes of changing a health system in partnership among communities, physicians, and health authority can work



Changing health services to better suit northern people & communities takes time. Continuing research is needed in order to understand how health service improvements can be sustained

Methods

A qualitative study that entails three rounds of interviews over three years

Interview Participants

Participants from Phase I & new participants will be invited to be interviewed:

- Physicians
- Health care providers
- Municipal leaders

Members of:

- Divisions of Family Practice
- Community organizations
- Ministry of Health
- Northern Health

Interview Locations

Interviews will take place regionally and in seven communities around Northern BC:

- Prince Rupert
- Kitimat
- Prince George
- Fraser Lake
- Valemount
- Fort St. John
- Chetwynd

Proposed Analysis

- Themes will be created about how changes occur through the relationships, partnerships and networks that are built within and beyond the communities

Expected Outcomes

- Anonymized results will be shared with Northern Health and Primary Care Leaders
- We will learn how health care systems can be aligned to better serve the needs of the population & how to engage communities
- The research will inform ongoing system change