Dr. Bev Holmes, PhD

As Interim President & CEO of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, Bev draws upon a wealth of experience in health research, practice and policy.

Her commitment to integrating these disciplines has seen her head up the Foundation's research and impact initiatives whilst also serving as executive and interim lead of the BC Academic Health Science Network and the BC SUPPORT Unit, respectively.

Since joining MSFHR in 2010, Bev has helped establish MSFHR’s reputation as a leader in knowledge translation, facilitated efforts to establish a strategic direction for provincial health research and supported the Foundation through a period of organizational redesign and program expansion. Most recently, during her time as vice-president, research & impact, she was responsible for funding programs, knowledge translation, provincial projects, and impact analysis.

Before joining MSFHR, Bev spent 13 years as a health communications and knowledge translation consultant, researcher and writer. She has held communications management positions in several not-for-profit organizations including The Arthritis Society and United Way of the Lower Mainland, and remains an active member of the health research community.

Bev received both her MA and PhD from SFU’s School of Communication and currently holds adjunct appointments at UBC’s School of Population and Public Health and SFU’s Faculty of Health Sciences. Her research interests include knowledge translation, discourse analysis, health communication, risk communication, and public involvement in health research. She is increasingly called on to publish and present internationally on how best to support the translation of research evidence into policy and practice, especially from a funder’s perspective.

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