

Appendix D - Opportunities and Aspirations identified in the interview process

Opportunity / Aspiration	Details
Increased visibility as a Primary Care Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - THE DFM is ideally situated by virtue of its involvement in clinical, educational and research activities, to provide our stakeholders with the information to assist them understand the various primary health care concerns and develop innovative solutions which are sustainable, cost effective and evidence based. If there is no evidence available, we have the expertise to gather the necessary evidence required. - We have the opportunity to become a respected and trusted resource to other health care providers, disciplines, regional health authorities, departments of health, the public and our community family physician colleagues. - As an educational program, if we work together with the Department of Health and Regional Health Authorities, we can play a big part in the stabilization of clinical services.
Expansion	<p>The focus on primary health care reform in health care delivery at present allows the DFM the opportunity to advocate for increased numbers of residents to meet the CFPC national target of 50% of all residency seats to be in family medicine. This expansion would require a stronger connection with potential learners before, during and after UGME curriculum. It can also be extrapolated to an increased involvement in UGME and PGME which would equate to an increase in required PT and FT faculty members.</p>
Interprofessional education:	<p>The promotion of the interprofessional primary health care teams as part of primary health care reform both nationally and provincially allows the DFM the opportunity to focus on the development of interprofessional teams within the various training centres. The educational arena is the foreground in which this collaboration can be taught and role modeled to ensure our learners are prepared to be involved in the development of clinical teams in the community.</p>
Streams:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As an established and interconnected structure of family medicine communities, learners, educators and administrators, Streams provide an opportunity for collaboration with other organizations. They can provide an important link to other aspects of health education and a base for further development of

	<p>distributed clinical and research services in all service areas. Specific links need to be developed with the family practice networks; regional health authority clinical programs such as the distributed stroke rehabilitation programs; recruitment programs etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Further engagement of community physicians in the DFM academic network. This needs to include collaboration and information sharing to ensure active involvement of and satisfaction for all parties.
New Funding Sources:	<p>The restrained fiscal times provide an opportunity to both the DFM and the Faculty of Medicine to think “outside the box” with regards to sources of funding for educational programs. Specific opportunities within local communities and other stakeholders need to be explored.</p>