



Cathy Ulrich, President and Chief Executive Officer

Cathy has held this position since 2007. From 2002 to 2007, Cathy was the Vice President, Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer for Northern Health.

Cathy has a nursing degree from the University of Alberta and a master's degree in community health sciences from the University of Northern BC (UNBC).

She has been the recipient of the Public Health Association of BC President's Award, the College of Registered Nurses Award of Excellence in Nursing Administration, and the UNBC Alumni of the Year Award. She is also a Fellow in the Wharton Nurse Executive Program. She is currently an adjunct professor in UNBC's Nursing and Community Health Sciences Programs and serves on the board of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research



Dr. Charles Jago, Board Chair

Dr. Charles Jago was appointed to the Northern Health Board in September 2007. Dr. Jago was president of the University of Northern BC from 1995 to 2006 and 2008 – 09. During his tenure, he initiated the establishment of the Northern Medical Program.

Dr. Jago has been actively involved in many Northern economic development initiatives and championed the development of educational partnerships and programs for First Nations groups in Northern B.C.

Dr. Jago was named to the Order of Canada in 2004 for his 25 years of outstanding achievement and service to education



Marjorie MacDonald

Marjorie MacDonald, RN, PhD is a Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Victoria. She holds a CIHR/PHAC Applied Public Health Research Chair and is current President of the Public Health Association of BC. Her program of research focuses on Public Health Systems and Services, particularly the implementation and impact of core public health functions as they evolve. Over the past four years, she has been involved in series of four studies examining collaboration between the public health and primary care sectors culminating in the development of a framework that can be used to inform the development of collaborations. In a current study, she leads a research team exploring public health-primary care collaboration within the context of public health renewal in BC and Ontario.



Michelle DeGroot: Executive Director, Health Actions, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)

Michelle DeGroot is Secwepemc and a member of the Kamloops Indian Band. Prior to this position, Michelle served as the VP, Policy and Research for the First Nations Health Council. Prior to her work with FNHC, Michelle served for five years as Policy Analyst, Health Careers Manager and Director of the First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee. In her current work, Michelle is Executive Director of Health Actions and is responsible for overseeing the process, on behalf of the FNHA, for implementation of the various Health Actions outlined in the Transformative Change Accord: First Nation Health Plan and the Tripartite First Nation Health Plan. She works along with partners from the federal/provincial governments, health authorities, First Nation/Aboriginal and public sectors in the development and implementation of provincial strategies for First Nations health and well-being.



Steven Lewis

Steven Lewis is a health policy and research consultant based in Saskatoon, and Adjunct Professor of Health Policy at Simon Fraser University. Prior to resuming a full-time consulting practice he headed a health research granting agency and spent 7 years as CEO of the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission in Saskatchewan. He has served on various boards and committees, including the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council, the Health Council of Canada, and the editorial boards of several journals, including *Open Medicine*. He writes frequently on improving quality, equity, and performance in health care, and is the moderator of the M.A.S.H. blog – Meaningful Analogies in Sports and Health.



Kelly McQuillen

Kelly McQuillen is the Executive Director of Primary and Specialist Services with the BC Ministry of Health.

Kelly has 18 years experience as a director and strategic health care professional working for the federal, territorial (Yukon) and provincial (Manitoba and British Columbia) governments. She is a registered dietician who has an in-depth knowledge of public health, primary health care, health promotion and nutrition.

Kelly is committed to patient-and family-centered care as an innovative approach to the planning, delivery, quality improvement and evaluation of health care-an approach that is grounded in mutually beneficial partnerships among individuals, families, communities and providers.

Her current position enables and facilitates patient and family voice, choice and representation in the care, quality improvement and system redesign of primary health care in BC.



Dr V J (Jim) Thorsteinson CCFP FCFP

BSc (McGill 1968), BSc(Med) (Manitoba 1973), MD (Manitoba 1973), CCFP (1975), FCFP (1985)

Current:

Clinical Professor, UBC Department of Family Practice

Executive Director of the BC College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) since 2005-

Part-time **Clinician** with Three Bridges CHC, Vancouver, with an interest in Addiction Medicine



Julie Kerr

Julie Kerr holds a masters degree in Psychology and a certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis. She worked for Northern Health for 11 years in the areas of mental health and addictions, public health and population health. Prior to that, she worked in the social services and non-profit sectors with high risk families, children and youth.

Julie has just moved to Alberta where she is orienting to her role as VP Community, Rural and Mental Health for the Calgary Zone within Alberta Health Services. She has enjoyed her years in BC and working with her provincial colleagues within PHABC. Julie believes that health happens within the context of meaningful relationships and meaningful activity, where an individual's gifts and abilities are shared with and valued by the community, and she has found that opportunity within her employment and within her PHABC involvement.



Lynda Foley

Lynda Foley is currently the Executive Director for Home Health and End of Life Care with Fraser Health Authority. She has been working in Health Care for 35 years with twenty-nine years of progressive management experience across acute care, ambulatory care, residential care and home health. The last 14 years have been dedicated to the home and community care sector.

Lynda has a Masters of Nursing from the University of Calgary, where her graduate work focused on leadership development in Nursing. Lynda has also held the position of adjunct professor with the University of Calgary, Faculty of Nursing. Her clinical interest lies in working with older adults experiencing chronicity and their ability for self management. She holds the Canadian Nurses Association, Certification in Gerontological Nursing and has recently been elected to the Board of Directors for the Canadian Home Care Association as one of the 2 BC representatives.



Allan Best, PhD

Allan Best, PhD is Managing Director, *InSource*; Associate Scientist, Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute; and Clinical Professor, University of British Columbia. *InSource* is a Vancouver-based health services and population health research group with expertise in knowledge translation and exchange, systems thinking, and communications. It serves health systems decision makers at the regional, provincial and national levels, offering innovative “whole systems” research, planning, and evaluation tools to support large-scale organizational change.

Recent projects include a systematic review of large systems change to guide government healthcare transformation initiatives, and a social network analysis and development for a multi-provincial interprofessional practice initiative.



Arlene Paton

Arlene Paton became the Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health, Ministry of Health, in September 2011. She is responsible for a team of about 150 people working across the health system, government and society on the full range of population and public health programs, services and initiatives, environmental health, communicable disease prevention, immunization, health emergency management, health promotion and citizen engagement, maternal, child and youth public health programs, healthy schools, communities and workplaces, strategies to increase healthy eating and physical activity levels, and mental health promotion, as well as a focus on specific populations such as Aboriginal peoples, seniors and women. Arlene has worked for the provincial government in Victoria since 1988, starting at Treasury Board Staff in the Ministry of Finance, and was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Post Secondary Education Division, Ministry of Advanced Education, in October 2004. She moved to the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation in 2006 to lead the all-of-government approach to closing the social and economic gaps that exist between Aboriginal and other British Columbians.

Arlene holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Queen's University.



John Millar, MD, FRCP(C), MHSc;
Consultant, Population & Public Health and Health Policy
Clinical Professor, School of Population & Public Health, UBC.

After a 15 year career in clinical medicine, surgery, health policy and administration in the developing world Dr Millar returned to Canada where he specialized in population and public health (community medicine). After serving as a Medical Health Officer in several BC jurisdictions, Dr Millar became the Provincial Health Officer from 1992- 1998 during which time, among other achievements, he developed health goals for BC.

After serving for 5 years (1998-2003) as the Vice President for the Canadian Institute for Health Information in Ottawa, from 2003 to 2011, Dr Millar was the Executive Director, Population and Public Health for the BC Provincial Health Services Authority. In this role Dr Millar has recently been the Chair of the BC Obesity Reduction Task Force, Chair of the National Advisory Committee for the National Collaborating Centre for the Determinants of Health and Chair of the BC Healthy Built Environment Alliance. Dr Millar is a Lifetime Honourary member of both the Canadian Public Health Association and the Public Health Association of BC. He is a member of the Health Officers Council of BC and a past member of the BC Population Health Network and the BC Healthy Living Alliance as well as many other organisations and networks dedicated to improving population health, reducing health and socio-economic inequities and the better prevention and management of chronic disease.

Dr Millar continues his interest in international and global health issues and has consulted on health projects in numerous developing countries (Cuba, Uganda, Kosovo, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Laos, Zambia, Papua New Guinea).

Dr Millar has received several awards recognizing his contributions to public health nationally and provincially and has many publications to his credit.

Dr Millar is a Clinical Professor at the School for Population and Public Health at UBC where he is involved in teaching and research in public health leadership, health policy and international health. Dr Millar is also a Board Member of the Public Health Association of BC.



William L. Clifford, B.Sc, M.ScF, B.MedSci, M.D., FCFP

Dr. William Clifford is a family physician who is currently Medical Director of Clinical Informatics for Northern Health. He is also site faculty for informatics in the Prince George site of the UBC Family Practice Residency Program. He has had a long standing keen interest in electronic medical records and other eHealth tools. Prior to entering Medicine, Dr. Clifford was a forester and worked with resource management tools such as digital mapping and simulation modeling which led to his interest in eHealth.



Paula Young, BSC, MBA

Paula has worked in health care for the past 10 years. She is currently the Director of Infrastructure for Primary Health Care. In this role, Paula has been able to apply her keen interest in the foundational elements that support integration. These include identifying the linkages and dependancies between stakeholders in health, developing new innovative processes for integration, and determining the appropriate technologies and space design to support integration. Paula's background in working in Project Mangement, Business systems and Informaiton and technolgoy has allowed Paula to lead her current work in Primary Health Care which involves supporting Fraser Health community programs, community partners and the Divisions of family practice to come together to create a collaborative vision for change.



Simon Carroll, Ph.D.

Dr. Carroll has had a long interest in the health research field, completing his doctoral work on alternative approaches to assessing the effectiveness of complex health interventions at the University of Victoria. He has contributed to a variety of relevant research projects and has published several articles and book chapters related to the area of integrating public health and primary health care. His particular interest is the application of social theory to health promotion, population health and health systems change. He currently teaches in the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria.



Caryl Harper

Caryl Harper's current role in Primary Health Care and Specialist Services Branch, BC Ministry of Health, is leading the Patients as Partners portfolio. Patients as Partners involves Regional Health Authorities, Universities, healthcare providers, organizations, patients, families and caregivers as partners in primary health care transformation. Some of her public speaking experiences have included local, provincial, national and international conferences in Bali Indonesia, Niagara Falls, Edmonton, Vancouver and numerous communities in British Columbia. Caryl is a Registered Nurse who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (D) and a Masters of Nursing (in progress).