



# FAMILY PRACTICE RENEWAL PROGRAM

*Endeavor FPN Newsletter*

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### **Message From The FPN Board**

As we move into summer, the FPN Board would like to thank our members for their continued support. Specifically, our general membership has leaned into every event including requests for feedback and working groups meetings. In fact, Endeavor saw over 100 of our members participate in at least 1 event, feedback session, or working group in just the last 6 months. As our program continues to mature, we will continue to prioritize and improve our membership engagement. This will include highlighting opportunities for members to engage more deeply on issues of common priority. Please stay tuned to upcoming newsletters and as always, please feel free to reach out to us anytime. We would love to hear your feedback and thoughts about the work we are doing.

From our entire board, thank you for the work you do!

Sincerely,

The Endeavor FPN 2021 Board

### **Endeavor Highlights**

- ◆ 50 new Endeavor FPN members since this time last year.
- ◆ Improved communications with NLMA and the College of Family Physicians.
- ◆ FPNs are now recognized as the mechanism for engaging/communicating with family physicians in our area.
- ◆ During COVID 'crisis moments' Endeavor was a key driver for timely communications to bridge the gap between clinicians and health authority services.
- ◆ New partnership with RE-Boot FPN (Rural Avalon) in combining efforts on common priorities and working groups e.g. More Patients Less Paperwork, Locum Working Group, and EMR Working Group.
- ◆ We are recognized as a formal partner with the Department of Health and Community Services.
- ◆ Endeavor's identification on Pathways (based on BC model) has received consensus from all FPNs, HAs and engaged specialists as an item of common priority. <https://pathwaysbc.ca/info>
- ◆ Minor Procedures Pilot (providing FFS clinics with supplies) is set to wrap up in the Fall. Evaluation will determine sustainability/options for all FFS clinics in our area.
- ◆ Provincial recognition of our Collaborative Services Committee as a successful model of partnership between Eastern Health and Endeavor FPN.

## **Our Focus**

As you may know, the FPNs were created in part to ensure family physicians are included in primary care planning and service delivery. The simple phrase, “**with us, not without us**” (borrowed from the BC FPNs) is a key goal of our regional and provincial work. As such, Endeavor FPN continues to work towards broader and purposeful family physician strides over the past year and will continue to seek opportunities for improvement.

## **Connect With Us**

Any member can reach out to any of our Board Members and/or Executive Director. We are always here to chat about what is important to you, including answering/directing your questions.

**Board Chair:** Annette McCarthy

Email: [Annette.McCarthy91@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.McCarthy91@gmail.com)

**Executive Director:** Adam Wylie

Email: [Adam@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Adam@EndeavorFPN.com)

## **Questions**

Do you have questions specific to Eastern Health Services? Please continue to use our [Questions@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Questions@EndeavorFPN.com) email. We will pass your question on and look for opportunities to share the answer via the NLMA.

## **FPRP Notices**

- ◆ May 4 - **FPRP Physicians Survey Results**
- ◆ May 19 - **Happy World Family Doctor Day!**
- ◆ May 31 - **FPRP 2020-21 Annual Report**
- ◆ June 15 - **MyQ Facilitated Virtual Mini Program - Caring for my Patients' Common Issues**
- ◆ June 16, 2021 - **Provincial Program Update and Q/A Session Recordings**

## **Membership Update**

A big welcome to our newest Endeavor FPN members. We currently have **185 members!**...and continue to grow. If you know a peer who is not yet a member, please ask them to reach out to us or provide them with this membership link:

**[Endeavor FPN Membership Form](#)**

## **Member Introductions**

Endeavor would like to introduce our **new section**, Member Introductions. Each newsletter we will aim to introduce some of our members. This is a great way to strengthen our community and create possible connections amongst your peers.

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**We would like to introduce David Metcalfe**, an Endeavor member since early 2020. David has been involved in supporting the student presentation-academic rounds and introducing the roll and opportunities of FPN membership. He has always known that he wanted to take on the path of family practice, and has a special interest in geriatric medicine. Please click **here** to learn more about your fellow peer.

## **Physician Community Section**

Endeavor would like to create a section of our newsletter for you to share any information you think would be of benefit for sharing with your peers! Simply contact Adam at **[Adam@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Adam@EndeavorFPN.com)** and we will be happy to include it in our next newsletter.

## **Peer-Shared Facebook Groups**

Please note that many of these groups need permission to join by a moderator. You must be a family physician to join some of these groups.

**[List of Peer Shared Facebook Groups](#)**

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**Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre** in Channel-Port Aux Basque, NL, is **actively recruiting** family physicians for full-time and summer locum opportunities.

Please click **here** for further information!

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**The Family Practice** in Torbay Road Mall is **actively recruiting** a family physician to join their team. Please email Dr. David Metcalfe for further information. **[DavidM@MUNmed.ca](mailto:DavidM@MUNmed.ca)**

## **Membership Opportunities**

Are you passionate about an area of Primary Care? Please reach out to our Executive Director or Board Chair. We would love to hear from our members and always look for opportunities to support your work.

As a reminder, Endeavor FPN has several working groups that meet every 4 to 8 weeks. We are currently looking for general members to join the groups listed below. Typically, the FPN working groups membership is a first-to-volunteer process. Do not hesitate to let us know if you are interested!

## **Working Group Opportunities**

**Patient-Centred Care:** Looking for one to two general members. The PCC working group is responsible for tasks, activities, and projects that have an identifiable link to patient care. This group advocates that a patient-centred approach is considered in FPN work when appropriate.

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**Locums:** Are you a locum or interested in becoming a locum in St. John's or the Rural Avalon? If so, reach out and let us know your email. We are bringing locums together this coming Fall. Stay tuned for the upcoming date! We will discuss how we can better coordinate, recruit, and retain locums in our area. Locum recruitment remains a high priority item for all FPNs.

**[Draft 2021 Locum Handbook](#)**

**[Draft Clinic Handbook for Locums](#)**

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**EMR (Med Access) Super User Training:** Endeavor FPN has three spots held for EMR (Med Access) Super User Training at the end of September. This course will be offered at no cost to the participant. This training will be held over two days (weekend), mid to end of September. There is a requirement that the successful candidates/applicants provide 5 hours of support to their peers (post training). If you are interested, please contact [Adam@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Adam@EndeavorFPN.com) for more details.

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**Cancer Subcommittee:** Are you interested in joining a cancer subcommittee focused on recruitment and eligibility? Please contact Adam at [Adam@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Adam@EndeavorFPN.com) for more information.

## **Less Paperwork Working Group**

### **Disability Tax Credit Form**

Here is another tool to help reduce the paperwork burden—**Disability Tax Credit Form**. This form was created to help inform patients of the process to apply for the Disability Tax Credit.

If helpful, click [here](#) to access the NLMA's non-insured services.

Also related, it is the opinion of the working group that companies who have pre-filled a Disability Tax credit Form are looking for a percentage of the money a patient would receive. Shredding the form and cautioning patients that these companies will take a percentage would be prudent.

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In addition to the new form above, please see below for previously shared documents:

**Re-referral Request Letter**

**Dentist Re-Anticoagulant Letter**

**Request to Inform Patients of Specialist Appointment Letter**

**Sick Note Requests**

## **Medical Office Assistant: Job Board**

Looking for an MOA? CNA has a jobs board for current students and alumni. Job ads for alumni are posted on the College website and promoted on social media as well as on graduation material. You can fill the **NEW MOA Request Form** and email to:

Danielle Beattie, FPN Executive Assistant [DanielleBeattie@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:DanielleBeattie@EndeavorFPN.com)

Your request will be forwarded to CNA on your behalf. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Danielle.

## **Eastern Health Communications**

**The Primary Health Care Program** is pleased to introduce their *new website*. This new website is part of Eastern Health's multi-year project to improve the overall quality of its online communications. Please click [here](#) and take a moment to visit the new website and further information!

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**The Provincial Opioid Dependence Treatment Centre of Excellence and the Provincial Opioid People with Lived Experience Group** is proud to release its public awareness campaign "*Let's Unblur Addiction*". The campaign consists of three posters that address stigma, harm reduction, and naloxone.

We ask that you share these widely within your networks. We also have several printable posters that can be placed in areas of high traffic. Please click [here](#) to access these posters. You can also order hard copies of either poster by following this link for your order form:

**[Order Form for "Let's Unblur Addiction" Poster Campaign Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)**

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**Primary Health Care and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management** is happy to announce that there is **new opportunity** to increase respiratory supports for your patients. Eastern Health's **NEW Comprehensive Respiratory Care Program** (CRC) has created a respiratory education clinic, the *Comprehensive Respiratory Education Clinic (CREC)*, located in Holyrood, NL and will be opening this Summer 2021. Family physicians can refer their patients to this program for education and respiratory assessments which are led by a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program **[Referral Form](#)**

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**The Palliative Care Program** has often received requests from family physicians on accessible tools to assist them in their prescribing for palliative patients. Eastern Health has provided their **Resource Guide**, along with the **BC Centre for Palliative Care Best Practices Guidelines** for symptom and pain management, with an accessible interactive version and printable version.

## **NLMA**

### **NLMA Consultation on Health Accord Framework**

The NLMA will be consulting and engaging with members as we prepare our response to phase 2 of the Health Accord's work. We want to hear from you on whether the Health Accord's *Framework for Discussion on Community Care, Hospital Services and Aging Population* is the right approach for organizing health services in the province, on a sustainable basis, in the interest of patients.

**Participation deadline is August 25th, 2021.** Please click [here](#) for further information.

## **Strongest Families**

### **Pilot Project: Parents Empowering Kids—The Early Years: A Universal Positive Parenting Approach.**

In partnership with the NL Government and with funding support from the Public Health Agency of Canada, this pilot project will focus on providing low intensity parenting services universally. It is ***easy and free!*** All parents who are residents of Newfoundland and Labrador with children ages 3-6 years have access to our Universal Parenting Program. Please click [here](#) for further information. Also, see below for printable posters and information.

**Strongest Family Institute**

**Parents Empowering Kids**

***For more information*** about the Endeavor Family Practice Network, please contact the Endeavor FPN Executive Director **Adam Wylie** at [Adam@EndeavorFPN.com](mailto:Adam@EndeavorFPN.com) or (709)-764-7546.