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WHEN RESEARCH MEETS POLICY**



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## **WELCOME TO THE 2019 CAHSPR CONFERENCE: HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA**

*Join us by the sea!*

We are truly excited to be the host city of this year's CAHSPR Scientific Conference ***When Research Meets Policy*** as Halifax has a long history as a place where innovative thinkers and collaborators converge. Founded in 1749, as a major port city on Canada's Atlantic coast and with one of the best harbours in the world, Halifax is a thriving hub of activity, culture and diversity. Boasting no less than four universities, many colleges, art galleries and festivals, as the tertiary healthcare centre for the province, Halifax attracts researchers and scholars from across the globe.

It is our pleasure to have this opportunity to host healthcare leaders from Nova Scotia and across Canada as they discuss the value in health services research and learn how their work has impacted policy and planning decisions. Better research...better decisions...better health with the warmest of Maritime hospitality.



**Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy** is Vice-President, Research and Innovation at the Nova Scotia Health Authority, Halifax, Nova Scotia and the Director of the WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning and Research at Dalhousie University. Gail is an internationally recognized expert in population needs-based approaches to health systems and workforce planning, evaluation and research. She leads and co-leads national and international research teams consisting of clinicians, health care leaders, senior policy-makers, and researchers from government, universities and health care organizations and has been an Expert Advisor on health workforce to the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization since 2005. Gail's work has been widely published and she has authored many policy documents and commissioned reports. Her research has garnered extensive interest from governments and other stakeholders because of its potential to significantly impact health policy in Canada and abroad.

**Dr. Jennifer Zelmer** joined the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement as its President and CEO in September 2018. She brings a long-standing commitment to healthcare improvement to the role, as well as expertise in spreading and scaling innovations that deliver better health, care, and value. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of Healthcare Policy, an adjunct faculty member at the University of Victoria, and a member of several health-related advisory committees and boards. Previously, as President of Azimuth Health Group, Dr. Zelmer was a strategic advisor to leaders who sought to advance health and healthcare at local, national, and international levels. Before that, she held senior leadership positions with Canada Health Infoway, the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information. Dr. Zelmer received her PhD and MA in economics from McMaster University and her B.Sc. in health information science from the University of Victoria.

