

# The Heart of the Matter

## Rural Health Symposium



Helmcken Falls, Clearwater, BC

## Finding Common Solutions to Rural Physician & Health Professional Recruitment

March 26, 27 & 28 2009  
Clearwater, BC

The goals of the 2009 Rural Health Symposium revolve around Collaboration, Recruitment, and Development of Open Dialogue amongst Central Interior communities and government agencies.

The objective is to bring communities of BC's Interior together to discuss and brainstorm health care models and potential solutions relating to long term quality health care in rural and remote communities.

The final outcome of the symposium is to establish how communities can join together in common recruitment practices, develop partnerships that serve as a

unified voice when advocating on behalf of rural and remote communities in a productive, creative and cooperative manner when engaging in dialogue with government and Interior Health.

The program below has been established with the primary theme being collaboration and partnerships. This is a draft program provided for information purposes. The conference organizers reserve the right to make changes to the conference program as it might be necessary. Please watch our website [www.hugadoctorinclearwater.com](http://www.hugadoctorinclearwater.com) for further developments on confirmed speakers and panel members.



## Thursday, March 26, 2009: Welcome to Clearwater, BC!

3.00–5.00pm	<b>Early Registration</b> — Clearwater Secondary School
5.00–6.00pm	<b>Tour of Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital</b> ; please confirm your space on registration form
6.30pm	<b>Registration</b> — Clearwater Secondary School
7.00–9.00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> — Clearwater Secondary School Greetings from Clearwater Mayor, <b>John Harwood</b> ; Key Note Speaker — <b>Mr. Lex Baas</b> Director, Population Health, IHA — Topic: Building Ladders: Health is a Community Affair

## Friday, March 27, 2009: Clearwater Secondary School

The focus of the first day is in addressing the realities of the situation in a proactive manner. There is no intention to white wash the issues but to objectively assess and share information that provides an honest look at what rural and remote BC communities are facing in terms of present day and future health care needs. By assessing the realities and sharing information, there is a foundation of common knowledge that can assist in building solution models.

7.00am	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b> — Clearwater Secondary School
7.00–8.15am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> — Clearwater Secondary School
8.30–8.55am	<b>Welcome! Marion Barschel</b> Host of CBC Day Break to MC the Day; Blessing: <b>First Nations</b> ; Opening Remarks and Greetings: <b>Mayor John Harwood</b> , Clearwater; <b>Honorable Kevin Krueger</b> MLA; <b>Murray Ramsden</b> CEO, Interior Health
8.55–10.25 am	<b>Plenary Panel – IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?</b> — The Current Realities of Rural Health Care Panel Participants: <b>Andrew Neuner</b> Chief Operating Officer, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap, Health Services, IHA <b>Dr. Robert F. Woollard</b> MD, CCFP, FCFP, University of British Columbia <b>Dr. Granger Avery</b> Executive Director, Rural Coordination Centre of BC; Co-chair, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issue <b>Dr. Douglas H. Blackman</b> Senior Deputy Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC <b>Dr. John Soles</b> North / West Representative of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada
10.25–10.45am	<b>Break</b>
10.45–11.45am	<b>Guest Speaker</b> — <b>Honorable George Abbott</b> Minister of Health Services, followed by Questions and Answers
11.45am–12.20pm	<b>Murray Ramsden, CEO Interior Health</b> — Topic: <b>COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS</b>
12.25–1.25pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30–2.45pm	<b>Plenary Panel — Topic: NEW FRONTIERS IN HEALTH CARE</b> Panel Participants: <b>Tracy Christianson</b> Clinical Placement Coordinator, Thompson Rivers University <b>Tom Fulton</b> Chief Nursing Officer & Leader, Professional Practice & Quality Improvement, IHA <b>Cathy Stashyn</b> Leader Physician Recruitment, IHA <b>Mal Griffin</b> Chief Information Officer, IHA <b>Dr. George Eisler</b> CEO, BC Academic Health Council <b>Kathy Copeman-Stewart</b> Program Manager, Interprofessional Rural Program of BC <b>Karen Omelchuk</b> Rural Response Team
2.45–3.00pm	<b>Break</b>
3.00–4.15pm	<b>WORKSHOP SESSIONS</b> 1. Community Action: Recruitment & Retention in Communities — <b>Jan Goode</b> Health Match BC; <b>Cathy Stashyn</b> Leader Physician Recruitment, IHA; <b>Shelley Sim</b> District of Clearwater 2. Grow Your Own Doctor — <b>Dr. Mary Johnston</b> MD 3. The Many Faces of Health Care: Building Successful Relationships — <b>Dr. Robert F. Woollard</b> MD, CCFP, FCFP, University of British Columbia 4. How to Collaborate & Not Compete With Your Neighbors — <b>Don Manson</b> Coordinator, Community Development Institute, UNBC 5. Education: Essential Elements to the New Frontier — <b>Dr. George Eisler</b> CEO BC Academic Health Council; <b>Kathy Copeman-Stewart</b> Interprofessional Rural Program of BC 6. The Futurist: Using Tele-Health Technologies to Support Rural Health Care Professionals and Health Care Delivery — <b>Mal Griffin</b> Chief Information Officer, IHA
4.15–4.30pm	<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Education &amp; The Rural Connection</b>
4.30–5.00pm	<b>Community Stories — Comments and True Stories from Our Rural and Remote Communities, What Are Our Challenges?</b>
5.00pm	<b>Closing Comments</b>
6.00pm	<b>Doors Open, Evening Dinner</b> (Cash Bar Open)— Dress Code: Casual and Comfortable
6.30pm	<b>Dinner &amp; Jazz</b>
7.00–10.00pm	<b>Evening Entertainment and Dancing with Roots &amp; Blues and Cover Classics</b> — <b>THE SERIOUS DOGS</b>

## Saturday, March 28, 2009: Clearwater Secondary School

The focus of today is forming new community partnerships that act as a unified voice to constructively collaborate for the future. New initiatives and ideas are imperative for community success. Communities need to take positive action that produces solid results that restores confidence to the citizens of British Columbia.

7.15–8.15am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> — Clearwater Secondary School
8.30–9.15am	<b>Plenary Panel — Topic: FORMING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FUTURE</b> Panel Participants: <b>Andrew Neuner</b> Chief Operating Officer, Thompson Cariboo Shuswap, Health Services, IHA <b>Greg Toma</b> Chief Operating Officer, Thompson Nicola Regional District <b>Jack Keogh</b> Executive Director, Yellowhead Community Services Society <b>Ian McKnight</b> BSc, Med Student
9.15–9.45am	<b>Guest Speaker — Topic: SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES</b> The Impact on Community Economics — <b>Don Manson</b> Coordinator, Community Development Institute, UNBC
9.45–10.00am	<b>Break</b>
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11:15–11.30am	<b>Break</b>
11.30am–12.30pm	<b>Plenary Panel — Topic: HEART OF THE MATTER</b> — Where Do We Go From Here? Common & Shared Solutions Speakers: <b>John Mabbott</b> Executive Director Health Match BC <b>Dr. Robert F. Woollard</b> MD, CCFP, FCFP, University of British Columbia <b>Dr. Ronald Lindstrom</b> Health Services Consultant, Clinical Associate Professor, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia <b>Dr. Mary Johnston</b> MD
12.45–1.00pm	<b>Wrap Up — Closing Comments and Summaries from Participants / Thank You &amp; Safe Travels</b> — <b>Mayor Harwood</b>
1.00–2.00pm	<b>Tour of Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital</b> ; please confirm your space on registration form.



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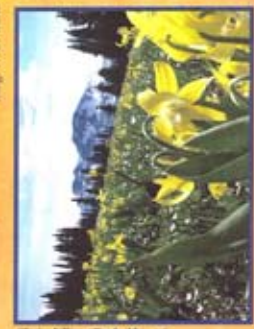
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