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From: medicalclinic <medicalclinic@shaw.ca>

To: derek@derekdang.com <derek@derekdang.com>

Sent: Wed Jul 11 22:23:33 2007

Subject: FPS4BC

Thank you for your response. However, we are still concerned that the funding is used as an incentive to intice GPs to join urban practices to the disadvantage of cities such as Richmond that were excluded from the list of qualifying urban centres. We noticed that the following listing appears on the CPSBC website (highlighting/bold as appears in the original placement ad):

Southwest - Greater Vancou <<x.gif>> ver

Submitted
Jun 16, 2007

Dr. Tracy Lee Monk

Specialty/Practice GP - FSFP - elegendible for 100 K incentive - fulfilling continuity of care family practice in a smoothly run and relaxing office setting

Opportunity Seeking an Associate
City Burnaby/Coquitlam

Contact Phone 604-420-9252

Contact Email tmonk@telus.net

Position Dates This position is available from Sept 1 2007 - please contact ASAP if interested in 100K FP4BC incentive as paperwork needs to be completed soon for Sept 1 start. thru eligible for 100K incetive with 3 year commitment.

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As we previously expressed, the incentive is being very overtly used to recruit GPs from other urban areas, regardless of whether the relocating physician qualifies for the program. Even if funding is eventually declined by your program, it may take several months and by then the relocating GP may have established a patient base and be content to stay in Burnaby.

Richmond's demographics combined with the number of physicians retiring from practice has resulted in an increased shortage of GPs in Richmond. We would like to request that Richmond be reassessed to be included in your list of underserved areas so that we are not put at such a disadvantage in recruiting much needed physicians.

Please contact us at your convenience if you require any further or specific information.

Thank you

----- Original Message -----

From: FPS4BC, HLTH <fps4bc@bc.ca>

To: MedicalClinic <medicalclinic@bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2007 3:45 PM

Subject: RE: Richmond

Although the subcommittee is still discussing this issue, I thought I would respond by saying that we probably wouldn't be approving doctors for this funding if they are moving from one urban centre to another, simply to access the funding. It would undermine the intent of the program, which is to provide an increase in the number doctors providing full service family practice (and in the number of patients who have a family physician), not simply redistribute the resources. Just because pracs assume they will get funding using this strategy doesn't mean they will be approved.

We will respond to this issue further very soon.

From: MedicalClinic [<mailto:carol.mcneill@bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2007 2:45 PM
To: FPS4BC, HLTH
Subject: Re: I

We are having at least one Walk-In Clinic Corporate Office aggressively advertise the FPS4BC programme as a means of recruiting our(full service FPs from Richmond) with the funding from FPS4BC as the main enticement. It appears they are able to use this funding to try and have our physicians move to one of their spots near by geographically. We would ask that you advise us what we should do if the FPS4BC programme is used successfully to recruit from our underserviced area.

----- Original Message -----

From: FPS4BC, HLTH <fps4bc@bc.ca>
To: MedicalClinic <carol.mcneill@bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 9:33 AM
Subject: RE: I

No, I'm sorry, Richmond is not on the list of communities for the purposes of this program. We undertook an exhaustive process with the Health Authorities to have them provide us with a list of communities, bearing in mind there are only 90 positions available through this program for the entire province. We recognize there is a shortage of FPs throughout BC, and consider this program a start in the right direction.

Sorry I couldn't be of more help.
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From: MedicalClinic [<mailto:carol.mcneill@bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 8:12 PM
To: FPS4BC, HLTH
Subject: Re: I

Will an application from Richmond be considered for the programme? We have spent one and a half years recruiting for physicians to join my group full service family practice in our underserviced area .

----- Original Message -----

From: FPS4BC, HLTH <[mailto:hlth@fps4bc.ca]>
To: MedicalClinic <[mailto:MedicalClinic@fps4bc.ca]>
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 10:46 AM
Subject: RE: I

Hello:

Thanks very much for your interest in the FPS4BC Program.

To answer your questions:

1. No, Richmond is not on the list of communities.
2. All IMGs who meet the qualifications of the application – full licensure to practice medicine in BC who fit the time lines are able to apply to the FPS4BC program. Depending on when they completed their residency requirements, they may already be working under an RoS - if this is the case, they must complete the outstanding time and requirements on their current RoS before the FPS4BC RoS would become active. I have attached a table below - hopefully this will clarify the answer for you:

IMGs ROS Requirements

Residency

-start-

Residency

-finish-

ROS for postgraduate medical education

FPS4BC

ROS

July 2005

June 2007

No

3 years

July 2006

June 2008

Yes – 2 years

1 yr additional

July 2007

June 2009

Yes - 2 years

1 yr additional

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

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From: MedicalClinic [mailto:MedicalClinic@fpc.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 8:52 PM
To: FPS4BC, HLTH
Subject: I

I would like to make enquiries of the programme:

1. Is Richmond included in the list of communities?
2. Are FMG's recruited to our full service family practice eligible to apply for the programme when granted licensure from the CPSBC?

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Dang, Derek

From: Dang, Derek

Sent: Sun 2007-07-15 5:04 PM

To: medicalclinic

Cc:

Subject: RE: FPs4BC

Attachments:

Hi Manoj and Rama

Thanks for coming by last night it was fun! I'll check with my staff in the morning and start working on a motion that will include the Richmond City Council writing to the Ministry of Health. In essence, I'll suggest we protest the omission of Richmond in any program that will encourage the encouragement of Family practice in light of the imminent retirement of 5 Family practitioners in the next year. The subject of patient care and "orphan" patients will also be mentioned. Will you please let me know if there are any other details that should be included? Burnaby is a virtual "twin" of Richmond in terms of population etc.

From: medicalclinic [mailto:medicalclinic@shaw.ca]

Sent: Sun 2007-07-15 12:00 PM

To: Derek Dang

Subject: FPs4BC

Hi Derek

We've removed the FPs4BC button on the BCMA website and they have no longer included the lists of eligible communities as they had before. We are certain that Richmond is not on the list and that Burnaby definitely is now Westminster is on the list as well. We presume we can get the list by emailing the programme coordinator they may post the list again if they are doing work on their website. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance. Thanks for your help.

Manoj and Rama