

## Facilitation of Large Scale Applied Research Projects (LSARP) 2017:

### Building Connections with AHS

The LSARP funding opportunity announced by [Genome Canada](#) is aimed at supporting projects that will demonstrate how genomics-based research can contribute to improving health outcomes and enhancing healthcare delivery.

During the early stages of proposal development, LSARP applicants may need to connect with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to determine the type of support that would be needed from AHS to facilitate a successful outcome for the application.

This document is intended to provide general guidance for those individuals who are involved in the further development of the LSARP proposal and connection with AHS.

#### Initial Steps

- **Genome Alberta** (GAB) will review each application and work with the investigators to identify the *potential* program or clinical areas of AHS that could be linked to their project. (See list of functional areas on page 2.)
- With this information, GAB will work with **AHS Health Technology Assessment and Innovation** to coordinate communication between the applicant(s) and the most appropriate AHS program areas and representatives.
- GAB will facilitate ongoing connections between the LSARP applicants and AHS, to ensure there is a coordinated and efficient approach to obtaining necessary information.

#### Expectations of LSARP Applicants

- Prior to meeting with AHS representatives it is recommended that LSARP applicants review key AHS documents, specifically: [Guidelines for Genomic Medicine and Precision Health Applications](#) and the [AHS Strategy for Clinical Health Research, Innovation and Analytics](#). (Additional documents may be recommended once contact is made with specific AHS representatives.)
- Applicants will communicate and/or meet with suggested AHS individuals in a timely way.
- It is essential that proposal timelines and deadlines are clearly communicated by the Applicant to ensure that AHS representatives can provide optimal assistance within a reasonable time frame.

#### Expectations of AHS Representatives

- Once contacted about the Genome LSARP application, the AHS representative will respond as soon as possible. If deemed not to be the most appropriate person, then he/she will refer the applicant to a more suitable AHS representative.

- The AHS program representative reviews the proposal, meets with the applicant, and provides input and follow up as needed.
- The request for AHS support does not assume written endorsement. It is expected that the AHS representative will provide adequate time and guidance to determine the type and level of AHS support that is needed.
- Depending on the extent of support that is identified, it is possible that AHS representatives may be named to the project team. It would be useful to have discussions as early as possible regarding roles, activities, time commitment and resources.

**LIST OF FUNCTIONAL AREAS (NOTE: all may not be applicable)**

- Cancer Control Alberta
- Clinical program or service, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Contracting, Procurement and Supply Management
- Data and Analytics
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Clinical Ethics
- Finance
- Health Technology Assessment
- Information Technology/Management
- Laboratory Services
- Legal and Privacy
- Patient Engagement
- Primary Care
- Pharmacy
- Strategic Clinical Networks:
  - Addiction & Mental Health
  - Bone & Joint Health
  - Cancer
  - Cardiovascular Health & Stroke
  - Critical Care
  - Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition
  - Emergency
  - Kidney Health
  - Maternal Newborn Child & Youth
  - Population, Public & Indigenous Health
  - Respiratory Health
  - Seniors Health
  - Surgery
- Other:

Questions or concerns about AHS support for the Genome LSARP application process may be directed to: **Don Juzwishin**, AHS Health Technology Assessment and Innovation. Email [don.juzwishin@ahs.ca](mailto:don.juzwishin@ahs.ca) or call 780-735-0741.