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## **Rural Evidence Review**

### *Local Evidence for Health Service Planning Through a Rural Lens*

Dear Cariboo Regional District,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Rural Evidence Review (RER) project, which is being led by Dr. Jude Kornelsen at the Centre for Rural Health Research, within the Department of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia.

The goal of the project is to work with rural citizens to provide high quality, useful evidence for rural health care planning in British Columbia. To do this we will: (1) ask rural citizens to identify the health care priorities that matter the most to them and their communities, (2) analyze what we hear, and (3) present what we learn to policy-makers and health administrators in the province.

To learn more about the RER and our team, please visit our website at the following links:

- [The RER](#)
- [The Research Team](#)

#### **How can you help?**

We need your help to reach out to rural citizens in your community. We are hoping to reach the residents of Quesnel, who can help our team to identify the health care issues that are most important to them. No issue is too big or too small!

Attached to this email you will find an **'engagement card'**, that provides information about the RER and how to participate.

Residents can share their priorities for rural health services in B.C. with our team at any time and in three ways:

- (1) **Take our survey.** The RER Team has developed a brief and anonymous survey to learn about rural citizen and community priorities for health services – which can be completed in 10 minutes or less! The survey is available at: [bit.ly/ruralevidencereview](http://bit.ly/ruralevidencereview). There is no pressing deadline to fill out the survey, which will be available until the end of the project (i.e., April 2021).

- (2) **Research Interview.** Residents are invited to participate in a confidential interview with our research team about their research priorities. The interviews will take place by telephone. Individuals that are interested in participating in an interview are asked to email the project's Coordinator (Christine Carthew) directly at the email listed below to let our team know that they are interested.
- (3) **Contact us.** The project's Coordinator, Christine Carthew, can be contacted at any time to discuss the health service issues and priorities that are most important to rural citizens and communities in B.C. Christine can be reached by email at [christine.carthew@ubc.ca](mailto:christine.carthew@ubc.ca) or telephone at 1 (604) 827-2193.

### **Participating in the Rural Citizen Advisory Committee**

The RER Team is also putting together a Rural Citizen Advisory Committee to:

- (1) Provide local input about rural health care needs in British Columbia;
- (2) Provide feedback on the project's work; and
- (3) Help our team to plan how to share the project's findings with rural communities across B.C.

Our team would appreciate if you could please share our engagement card and information about the Rural Citizen Advisory Committee with your readers through your Cariboo Regional District newsletter. Individuals that are interested in participating on the advisory committee are asked to email the project's Coordinator (Christine) directly at the email listed below to let our team know that they are interested.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping our team to contribute to the improvement of rural health services in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

The RER Team

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