

Information Bulletin

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Attention: Physiotherapy Providers

Subject: WorkSafeBC Physiotherapy Liaison Committee Update

The inaugural meeting of the WorkSafeBC Physiotherapy Liaison Committee was held on June 8, 2018. In attendance were representatives from WorkSafeBC, PABC, CPTBC, as well as 5 regional representatives from around the province.

The regional representatives were identified via nomination by their peers. The network was originally grouped into 4 regions: Northern B.C., Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sea-to-sky/Sunshine Coast, and Okanagan/Kootenay. WorkSafeBC interviewed each of the nominees from the 4 regions. The benefits of having regional representatives from both the Okanagan and Kootenay regions became evident during this process, thus, the decision was made to invite 5 regional representatives to participate in the committee.

The first meeting outlined the expectations moving forward:

- Goals of the Liaison Committee:
 - Improving communication between WorkSafeBC and the WorkSafeBC service provider network of physiotherapists.
 - Support the WorkSafeBC service provider network of physiotherapists with respect to contractual expectations
 - Identify any trends or issues that require extra support, education, or clarification within the contract
 - Ensure quality care for injured workers
- Roles of the Regional Representatives:
 - To bring forward regional issues/trends with the delivery of physiotherapy services under the Physiotherapy Services Agreement
 - Participate in discussions within the Liaison Committee in regards to the goals stated above

The Liaison Committee is not a forum for contract negotiations but rather an opportunity to work towards the common goals stated above.

The list of committee members is provided below. We encourage you to bring any specific contract questions directly to Health Care Services, however, if you prefer to have something brought forward to the Liaison Committee, you may contact any of the Liaison Committee Members.

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The Liaison Committee will meet quarterly and, the next meeting is scheduled for mid-September.

The Terms of Reference is attached below.



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