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Connecting with Resident Doctors

As part of the recent collective agreement between Government and the Resident Doctors of BC, funding was allocated over three years to improve engagement and connection between resident physicians and the Ministry of Health. As the Ministry works with partners to continue to enhance care and transform our health care system – particularly in the areas of primary and community care – it is crucial that we hear from the next generation of physicians about what they want to see in our health care system.

The funds will be allocated to different engagement projects. The first is a series of engagement dinners between residents and Ministry representatives, where we can sit down together, share ideas and ask questions.

The first installment in the series was held in Vancouver on November 20, 2019. The event was well attended, with over 30 resident physicians participating in the conversation which was focused on Primary Care Networks, and the transformation of primary care in B.C.



Assistant deputy minister Mark Armitage talks with resident physicians at inaugural engagement dinner, November 20, 2019.

“We have been hearing from residents that they want an opportunity to contribute their voices to the conversation and have a chance to shape the future of care in our province, and with this engagement series they are able to do just that,” said Harry Gray, executive director of Resident Doctors of BC.

The second installment in the series will be held in Victoria, on February 13, 2020, and will be open to all residents currently working or studying on Vancouver Island.

“I was very pleased to attend the kickoff event in Vancouver,” said Mark Armitage, assistant deputy minister with the Ministry of Health. “All of the residents were so thoughtful in their questions and conversation and I was very impressed with each of them. I look forward to attending future events and continuing to talk to residents around the province about their vision for the future of health care in B.C.”

If residents have specific topics or ideas for discussion they would like to propose for future sessions, please reach out to brandi@residentdoctorsbc.ca . We look forward to continuing the conversation!



Residents talking with Ministry representatives.

L-r: Ryan Murray, Ministry of Health, Harry Gray, Resident Doctors of BC, Dr. Alana Fleet, President of the RD BC Board of Directors and Mark Armitage, Ministry of Health