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Summary of October 27, 2005 Board Meeting held in Kamloops

Public Presentations

PHSA advertises opportunities for the public to make presentations and ask questions of the PHSA board. No public presentations were submitted for this meeting.

Public Question and Answer Period

In the spirit of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) provides up to thirty minutes for Public Q&A prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

PHSA Presentations

Dr. Marianne Taylor, of BC Cancer Agency's Centre for the Southern Interior, provided a presentation on models for Community Cancer Care in the Southern Interior.

Recruitment of oncologists and nurses are positive signs for the Kamloops satellite clinic and clinical research trials will be sought for Southern Interior communities.

Dr. Elizabeth Whynot, President of BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre, introduced a team presentation regarding culturally-appropriate education and training for aboriginal HIV/AIDS issues.

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.

These were some of the strategies resulting from the provincial forum hosted by PHSA to discuss aboriginal HIV-AIDS issues.

Dr. Paul Dagg, Clinical Director of Tertiary Psychiatry Services for Interior Health, provided a presentation about the transfer of neuropsychiatric beds from Riverview Hospital to Kamloops.

Twenty-five neuropsychiatric beds will be included in the forty-four bed Hillside mental health facility under construction in Kamloops. The new facility will provide patients with a modern care environment.

CEO Update

Dr. Bob Peterson has been recruited to head the **Provincial Child Health Services Network of BC**. The network is facilitating the development and dissemination of province-wide standards of care for children.

Approximately one hundred stakeholders participated in the third annual stakeholder forum for the **Riverview Hospital Redevelopment Project**. Nine mental health patients moved to facilities in Victoria, Terrace and Kamloops this reporting period as part of the ongoing project.

Sixteen clinical staff members from Forensic Psychiatric Services (FPS) were the first graduates of a new course customized by University College of the Fraser Valley to **improve care for patients with concurrent disorders**.

A **new national centre for collaboration on environmental health** will be hosted by the BC Centre for Disease Control.

The organ donor registry will be promoted 75,000 times a month due to a new partnership with ICBC to include registry cards in license-renewal letters.

More health care sites can send diagnostic images to PHSA over a secure network. The grid has been

extended to all major Northern Health facilities and to several additional Interior Health facilities.

Board Committee Reports

The **Finance Committee** provided a report on operations at the end of Period 6 (Sept. 8, 2005). The PHSA recorded a year-to-date surplus of \$16.7 million as a result of timing and start-up of new initiatives/projects and patient care investments. PHSA's financial forecast is for a balanced budget by fiscal year-end.

The Finance Committee Chair recommended, and the Board approved, a motion to establish a PHSA Corporate Card Program. The committee also recommended and the board approved a motion to revise the corporate finance policy on loans to member agencies.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the board in public is scheduled for Vancouver on Dec. 15, 2005.