RICHMOND PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS

The Richmond PCN Team invites EOIs from potential PCN Hosts for new FP/NP contracts

Richmond Primary Care Networks—a partnership between the Richmond Division of Family Practice (RDFP) and Richmond–Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)—is working with the B.C. Ministry of Health (MoH) to place contracted General Practitioners (FPs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs), paid by the MoH, into existing Richmond clinics.

Addressing the attachment gap

To mitigate the attachment gap where 56,900 Richmond residents do not have an ongoing relationship with a family physician, the MoH has established contracts with PCN Hosts to place a total of 32 FPs and 14 NPs in Richmond.

Placements will continue on a rolling basis through March 2023. These PCN contracts are designed to strengthen primary care by attaching new patients to the contracted PCN provider.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Richmond PCN Planning Team invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from FPs and clinics that:

- 1 have an existing relationship to primary care in Richmond
- wish to become PCN Hosts and to integrate a PCN FP or NP within appropriate and existing clinic space
- are able to fulfill all contract deliverables
- 4 can demonstrate their commitment to meeting the attributes of the Patient Medical Home (PMH) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs)







Terms

Contracted FPs and NPs will be remunerated based on hours of service provided, while their PCN Hosts will receive a guaranteed annual overhead payment for a term of three years. Contracted

providers are required to build a full-scope longitudinal family practice. They will also participate in a matching program that will refer local residents who are seeking a primary care provider.

Patient eligibility for PCN attachment

A patient must be a resident of Richmond who is presently without a family physician to be considered a **net new** attachment. *Net new attachment* does not pertain to:

- patients who are already attached to a FP or NP
- patients currently attached to a FP or NP outside of Richmond
- 3 retiring FPs*
- patients who are attached to a FP or NP who wish to transfer all or part of their patient panel*

*Although not net new, contracted FPs and NPs are able to support attachment of patients from retiring or reducing physicians

We are here to support you

If you have any questions or require support filling out your application, please contact support@rdfp.ca

APPLICANT RESOURCES + SUPPORT

We encourage all applicants to review the following resources prior to EOI submission:

- New-to-Practice PCN Family Physician Contract
 + Practice Agreement
- Overview of New-to-Practice Contract
- New-to-Practice PCN Family Physician Contact FAQs
- NP Service Contract with MoH
- NP Service Contract FAQs

PRESENT STATUS + NEXT STEPS

HealthMatch BC and the Ministry of Health are presently recruiting FPs and NPs for these new contracts. Since the start of 2020, NPs and FPs have been recruited to Richmond. Those interested in becoming a PCN Host should submit their EOI by completing the application process as outlined in this document.

PCN HOST ELIGIBILITY

PCN Host applications will be reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria outlined below. These parameters have been selected based on contract deliverables for the net new attachment of Richmond residents, on the ability to adopt PMH attributes, and on a long term commitment to the PCN initiative. At the time of application, prospective PCN Hosts must be able to satisfy the following contract requirements:

- Ability to offer sufficient **existing physical clinic space** and supports to a contract provider (PCN FP/PCN NP), including EMR/computer access, clinic rooms, administrative support, etc.
- Commitments to:
 - support team-based care
- 2 meet the 12 PMH attributes
 - participate in Richmond Primary
 Care Networks
- submit monthly reports regarding the contracted PCN provider's work schedule
- respect the contractor's rights, obligations, and limitations under the Service Contract

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Ability to meet the contract requirements as outlined in this document
- Clinic readiness to support the transition

Appeals

If necessary, the Richmond Collaborative Services Committee shall adjudicate a review of the PCN Steering Committee recommendations and make the final decision.

Not ready yet?



If you are not ready to submit an EOI, but want to explore the PCN initiative further, please contact the RDFP at **support@rdfp.ca**. We can help you to prepare your application for a subsequent application cycle.



APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1

Submit an Expression of Interest Form. Email RDFP at **support@rdfp.ca** to submit your EOI form and to ask any questions.

STEP 2

EOI Review Team completes a confidential review. Applicants will be contacted to coordinate a site visit.

STEP 3

EOI Review Team shares your EOI application with the Richmond PCN Steering Committee.

STEP 4

The Richmond PCN Steering Committee shares decisions on application approvals.

STEP 5

Decisions will be communicated to applicants.

STEP 6

Successful applicants will commence recruitment for PCN contracts with the support of RDFP and the Richmond PCN.

Upon successful recruitment

The host practice and new PCN FP/NP provider will sign a contract to formalize the agreement.

For questions and additional resources to support your application, please contact:
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