

## Emerging Best Practices in Corporate Governance Relevant to Respective Board Committees

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For **Governance and Human Resources**, the committee has kept informed on best practices by:

- Supporting the review, documentation and development of all requirements to meet the BC Government's Governance Best Practices Guidelines.
- Obtaining best practice legal advice on Board indemnification practices, and implementing these practices.
- Obtaining professional external consulting services to support the Board Governance Evaluation process.
- Re-evaluation of record retention practices for Board members and related best practice legal advice.
- Development of the PHSA Annual Health Symposium which is intended to examine and apply the key issues and latest developments in healthcare to the PHSA's specialized niche and structure thereby providing the Board with a greater context for decision-making and priority setting and enabling the PHSA to respond quickly to pressing issues and exploit new opportunities for health care reform.

For **Quality and Access**, the committee has kept informed on best practices by:

- Monitoring Best Quality and Safety Practices using resources such as [www.BestBoards.org](http://www.BestBoards.org)
- Researching, developing and implementing quality structure based on CCHSA, Institute of Medicine and Institute of Health Improvement quality frameworks. Validation of the approach was based on similar approaches in other provincial Jurisdictions (Saskatchewan and Alberta).
- Participation in symposia directed to specific areas of Board responsibility – Prevention, Promotion and Protection, Patient Safety and Quality (IHI annual meeting), and Governance (MOH sponsored Health Authorities Board Forum).
- Regular presentations by experts who describe the issues and solution to quality and safety for patients faced in their respective disciplines.
- Obtaining best practice legal advice on the quality, risk and privacy aspects of specific patient and staff events and on legislative and process aspects of policy, medical staff bylaws and rules.