

Questions and Answers regarding Safety RFP

Please note, all questions and answers regarding this RFP will be posted in this section so all interested parties have access to the same information.

It appears that this work is part of a larger review?

Yes, the CMBC is undergoing a Scope and Model of Practice Review and is undertaking a series of discussion papers and research as a part of this review. To date there are 2 discussion papers that are listed on the CMBC web site that are part of this work, 1) Improving Midwifery Care of Marginalized Women and Communities: Implications for the Midwifery Model of Practice and 2) Jurisdictional Review of Midwifery Scopes and Models. Additional papers/research that will likely be undertaken include a look at how this scope and model is working in Rural/Remote areas, a review of what childbearing women and their families in BC want with regard to their maternity care, and how past, current, and future (student) midwives envision their scope and model in the future.

If so, how does this part fit into the larger picture?

This work amongst other discussion papers will form the overall review and potential recommendations that will help inform the midwifery scope and model of practice.

Is it desired that the paper would discuss more specifically how midwifery care is organized or competence?

The CMBC is interested in researching/discussing how midwifery care is organized in regards to practice models and how these models impact the midwife and the client.

How is it expected that safety is demonstrated?

This question relates to looking at the requirements within the current structure and model. Issues could include sustainability through work life balance, burn-out, attrition rates, etc. It may look at the question, should there be restrictions on shifts/call schedule? The paper may identify any detriments and if there are weaknesses in the model and recommend ways to improve them.

Barriers to practice for midwives such as a delay, or denial in obtaining hospital privileges or a delay in access to timely consults during the antenatal, intrapartum or postpartum period are examples that can impact safety for clients.

There is an opportunity to expand this discussion paper into research into the review of BC Midwifery's perinatal outcomes along such lines as intervention rates, c-section rates, hospital readmission rates, hospital lengths of stay, etc. against the World Health Organization (WHO), other jurisdictions and/or the medical model in BC.

It would be helpful to know what standards are being referred to and how would "better" be defined?

The WHO standards are one example however there may be other targets or indicators that exist either nationally or internationally. Better would be defined as an improvement over a target or indicator related to a specific outcome.

We would appreciate clarification of what is meant by the "medical model" as we have concerns that this term is not well defined and not in current use.

The medical model in this circumstance in Canada would mean GP or OB care providers as they are the only other primary maternity care providers.

Would it be expected that any data referred to would relate only to the midwives practicing midwifery according to the model as defined in the regulation?

No, data could come from other jurisdictions and be compared to BC data in order to identify variances and methods to evaluate the model.

Could the changes in structure and delivery of the health care in BC and the constraints of the model be identified?

Yes, part of the objective of the discussion paper is to identify constraints in the model and any known changes given challenges facing the health care system.

As well could we clarify the systems and structures of the model?

Yes it is expected that your research would review the current systems and structures of the model.

We would also appreciate some information in relation to funding for the project. What is your indicative budget?

We do not have a specific amount allocated to this discussion paper but do have available funds for this and other discussion papers. We would like you to identify as part of your proposal what your costs would be for the completed discussion paper.