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Health committee releases report on improving health care in B.C.

VICTORIA – The all-party Select Standing Committee on Health released its unanimous report today “Looking Forward: Improving Rural Health Care, Primary Care, and Addiction Recovery Programs.” The report makes 59 recommendations focusing on rural health care, interdisciplinary teams, and addiction recovery programs.

“We heard considerable support for innovative approaches to the delivery of health care,” said committee chair Linda Larson. “All British Columbians, no matter where in the province they live and whatever their health concerns, should have access to timely, high-quality health care.”

The report reflects the input the committee received during public consultations, including 64 presentations and 211 written submissions.

“Our report highlights how we can strengthen our health-care system – particularly in the areas of rural health, team-based primary care, and addiction and recovery programs – to improve health outcomes,” added deputy chair Judy Darcy. “We would like to thank the many individuals and organizations who shared their knowledge, experience, and ideas with the committee.”

More information about the committee, including their report, is available at: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/health>

The members of the Select Standing Committee on Health are:

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Judy Darcy, MLA New Westminster (deputy chair);

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