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PHSA Agency Presentations

The board received a presentation from **Dr. Victor Ling, Vice President of Research, BC Cancer Agency**. The BC Cancer Research Centre is the research enterprise of the BC Cancer Agency (BCCA) and has nine major research departments, including Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre and the Terry Fox Laboratory. With direct links between BC Cancer Agency physicians and the BC Cancer Research Centre, the BCCA is able to quickly translate new discoveries into clinical applications for patients.

Bill Barrable, Provincial Executive Director of the BC Transplant Society, provided a presentation to the board on the role and structure of the BC Transplant Society. The BC Transplant Society is unique in Canada. In other provinces, transplant programs are based in the hospitals that have transplant programs. For example, there are five separate transplant programs in Ontario based in five separate hospitals. The BC Transplant Society is responsible for leading and coordinating all activities related to organ donation and transplantation throughout BC.

The board also received a presentation from **Dr. David Hardwick, chair of the BC Transplant Foundation**. The mission of the Foundation is to advance the science of transplantation to ensure the most effective use of organs and a continuing improvement in clinical outcomes as a result of transplantation. This is primarily achieved through the efforts of the BC Transplant Research Institute, which was established in January 2001.

CEO Update

PHSA Mental Health Services is taking a leadership role as a major sponsor of the upcoming **"Bottom-Line" Conference**, hosted by the Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division. The conference, which takes place October 30 in Vancouver, is focused on reducing the impact of mental illness in the workplace.

The CEO Leadership Council agreed that the PHSA should establish a **Critical Services Steering Committee**,

The Provincial Health Services (PHSA) Board Brief summarizes the board meetings of the PHSA. It is sent to PHSA agencies, government, media and other stakeholders to keep them informed about the activities of the PHSA.

Media Conference Call with Board Chair and CEO

PHSA board chair Wynne Powell, and CEO Lynda Cranston will be available to answer media questions related to the PHSA board meeting through a conference call on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 2 - 2:30 pm.

Phone Communications at 604-675-7474 before 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27 for details on how to register for the call. A 1-800 number is available for the conference call throughout B.C.

involving Health Authority and other partners, to provide for ongoing cooperative planning and development and coordination of services such as the BC Ambulance Service, BC Bedline, BC Nurseline, trauma services, emergency services and injury prevention. Terms of reference for the new body are under development.

The PHSA is looking forward to participating in its **first accreditation survey** as a health authority. While the primary focus of the survey is on the mental health services provided at Riverview Hospital and the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission, the survey will also encompass leadership and governance across PHSA.

Board Committee Reports

The **Audit and Finance Committee** reviewed the report on operations for period 5. PHSA's financial plan projects a deficit for the 2003/04 fiscal year, which will be covered by the surplus achieved last year as part of PHSA's commitment to balance its budget over the 2002/03 and 2003/04 fiscal years. PHSA is currently operating at a surplus of \$2 million year-to-date, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$1.4 million, which is \$3.4 million favourable to plan. While it is still early in the fiscal year, PHSA is tentatively projecting a year-end deficit of \$7.3 million, which is \$3 million under the budgeted deficit of \$10.3 million.

The **Governance & HR Committee** recommended and the board approved revisions to the Board Operating Guidelines in order to achieve staggered terms and to preserve board stability, experience and knowledge. The Governance & HR Committee also recommended and the board approved a recommendation that the committee chair work with board members to identify their interest in reappointment and length of term, and to share that information with the Board Resourcing and Development office of the government with the goal of having board members reappointed for different term lengths (one, two or three years) in order to achieve staggered terms.

In addition, the Governance & HR Committee recommended and the board approved the PHSA Code of Ethics and the PHSA Standards of Business Conduct.