

e-HLbc Project Principles and Strategic Alignment

Project Principles

- **Simplify Access:** The e-HLbc will facilitate knowledge transfer by providing a single access point to a comprehensive set of high quality electronic resources. These will be accessible through a website, in urban and rural and remote areas of the province, from the workplace or from home, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Presently, for some health professionals, in some parts of BC, there is no access to electronic resources.
- **Eliminate Duplication of Resources:** Currently, some individuals are licensed to access various databases through more than one agency. For example, health care practitioners may be covered by licenses through their workplace, through their professional association and, if they are also clinical faculty, through a post-secondary education institution. Since licensing costs for each agency are based on an estimate of the number of users, this results in duplicate (or triplicate) licensing costs. Province-wide licensing would eliminate this duplication of expenditure.
- **Maximize Access and Minimize Costs:** Currently, agencies separately negotiate licenses from vendors who hold the distribution rights to various electronic resources. A coordinated province-wide approach to negotiating licensing agreements will leverage purchasing power and result in better terms and conditions. It should be noted, however, that total costs may not decrease, given the objective to extend access to a larger number of users province-wide, including to those health professionals who currently have no or limited access to electronic resources; for example, pharmacists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and nutritionists.

Strategic Alignment

For each of the Health and Academic Sectors, the e-HLbc initiative aligns closely and respectively with:

1. the Ministry of Health's Strategic Objectives, as defined in the 2005/06 - 2007/08 Service Plan Update. By providing timely health information throughout the province, the e-HLbc initiative strongly supports: improved patient care, system integration, investment in information management and information technology, and human resource development. Please refer to the the attached linkages document (to be attached);
2. the Ministry of Advanced Education's Goals as defined by its 2005/06 - 2007/08 Service Plan Update. By providing equitable access to key health information for all post-secondary students, the e-HLbc initiative strongly supports the Ministry's goals of an excellent education system that meets the needs and aspirations of British Columbia. By ensuring that researchers in the post-secondary sector and the health care sector have access to the same health information resources, the e-

HLbc initiative fosters inter-sector, collaborative and inter-professional research supporting the ministry's goal of excellent research and innovation that supports economic and social development. Please refer to the the attached linkages document (to be attached);