

**MICHAEL SMITH FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH RESEARCH  
("the Foundation")  
HEALTH SERVICES AND POLICY RESEARCH SUPPORT  
NETWORK**

**FOUNDATION PARTICIPATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Further to the Transfer Under Agreements dated March 12, 2003 and March 29, 2004, the Ministry of Health Services delegates to the Foundation the powers, duties, functions and decision authority to make grants from the funds allocated by the Ministry to build BC's capacity for research that informs the development, implementation, assessment and refinement of current and future health system reforms.

**CONSULTATION PROCESSES**

Consultation, collaboration and co-ordination are essential to plan, build capacity for and conduct effective health services and policy research that will inform current and future health system reform. The Foundation has established a BC Health Services and Policy Research Support Network with an advisory Steering Council that is broadly representative of key stakeholders, including the Ministry, Health Authorities and the academic health services and policy research community. In addition, the Network will strike other advisory committees and consult with health system leaders to bring broader input into the development of recommendations for research and capacity building initiatives and to ensure such recommendations support provincial priorities for health system reform.

**EVALUATION**

The Foundation will develop for delivery to the Minister an independent evaluation framework for demonstrating achievement of the purposes of the Agreement and for assessing the impact on the provincial health system of the funding provided to the Foundation for support of health services and policy research.

The Health Services & Policy Research Support Network will also be evaluated as part of independent reviews of the Foundation overall.

# Health Services & Policy Research Support Network (HSPRSN)

