

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 August 27, 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 Vancouver, B.C.

### Presentations

**Dr. Jan Christilaw**, President, **BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre**, and **Cheryl Davies**, Vice President, Ambulatory Programs, **BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre**, presented an overview of the programs, projects and priorities at BC Women's. The comprehensive overview included information on BC Women's mandate, values, partnerships, initiatives, and services and programs they deliver to achieve better health for all women.

**Dr. Colin Ross**, Research Associate, Medical Genetics, **University of British Columbia**, gave a presentation on the pharmacogenomics of adverse drug reactions. Dr. Ross explained modern drug development, the rates of adverse reactions, and the factors that contribute to variability in drug response. The presentation gave an overview of current research being done to identify the genetic differences in drug metabolism genes that cause a significant proportion of adverse drug reactions. This research is expected to have a significant impact in medicine through advances in technology, lower costs due to prevention of adverse reactions and improved safety for patients.

### Board Committee Reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** reported the results of the BC Cancer Agency accreditation had been received and were granted accreditation without condition.

The **Governance and Human Resources Committee** reported that it will be doing a review of municipal and provincial legislation to ensure PHSA is in full compliance with its legislative obligations. The committee also will be organizing an H1N1 preparedness briefing session for the next Board meeting.

The **Finance Committee** provided an update on the 2009/10 operating budget and reported that it was on track to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year.

The **Audit Committee** reported that it met on August 10<sup>th</sup> and received the BC Cancer Agency's audit. This audit was done to fulfill the US requirement of auditing organizations that receive a certain amount of research funding annually. The agency is in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.

The **Research Committee** reported that the Women's Health Research Institute is close to completing its strategic plan. The committee also reported that PHSA's five research institutes are reviewing ways to further integrate and maximize their use of resources.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

## **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the board in public, is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009 in Rossland, B.C.

## **Annual General Meetings**

Immediately following its regular meeting, the PHSA board held its annual general meeting in accordance with its bylaws. Following a report to the members, the board passed motions to approve the PHSA audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2008/09 and to appoint KPMG LLP as auditor for the next fiscal year.

Annual general meetings for the five branch societies of the PHSA were held immediately following the PHSA AGM. These included the BC Cancer Agency, the BC Centre for Disease Control, BC Mental Health and Addictions Services, BC Transplant Society and the Children's and Women's Health Centre of BC. Motions were passed approving the audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2008/09 and reappointing KPMG LLP as auditor for the next fiscal year.

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