

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 May 6, 2010 Board Meeting

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) board has six scheduled open board meetings a year. As a health authority with a province-wide mandate, the PHSA is committed to holding open board meetings outside the Lower Mainland twice a year. The May 6, 2010, open board meeting was held in Vancouver.

Public Presentations and Question and Answer Period

In the spirit of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the 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.

The board did not receive any questions from the public at this event.

Presentations

Alan Grossert, Executive Director, Facility Operations and Environmental Sustainability, Lower Mainland Consolidated Healthcare Services, and **Ruth Abramson**, Corporate Manager, Environmental Sustainability, delivered a presentation on Environmental Sustainability at PHSA. They spoke on how PHSA is working to lower GHG emissions through reduced energy consumption and LEED construction standards, and how they are involving staff to achieve sustainability benefits such as lower operating costs, reduced absences and a healthier workforce.

Dr. Shazhan Amed, Endocrinologist, Endocrine/Diabetes Clinic, BCCH, presented on the Pediatric Diabetes Network of Care in BC. She spoke on the growing incidence of childhood type 2 diabetes and its impact on the workforce and our healthcare system. Through this provincial diabetes network they are building capacity within existing/new pediatric diabetes programs, coordinating services and linking community programs and tertiary level care, and fostering the development of communities of practice and professional partnerships.

Board Committee Reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** reported that all nine initiatives are on track. Results from the Safety Culture Survey are in and management is seeking ways to address areas in need of review.

Governance and Human Resources Committee is working with management to increase staff immunization rates this fall. They are also preparing for accreditation to take place in June 2011.

The **Finance Committee** reported a balanced 2009/10 budget and asked the board to approve the 2010/11 operating and the capital budget. Audited statements for 2009/10 will be ready in early summer.

The **Research Committee** received a presentation from Dr. Levy on BC Cancer's proposed approach to developing research strategies. They are expecting it to be ready for approval in early 2011.

Adjournment

The next public board meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2010, in Vancouver.

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