

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

Summary of June 11, 2009 Board Meeting

Public Presentations and Question and Answer Period

In the spirit of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides opportunities for the public to schedule presentations and to ask questions of the board prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

With our provincial mandate, we circulate our board meetings throughout the province and hold two of these meetings outside of Vancouver each year.

The board did not receive any questions from the public at this event, which was held in Prince George, B.C.

Presentations

Dr. Diponkar Banerjee, Executive Medical Director, **PHSA Laboratories** gave a presentation on the current and future role of PHSA laboratories in personalized medicine for British Columbians. The presentation looked at how cancer is diagnosed, the history of cancer pathology and the costs of drug therapies to treat the illness. Dr. Banerjee also talked about potential genetic testing to help determine which patients will benefit the greatest from drug treatments following surgery.

Dr. Ronald Chapman, Executive Director, **Northern Cancer Control Strategy (BC Cancer Agency, PHSA and Northern Health)** gave a presentation and update on the Northern Cancer Control Strategy. Dr. Chapman gave an overview of the strategy, which takes into consideration the full continuum of cancer control including prevention and promotion, screening, detection and diagnosis, treatment, supportive care and rehabilitation and palliative and end-of-life care. The presentation also looked at the services that will be provided in the North as well as the future implementation challenges.

Board Committee Reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** reported that it had tracked progress against 14 PHSA initiatives and that they are all on track. The committee also reported that it is in the process of completing the PHSA balanced scorecard and is making sure there is alignment of goals between PHSA and the agencies.

The **Governance and Human Resources Committee** reported that it had reviewed an annual progress report that measures human resource indicators. Some highlights of that report included the results of a “quality of hires” survey as well as the reporting of the number of current PHSA employees, which now number almost 11,000. The committee also mentioned that human resources is working on an Aboriginal recruitment plan.

The **Finance Committee** reported a balanced operating budget and said the capital budget is also on track.

The **Audit Committee** reported that audited financial statements were now available and were reviewed by KPMG on May 19, 2009. A motion was made to recommend approval of these documents by the board and the motion was carried.

The **Research Committee** reported that the Women's Health Research Institute held its first strategic planning session in May.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the board in public, along with the Annual General Meeting, is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009 at 555 Seymour Street in Vancouver.

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