

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 March 4, 2010 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 received the following questions from the public:

Q. What are the plans for the old Riverview facility and land?

A. The BC Mental Health and Addictions Services (BCMHAS), an agency of the PHSA, occupies several building on the Riverview site through which they provide tertiary mental health treatment services. The hospital itself does not own this property, which is owned by Shared Services BC, an integrated service delivery agency of the Provincial government. Discussions regarding future development of the RVH site are ongoing and involve several government and community stakeholders. The ultimate determination of the use of the land at Riverview will be a decision led by the Provincial Government.

Q. What are the plans for the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addictions? Will other centres be built in other locations?

A. BCMHAS, as an agency of the PHSA, provides governance and professional guidance for the centre, but the facility itself is operated by Vancouver Coastal Health. The Burnaby Centre has been operating for less than a year and health authorities are continuing to closely monitor services provided and outcomes for patients. Any decisions about future similar facilities will be based on an evaluation of the present service.

Presentations

Dr. Mary McBride, Epidemiologist, Cancer Control Research, British Columbia Cancer Agency and BC Cancer Research Centre scientist, delivered a presentation on Maximizing Patient and Health Care Outcomes for Childhood Cancer Survivors. Dr. McBride spoke on the relevance and importance of our population-based health services research approach to the BCCA and PHSA strategic plan goals of effective and efficient care.

Marco Marra, PH.D, Director, BC Cancer Agency Genome Sciences Centre, discussed Genome analysis for cancer mutation discovery. Marra explained that sequencing cancer cells can help identify cancer driver mutations and pathways and also help identify targets for the development of new therapies. Other benefits to cancer sequencing include improved diagnostic precision and prognostic power, increased understanding of differences in treatment response and improved management of failure as well as the ability to match patients to treatments based on individual genomes.

Board Committee Reports

The **Governance and Human Resources Committee** cited the HEABC excellence in health care awards. These awards recognize outstanding healthcare employees and reward innovation and best practices within BC's healthcare system.

The **Finance Committee** provided an update on the 2009/10 operating budget and reported that PHSA remained on track to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year. The committee also provided an update on the Northern BC Cancer Control Program, which includes the building of a full-service cancer centre in Prince George and slated for completion by 2012. The committee also reported on the expansion of the existing Vancouver Island Cancer Centre.

The **Research Committee** provided an update on the first comprehensive review of compliance and academic requirements. Management was asked to consolidate and provide due diligence for all grant applications. The committee is also working with UBC to develop an academic health sciences centre model.

Other Reports

A **BC Health Authorities Shared Services** update reported that the warehouse review of supply chain/procurement is on target to save \$169 million over the next five years.

Adjournment

The next public board meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2010, in Vancouver.

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