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Intent

The purpose of this call is to invite proposals for projects facilitated by the Physical Therapy Knowledge Broker (PT KB).

Background

The PT KB position is jointly funded, at a 1.0 FTE, by the Department of Physical Therapy at The University of British Columbia, Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia and Arthritis Research Canada. The position is shared by Alison Hoens and Paul Blazey.

To date, the PT KB has partnered in ~\$17 million of funded research and more than 60 projects undertaken with over 500 clinicians, researchers, students, healthcare decision-makers and patients/families that has produced 22 resources accessed ~600,000 times worldwide.

There is now an opportunity to identify new projects that can help address gaps in BC and beyond.

Process

Given the tremendous scope of settings (e.g. clinical, research and educational settings; adult, children, private practice, public practice, community settings) and areas of practice (e.g. neurological, orthopaedic, geriatrics, cardiorespiratory) it is important to ensure that a transparent process is used to identify and guide the selection of projects that will be facilitated by the PT KB.

- *Call for proposals:* June 15, 2021.
- *All project submissions must include the following information:*
 - o Relevance: Specify how the proposed project is relevant to current or emerging practice.
 - o Impact: Describe the potential impact on physical therapy practice; be as specific as possible.
 - o Opportunity for partnership: Describe the opportunity for potential involvement of various stakeholder groups (e.g. clinicians, researchers, students, decision-makers, patients/families).
 - o Resources: Identify resources required and those which could be leveraged i.e. potential funding or personnel who could participate
 - o Clearly defined outcome: Specify clearly defined output(s)/products that could be achievable within a 2 year time frame.
 - o Contact information: Provide contact name(s), email address(es), phone number(s)
- *Submission deadline:* Friday July 9, 2021
- All submissions are to be sent to Sue Murphy, Head, UBC Department of Physical Therapy at sue.murphy@ubc.ca

- Proposals will be reviewed and adjudicated by the PT KBs in conjunction with the PT KB Steering Committee.
- The number successful submissions will be determined by the relevance, potential impact on practice (e.g. relevance across sectors and/or highly significant to a specialized area of practice), feasibility for partnerships, leveraged and required resources, and by the PT KB workload capacity.
- All authors submitting proposals will be notified of the result of the selection process by August 13, 2021.

Please contact PT KB Alison Hoens at alison.hoens@ubc.ca with questions and comments.