

# British Columbia Paediatric Physiotherapy Council

## *TERMS OF REFERENCE*

The British Columbia Paediatric Physiotherapy Council is comprised of Physiotherapists who provide acute care, early intervention and/or school age services to children from birth to 19 years of age.

### PURPOSE

- ❖ To engage all Paediatric Physiotherapists throughout British Columbia in discussions regarding the issues and implications around the development and application of policies, guidelines and standards directed by the ministries and governance authorities
- ❖ To provide a provincial voice for paediatric physiotherapy in British Columbia
- ❖ To act as an advisory body to the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministries of Health Services and Health Planning, and the Ministry of Education on issues which affect the delivery of physiotherapy services to children
- ❖ To identify and communicate concerns and emerging issues relevant to the ministries and governance authorities regarding physiotherapy policies and programs in order to promote and maintain optimal health, development and well being for children and their families
- ❖ To actively assist the ministries and governance authorities in the development of policy relating to physiotherapy services for children
- ❖ To network with other professional and consumer Councils on issues of common concern

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ To provide information about paediatric physiotherapy issues, policies, practices, principles and standards to the ministries and governance authorities
- ❖ To promote a clearer understanding, at the ministerial as well as regional levels, of the educational background, professional responsibilities, code of ethics and standards of practice that govern physiotherapists
- ❖ To ensure representation of both rural and urban issues
- ❖ To represent all levels of paediatric practice, acute care, early intervention and school age programs
- ❖ To develop an understanding of the role and relationships between public and private sector physiotherapists serving children

### MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ All Paediatric Physiotherapists working in any of the following areas: acute care, rehabilitation, early intervention and/or school age programs

## STRUCTURE

In order to fully represent the province, the Council Executive Committee must have representation from both rural and urban areas as well as from each area of paediatric physiotherapy practice (as defined under membership).

The province will be divided into the following **macro regions** (to correspond to Health and MCFD regions):

- Vancouver Coastal
- Northern
- Fraser
- Interior
- Vancouver Island
- Provincial

- ❖ Executive Committee:
  - Composed of 2 elected representatives from each Macro Region of the province as defined above.
  - There will be 2 Co-chair positions to be elected from among the council members for a 2 year term.
    - If the chairperson elected is unable to fulfill their two year commitment then a new co-chair will be elected by members.
    - If no one on council offers to be co-chair at the end of the two year term and the existing co-chair is okay to continue then he/she can be re-elected back in for another two year term.
- ❖ PABC will be represented on the Executive Committee by a member appointed by the PABC Board of Directors
- ❖ Macro Regional committees: composed of all member Physiotherapists in that region.  
*In some regions due to distance it may be desirable to divide into smaller areas (**Micro Regional Groups**) which would then provide information and feedback to the larger Macro Regional Committee.*
- ❖ Ex-officio members (non-voting members): the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministries of Health Services and Health Planning, and the Ministry of Education will all be represented by an appointed member from their respective ministry.

