

## BCACHC Questionnaire - B.C. Green Party

If elected to form the next Government of British Columbia what is the commitment of your political party to the following four recommendations and associated timelines?

1. In 2017-18, establish a one-time emergency fund of \$6 million to be distributed among British Columbia's existing CHCs. These funds will enable CHCs to address high priority operational gaps during this transition year and enable them to meaningfully participate in provincial strategic planning.

*Expanding the provision of primary care, and providing funding for integrated team-based care as a means to achieve this end, will be a top priority of a B.C. Green Government. We have committed to allocating \$100 million for the expansion of support for interprofessional, integrated primary care to be provided by physiotherapists, nurse practitioners, midwives, dietitians and other health professionals. Effective interprofessional teamwork is an essential component for the delivery of high-quality care in an increasingly complex health-care system. This initiative to enhance and support interprofessional health care will enable patients to benefit from the full scope of knowledge and expertise of qualified health practitioners, reduce the burden on medical practitioners and in some cases avert wait times for treatment.*

2. In 2017-18, establish a primary health care partnership table, with representation from BCACHC and other relevant associations/groups, to advance the province's planning of primary health care, including necessary steps to ensure that all British Columbians have access to CHCs and other forms of Primary Care Homes and Patient Medical Homes, where needed.

*The B.C. Green Party have committed to establishing a task force to develop a plan to transition the balance of resources between acute care and preventative care. The task force will review the funding and range of services covered by the health care system to ensure the mix of services better meets the treatment and prevention needs of the population. The task force will deliver its recommendations to the government by May 2019. This task force would include representatives from a number of different healthcare associations/groups, to ensure that a full range of perspectives were incorporated. We will work with work with stakeholders, including relevant associations, professionals, and health authorities, to expand access to primary care.*

3. By 2018-19, implement an annualized global funding model for existing CHCs in British Columbia that encompasses the package of team-based primary care, health promotion, community development initiatives and social services that they deliver. This funding model should be developed in cooperation with BCACHC and British Columbia's CHCs, and we recommend that it be accompanied by mutual accountability agreements. *Appendix 1* of BCACHC's April 2017 position paper provides a closer look at core, annualized funding of CHCs.

*We are committed to both significant new funding, as well as exploring changing the way that healthcare is delivered (including where funding is put). See previous responses for more information on specific monetary commitments and consultation commitments to expanding team-based primary care.*

4. By 2020, invest in 20 new community-governed Community Health Centres throughout British Columbia to provide more British Columbians access to appropriate primary health care when and where needed.

*We are committed to both significant new funding, allocating \$100 million for the expansion of support for interprofessional, integrated primary care, as well as exploring changing the way that healthcare is delivered (including where funding is allocated). Both of these measures would include exploring whether additional new centres would be needed. In addition, we have allocated an additional \$80 million to fund early intervention, youth mental health initiatives, supervised injections sites, and community-based centres for mental health and rehabilitation.*