



**Provincial Health
Services Authority**

PHSA CONSTITUTION

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SCHEDULE A

AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

1. The name of the Society is **PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY**.
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (a) to plan, manage, and as appropriate, operate the integrated delivery of Province-wide health care services and health protection services, in a manner consistent with Provincial health policy, including without limitation, any administrative and related services and activities in support of and complementary to such health care services or health protection services;
 - (b) to establish or acquire non-profit hospital facilities or programs within the Province of British Columbia, by purchase, gift, transfer, lease or otherwise, and to maintain and operate on a non-profit basis hospital facilities and programs for:
 - (i) the reception, treatment, and caring of persons suffering from physical or mental illness, disorder or disability which requires that the patients receive hospital care;
 - (ii) the reception, diagnosis, treatment, and caring of persons suffering from cancer;
 - (iii) the reception, diagnosis, treatment, and caring of women, children and families including persons suffering from illness or disability or who are in need of rehabilitative, chronic or other medical care; and
 - (iv) the prevention, detection and control of communicable diseases (and such other diseases) as may be identified by the Minister of Health of the Province of British Columbia (the “**MOH**”) in co-operation with health authorities and organizations having same or similar objects and purposes;
 - (c) to establish or acquire non-profit health or community facilities or programs within the Province of British Columbia, by purchase, gift, transfer, lease or otherwise, and to maintain and operate on a non-profit basis such health care or community facilities for:
 - (i) out-patient reception, treatment, and caring of persons suffering from physical or mental illness, disorder or disability;
 - (ii) cancer care, control, and research and to provide residents of the Province of British Columbia with facilities and services for the prevention, detection, treatment and control of all forms of cancer and to consult with such other bodies as may prove to be helpful in such matters; and
 - (iii) patient reception, treatment and caring for persons, including long term care when clinically indicated of persons suffering from mental illness, disorder or disability;
 - (d) to establish or acquire Provincial Mental Health hospital facilities or programs and to maintain and operate such hospital facilities and programs for the examination, diagnosis, treatment and caring of persons suffering from mental illness, disorder or disability which requires that the patients receive hospital care;

- (e) to acquire by gift, bequest, lease, exchange, transfer, purchase or otherwise, any property to hold, invest, develop, manage, administer, accumulate and distribute funds and property for the purposes of the Society, for such other organizations as are “qualified donees” under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act*;
- (f) to carry on any educational activities, teaching and research related to:
 - (i) the diagnosis and care of the sick or disabled and the prevention of disease, as well as the promotion of general health of the people of the Province of British Columbia;
 - (ii) the fields of basic, clinical and management sciences, epidemiology and education as applied to cancer care and control;
 - (iii) the provision of health care and the promotion of the general health of women, children and families; and
 - (iv) the diagnosis and care of the persons in the Province of British Columbia suffering from mental illness;
- (g) to provide specialty health support services for persons requiring same in the course of prevention, detection and control of communicable disease or cancer;
- (h) to provide forensic psychiatric services for
 - (i) accused persons remanded for psychiatric examination,
 - (ii) persons held at the direction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under the *Criminal Code* or the *Mental Health Act*,
 - (iii) persons in need of psychiatric care or assessment while in custody, and
 - (iv) persons held under a court order;
- (i) to provide in-patient and outpatient treatment for persons referred to in paragraph (h) and other persons the minister may designate;
- (j) to provide health care services to inmates in provincial correctional centres, ensuring transition and integration with health services in health authorities and the community as required;
- (k) to provide province-wide out-of-hospital emergency and ancillary health services, and inter-facility patient transfers through BC Emergency Health Services;
- (l) to provide virtual care/teleconsultations for provincial health services;
- (m) to give aid in coordinating and correlating the efforts of individuals, corporations, societies, associations or partnerships to reduce the mortality from cancer or other disease;
- (n) to establish standards and criteria for cancer care and control measures throughout the Province of British Columbia;
- (o) to establish and coordinate with other medical information systems statistical records and public information service on aspects of cancer care and control and other cancer facts;

- (p) to plan, coordinate, manage and publicize the human organ donor activities in the Province of British Columbia;
- (q) with respect to women, children and families, to:
 - (i) establish or acquire, maintain and operate a provincial health centre for the care and treatment of women, children and families including persons suffering from illness or disability or who are in need of rehabilitative, chronic or other medical care;
 - (ii) participate in any activity directed toward the promotion and maintenance of health and the prevention of injury, illness or disability and the development of innovative means to improve the health care to women, children and families;
 - (iii) promote and carry on, under established ethical guidelines, scientific research related to the provision and promotion of the general health of women, children and families;
 - (iv) act as a provincial resource for the development, education and support for health care professionals and the service providers in areas related to the health of women, children and families;
- (r) to promote and support specialty health out-patient support services and educational services for persons requiring mental health support services;
- (s) to promote health in British Columbia by coordinating, managing and/or providing clinical, diagnostic and support services to British Columbia's health care system for the benefit of all users of British Columbia's health care system;
- (t) to make grants to, lend money to or guarantee the contracts of or otherwise assist any corporation, society association, partnership or individual who is engaged in activities which may usefully be carried on in conjunction with the purposes of the Society;
- (u) incidentally to the purposes set out in clauses 2(a) to 2(t), to:
 - (i) acquire, construct, hold, supply, operate, manage and maintain housing accommodation and incidental facilities for persons in the Province of British Columbia according to their needs including, without limiting the generality of this paragraph:
 - A. families and individuals of low and moderate income;
 - B. the aged;
 - C. functionally handicapped persons; and
 - (ii) operate and manage commercial facilities if those facilities are part of a housing facility operated by health authorities and
- (v) upon the written authority of, and the conditions imposed by, the MOH, the Society may deliver health care services and health protection services as described above, to legal entities outside the boundaries of the Province of British Columbia.