

Project Charter

Quality Assurance Program Project

Document Purpose

A project charter sets out the basic elements of the project and is referenced throughout the project life cycle. Its goal is to provide the reader with an understanding of the background and rationale for the project, and how the governance and process set out in the charter will deliver outcomes to the organization and other interested parties. Project charters are living documents that will be updated and changed as required. The project charter includes:

- the project objectives, benefits, scope and risks;
- the project deliverables, schedule, milestones, and estimated costs; and
- the project organization, governance structure and stakeholders.

Section 1. Charter Introduction

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Authorization

This Project Charter formally authorizes the existence of the project. The project is authorized by the Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee on behalf of the committee responsible for overseeing the establishment of the program and the Project Sponsor:

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Dr. David Vogt, Chair of Quality Assurance Committee	Date

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Project Sponsor: Jennifer Roff Director, Professional Practice	Date

Section 2. Project Overview

2.1 Background

BCCOHP is governed by the *Health Professions Act*.

Pursuant to s.16(2)(e) of the *Health Professions Act*, one of the objects of BCCOHP is “to establish and maintain a continuing competency program to promote high practice standards amongst registrants.”

The Quality Assurance (QA) Committee was established during the amalgamation of the four oral health colleges into BCCOHP on September 1, 2022. Under BCCOHP bylaw 4.09(3) the QA Committee is responsible for establishing the Quality Assurance (QA) Program referred to in s.16(2)(e) of the *Health Professions Act* and Part 12 of the bylaws.

Following amalgamation of the four oral health colleges, the pre-existing QA Programs from the legacy colleges ported over to BCCOHP. As a result, there is considerable variation between the criteria, processes, and requirements for regulated Oral Health Professionals (OHPs) and each program has different internal resourcing requirements.

A new QA Program is an important component of BCCOHP’s Strategic Plan. It aligns with BCCOHP’s vision and mission of reimagined oral health care oversight and regulatory leadership that collaboratively builds public confidence in the delivery of safe, ethical, and competent team based oral health care. It is also part of the strategic focus of modernized regulatory functions, specifically establishing a single QA program for all OHPs.

Thinking around QA programs have changed since the programs were first developed and this will give BCCOHP an opportunity to create a modern program with appropriate and accurate measurement for all OHPs. The program should aim to respect and support all members of the Oral Health Team in their pursuit of safe care and ensure patients and the public that their OHPs are safe.

The Ministry of Health has also developed new legislation which will replace the *Health Professions Act*. The new [*Health Professions and Occupations Act \(HPOA\)*](#) has passed Royal Assent in the BC Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2022. While the legislation has passed, the *Act* is not in force. However, in anticipation of the new *Act*, the QA Committee will take a proactive approach to align the QA Program with the forthcoming *HPOA*, which BCCOHP will be required to follow once enforced. Division 8 of the *HPOA* details requirements for the program to be proposed.

Strategic Plan

This project supports BCCOHP's strategic focus of "unified regulatory functions".

Strategic Focus

Unify core regulatory functions and professional and ethical standards that protect the public from harm and promote the public interest.

Project Goals

- To create a modernized QA Program that ensures and supports ongoing patient-centered team-based safe care by all regulated OHPs
- For OHPs to feel actively engaged and consulted on the QA Program Project
- To maintain agility and continuity as BCCOHP transitions to a new QA Program and the Ministry of Health implements new legislation (HPOA)
- To successfully transition OHPs to the BCCOHP QA Program

2.2 Objectives

The objectives of this project are:

1. Design and develop a modernized QA Program
2. Implement the modernized program and transition from existing QA Programs
3. Adopt a regular review process

2.3 Project Scope

Objective 1: Design and develop a modernized QA Program.

Within Scope

PREPARATION

- Current state review and environmental scan
 - Review and gap analysis of existing QA Programs
 - Review of best practices provincially and nationally
 - Review of legislative requirements

- Develop guiding principles and objectives to inform BCCOHP’s approach for a modernized QA Program that are aligned with BCCOHP’s role and regulatory approach, and legislation, including the forthcoming HPOA (e.g. anti-discrimination)
 - Workshop to calibrate approach and develop guiding principles
 - Committee agreement to the approach and guiding principles
 - Guiding principles for use in all aspects of project development and audience communications (aligned with policies, legislation, and bylaws as applicable)
- Develop communication and consultation strategy, which considers early and frequent consultation and includes feedback from the Ministry, the public and OHPs, and different communication and consultation methods (surveys, panels)

DEVELOP QA PROGRAM

- Consider early consultation to inform components of the program
- Determine components for a modernized QA Program, including:
 - Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements
 - Criteria for credit eligibility
 - Submission processes
 - Monitoring/auditing (e.g., activity content, delivery modalities, required supporting documentation, etc.)
 - Assessment method(s), assessors, and outcomes
 - Duration of program cycles and frequency of assessment(s)
 - Consideration of BCCOHP modules aligned with professional standards
- Consult and seek advice from subject matter experts on proposed components (e.g. assessment methods) while considering:
 - Guiding principles and objectives for the program
 - Logistics, feasibility, and infrastructure needed to operationalize the QA Program
- Identify and consider changes to bylaws impacted by the new QA Program and HPOA
- Sign off and approval of program draft components for consultation
- Consult on draft QA Program components

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR QA PROGRAM

- Determine technology and system(s) integration scope and develop a project plan based on program requirements.
- Develop new IT system(s) for the QA Program, test and implement new system(s)
- Develop new governance model (e.g. program policies, protocols for types of matters to go to QA Committee for decision, review processes)
- Determine roll-out plan for QA Program, including pilot program

Out of Scope

- Approving or endorsing external courses as eligible for meeting CPD requirements.

Objective 2: Implement the modernized program and transition from existing QA Programs.

Within Scope

- Establish transition process for each legacy college program and IT systems, including migration schedule
- Communication and change management plan for OHPs
- Develop supporting information/program resources for OHPs
- Develop additional/corresponding public-facing resources as needed
- Begin roll-out of QA Program
 - Pilot Program
 - OHPs transition to new system
- Communicate QA Program to key partners/stakeholders and publish explanatory information on BCCOHP website
- Archive legacy college QA Programs and ensure references to previous programs are removed from the website

Out of Scope

- TBD

Objective 3: Adopt a regular review process.

Within Scope

- Determine methods of ongoing program evaluation and refinement (post-implementation)

Out of Scope

- TBD

2.4 Key Milestones

Project Setup	Expected Date
1. Project Initiation	
2. Project Charter approved by the QA Committee	TBC
3. Establish working groups and Terms of Reference (to be approved by the QA Committee and Board)	TBC

Project Delivery Milestones	Expected Date
1. Approval of guiding principles and objectives by QA Committee	TBC
2. Approval of consultation and communication plan by QA Committee	TBC
3. Sign off on proposed QA Program	TBC
4. Consultation on proposed QA Program	TBC
5. Develop and pilot the QA Program	TBC
6. Implement the QA Program	TBC
7. Approval of ongoing review process (post-implementation)	TBC

2.5 Project Cost Estimate and Source of Funding

2.5.1 Project Cost Estimate

TBD

2.5.2 Source of Funding

TBC

2.6 Dependencies

Dependency Description
1. BCCOHP to support Business as Usual resources to deliver project
2. Changes to bylaws can be executed
3. Changes will align with other regulatory functions (e.g., registration)
4. Budget support in the creation and implementation of the project

5. IT systems necessary to support program administration
6. No change in the modernized QA Program as being a strategic priority for the organization

2.7 Project Risks Assessment

2.7.1 Risk Assessment

Note: This section summarizes risks identified at the start of a project. This initial risk assessment does not replace the full risk assessment conducted during the planning phase and documented within the project plan – both activities that come after the Project Charter is established.

No.	Risk Description	Probability (H/M/L)	Impact (H/M/L)	Planned Mitigation
1	Complicated and sensitive Issue	M	H	Change management / communication
2	Internal and external expertise to address this issue.	M	H	Practical internal experience and leverage external resources as needed
3	Scope and direction may be changed through feedback.	L	H	Robust project governance and active engagement with stakeholders
4	Resource capacity to deliver within timelines due to complex project that involves multiple departments.	M	M	Project governance and resource management
5	Security of program integrity (data / systems / intellectual property)	L	H	Risk assessment and change management protocols
6	Significant changes during QA Program implementation	L	H	Robust project governance of scoping, testing, and active engagement with OHPs; Extend existing programs