

ADVENTURES IN HEALTHCARE

Presented by:  **Rotary** Club of Prince George Yellowhead

March 12, 2023f

Addendum to Project Charter, 2016

The pandemic interrupted the program like everything else on the planet for three years. In visiting the business side of the program recently it became clear that the pre-covid financial plan that was use was no longer viable. It relied heavily on clubs participating by not only nominating a student or two and paying a fee for each, ranging from \$350.00 to \$450.00 per student which dropped as we accumulated a small rainy day reserve fund. We had been looking to have one years operating in reserve, which did occur after year two. The rainy day came in year three and we were able to dip into the fund for unforeseen expenses.

Post covid we will only be hosting local students. That reason became clear when we realizes prior to the pandemic that we were not serving the local community very well, because we had dozens of eligible students not able to attend because we had out of town youth attending (who paid via their Rotary club). It was at that time we needed to just do a truly local community program.

This winter we marketed the program through our 8 high schools in the District and stood back to see how many applications we would receive, with 48 seats available. Early March has us recovering from 49 student interviews.

So where does that leave us with no income from supporting Rotary clubs when our pre pandemic operating budget of \$13,000 staring us in the face. Well, as it turns out the budget will probably be less than half of that and with the support of our three partners in kind and financial support we will just about break even. The expenses for meals are now covered by partners and transportation costs in town have been eliminated by having parents drop off and pick up the youth every day.

Ron J Davis

Chair

