



Faculty of Health Sciences
Task Force on Health Services, Policy
and Population Health Research

Faculty Board Meeting

Feb 4th, 2016

Task Force Terms of Reference



Purpose

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) has identified the strategic objective of expanding its capacity and capability to conduct research that is encompassed by Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Pillars 3 and 4 (i.e. health services, policy and population health research). Guided by this objective, the purpose of the Task Force is to recommend:

- The optimal organizational design for the FHS units that are currently engaged in or support Pillars 3 and 4 research
- Strategies and actions that will enable enhancement of the scholarly productivity of involved faculty and their generation of high-impact research.

Authority

The Task Force is advisory to the Dean, FHS.

Task Force Membership



1. Dr. Michael E. Green, Director, Centre for Health Service and Policy Research (Chair)
2. Dr. Chris Booth, Associate Professor, Department of Oncology
3. Dr. Scott Carson, Director, Monieson Centre
4. Dr. Roger G. Deeley, Vice-Dean Research, FHS
5. Dr. Marcia Finlayson, Vice-Dean, FHS and Director, School of Rehabilitation Therapy
6. Dr. Patti Groome, Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences
7. Dr. Ana Johnson, Site Director, ICES Queen's Health Services Research Facility
8. Dr. Will King, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences
9. Dr. Jennifer M. Medves, Vice-Dean, FHS and Director, School of Nursing
10. Dr. Kim Nossal, Director, School of Policy Studies
11. Dr. Will Pickett, Head, Department of Public Health Sciences
12. Dr. Rick Birtwhistle, Director, Centre for Studies in Primary Care

Task Force Timelines and Activities



Activity	Date
Task Force Proposal to Dean, FHS	April, 2014
Task Force: Inaugural Meeting	June 10, 2014
Workshop Announcement & Request for Feedback	July 23, 2014
Environmental Scan	July-Aug, 2014
Task Force: Workshop Planning Meeting	September 2, 2014
Workshop	September 23, 2014
Task Force: Workshop Debriefing & Town Hall Planning	October 10, 2014
Meetings with Centre Directors	November-Dec 2014
Task Force: Draft Recommendations Review	Jan 21, 2015
Town Hall	March 4, 2015
Additional Consultations on Final Recommendations	March-June 2015
Final Report	July 2015

Environmental Scan



Eight Queen's based research centres or units were identified for consideration within this review:

- The Centre for Health Services and Policy Research
- ICES@Queen's Health Services Research Facility
- Practice and Research in Nursing
- Queen's Joanna Briggs Collaboration
- Centre for Studies in Primary Care
- Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research
- International Centre for Community Based Rehabilitation
- Cancer Care Epidemiology

Consideration was also given to the roles of the two hospital based research institutes and to the roles of investigators not associated with the current centres who were identified in the Environmental scan

Workshop Summary: Opportunities



- Focus on Vulnerable Populations and Social Determinants of Health
- Moving into interventional HSR/KT work, not just descriptive
- Complex chronic disease care; linking ICES@Queen's to other data
- Models of community based care and support
- SE LHIN as an HSR laboratory

Recommendation Highlights



- 16 recommendations detailed in the full report including:
 - Create a broad based Research Institute incorporating CHSPR, ICES Queen's, HSR components of PRN, QJBI and a number of currently unaffiliated researchers/emerging groups.
 - *Other centres to remain in their current configurations.*
 - Establish interim executive and management committees from current leadership at existing centres, plus representation from the School of Rehabilitation Therapy and involvement of leadership from closely related centres. Dr. M. Green to serve as interim director/chair of executive committee.
 - *Draft formal proposal for submission to senate/search for director to follow*

Motion



- That Faculty Board approve the proposal to establish a Senate approved Faculty Institute for Health Services and Policy Research