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March 19, 2003 (February 13, 2003 board meeting)

Medical Staff Appointments

The PHSA Board approved medical staff appointments for Children's & Women's Health Centre of British Columbia, Riverview Hospital and the BC Cancer Agency.

Appointment to the BC's Children's Foundation Board

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. David Hardwick.

Board Committee Reports

The **Governance and HR Committee** recommended and the Board approved terms of reference for patient care committees. The purpose of these committees is to provide input to the agency presidents and provincial executive directors on ways to improve patient care in each of the PHSA agencies. Reporting to the Quality and Access Committee as part of the overall quality framework, the committees are designed to provide patient/client/family/consumer input into the care process and to find ways to ensure patient values, preferences and needs are part of care. The committees will be established based on the individual needs of agencies and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The **Governance and HR Committee** recommended and the Board carried a number of motions clarifying delegation of responsibilities within the PHSA for the purpose of administering the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Based on the Committee's recommendation, the Board also passed a motion revising the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Directors to clarify the process for the board chair to disclose potential conflicts and to clarify that directors' outside business interests are disclosed directly to the government.

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 Thursday, March 20 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Phone Somer Arthurs at 604-675-7474 before 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 for details on how to register for the call. A 1-800 number is available for the conference call throughout B.C.

In addition, the board passed a motion authorizing the Governance and HR Committee to review and approve the proposed Non-Contract Terms & Conditions of Employment. Further, the Board passed a motion clarifying it is the responsibility of the Governance and HR Committee to approve the annual compensation policy/program as well as any changes to the benefits program.

The **Quality and Access Committee** reported on the presentation made to it by the BC Centre for Disease Control and discussed the evolving Quality Indicators and Risk Management Framework.

The **Audit and Finance Committee** reviewed the report on Operations for Periods 9 and 10. The PHSA operated in periods 9 and 10 under budget by \$5.7 million bringing the year to date favourable variance to \$15.7 million (2% of revenues). This financial performance is on track with PHSA's plan to achieve a balanced budget over three years. The favourable variance this year is required to address the funding pressures anticipated over the next two years.

Laboratory System Design Process

PHSA has initiated a process to take a fresh look at its laboratory systems. The objective of the project is to maximize effective use of capital and human resources to achieve a high quality, effective laboratory system for all of PHSA.

Mission, Vision & Values

The Board approved the Mission, Vision & Values of the PHSA. They are:

Vision: Province-wide solutions. Better health.

Mission: To promote and deliver accessible quality health services for all British Columbians through an integrated health system. The PHSA:

- Ensures the delivery of quality specialty and province-wide services
- Sets direction and develops province-wide standards
- Allocates resources to support optimal health outcomes
- Measures, monitors and reports on performance
- Fosters the creation of knowledge and innovation through research and teaching.

Mission, Vision & Values , continued...

Values:

- Patients First
- Best Value
- Results Matter
- Improvements through Knowledge
- Open to Possibilities

Abbotsford Hospital and Cancer Centre

The Board received an update on the Abbotsford Hospital and Cancer Centre project. The provincial government recently announced its decision to issue a request for expression of interest inviting the private sector to indicate interest in developing a new hospital and cancer centre in Abbotsford.

BC Cancer Agency Foundation

Mary McNeil, President and CEO of the BC Cancer Agency Foundation, and Iain MacKay, Chair, provided a presentation to the Board on the Foundation. The BC Cancer Research Centre, funded by the Foundation, will open in Vancouver in January 2005. The Foundation expects to raise an average of \$17.5 M each year over the next 10 years.

Alternate Service Delivery

The Board received an update on processes related to the exploration of alternate service delivery for the PHSA. PHSA has issued a request for proposal (RFP) related to the provision of food and cleaning services at Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC and at the Vancouver Centre of the BC Cancer Agency. Decisions will be made following analysis of responses to the RFP, which were returned by February 19, 2003.

CEO Report

Specialized Perinatal Services Program – With the support of the Ministry of Health and the involvement of representatives from all health authorities, BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre (BC Women's) is leading development of a Specialized Perinatal Services Program. The program will plan and manage specialized perinatal services for the province, helping to address current provincial issues such as limited human resources and lack of a coordinated structure for integrated planning and service management.

Fir Square – In January, BC Women’s launched Fir Square, Canada’s first program for the consolidated care of substance-using women and substance-exposed newborns on a single unit. The program aims to help women and their newborns stabilize and withdraw from substances, keeping mothers and babies together whenever possible and providing continuity of care from antepartum to postpartum and between hospital and community.

Emergency Review and Surgical/Procedural Services Review – These are two separate province-wide projects involving all six health authorities and the Ministry of Health. The Emergency Review will first identify the most urgent problems in emergency services province-wide and recommend solutions. The Review will then identify opportunities for the longer-term reform of the emergency services system. The Surgical and Procedural Services Review is looking at access and standards related to surgical and procedural services across the province in partnership with the other five health authorities. Goals of this project include development of province-wide measures of performance for surgical and procedural services, including wait list standards, as well as developing a provincial performance measurement program for these services to create information resources for continuous improvement.