

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 December 9, 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 December 9, 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 PHSA board 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

Breast Health Strategy

BC Cancer Agency President Dr. David Levy and BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre President Dr. Jan Christilaw spoke about the Provincial Breast Health Strategy. As co-chairs of this new provincial initiative, Dr. Levy and Dr. Christilaw explained how PHSA is working with government, regional health authorities and community partners on a strategy that is focused on timely and equitable access to innovative and appropriate services for breast cancer screening, diagnosis and prevention.

The strategy has four core goals:

1. To improve quality and consistency in the clinical pathway from screening to initiation of treatment.
2. To increase capacity in the breast health system.
3. To improve the effectiveness of the Screening Mammography Program of BC in reducing mortality due to breast cancer.
4. To decrease the incidence of breast cancer and demand on the breast health system.

Provincial Mental Health Metabolic Program

Dr. Jana Davidson, Medical Director, Mental Health Programs, Children's & Women's Health Centres, provided an overview on how the Provincial Mental Health Metabolic Program targets children and youth with mental health disorders who have or are at risk of developing problems with cholesterol, weight gain, elevated blood sugar.

The province-wide initiative includes a range of components - Children's Hospital Clinic, provincial database, evidence-informed toolkit, and web-based resources/information/support. The Children's Hospital Clinic is a holistic, multidisciplinary specialized metabolic clinic that provides expert consultation on endocrinologic/metabolic issues and psychiatric review.

The program is the only one of its kind in the world and involves partnerships with the following: BC Mental Health and Addiction Services, BC Children's Hospital, Kelty Resource Centre, Children's Hospital Foundation (RBC donation), Ministry for Children and Family Development, and FORCE Society for Kids Mental Health.

Board Committee Reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** told the Board that the external review of safety by the Office of the Auditor General has been delayed. The committee will also be recommending medical staff appointments.

The **Governance and Human Resources Committee** provided statistics from the workforce strategy:

- Long term disability claims reduced by \$1.3 million in 2010 and \$800K of long term disability claims were terminated
- Absentee rates dropped from 5.2% in 2007 to 4.3% in 2010
- Overtime rates decreased from 2% in 2008 to 1.1% in 2010

The **Finance Committee** reported the 2010/11 operating budget is on track to balance.

The **Audit Committee** recommended changes to two terms of reference within the audit policies, both were approved.

The **Research Committee** received a presentation from BC Mental Health & Addictions. The committee was impressed by the research institute and how well it aligns with the PHSA strategic plan.

Adjournment

The next public board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2011 in Vancouver.

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