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Medical Staff Appointments

The PHSA Board approved medical staff appointments for Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC, and Riverview Hospital.

Board Committee Reports

The Board approved Terms of Reference for the Audit & Finance Committee, the Governance & HR Committee, and the Quality & Access Committee. Copies are available on the PHSA Web site.

CEO Update

Cardiac Care – PHSA is exploring how to better improve the planning, co-ordination and delivery of cardiac services throughout BC. Management is exploring existing models such as that of the BC Provincial Renal Agency – a member agency of the PHSA – which co-ordinates planning and delivery of renal services throughout BC, as well as the Ontario-based Cardiac Network.

Office Space – PHSA is considering sub-leasing office space previously used by the Health Association of BC (HABC) on the corner of Pacific and Burrard in downtown Vancouver. With the dissolution of the HABC, the space is now vacant. However, the cost of the existing lease will continue to be borne jointly by the health authorities unless the space is sub-leased. PHSA is actively negotiating with the hope of sub-leasing the space and eliminating that financial liability from the health authorities. If successful, the core management team for PHSA, currently spread out among a number of agencies and in temporarily borrowed space, will relocate to these offices. The bulk of corporate and support service staff will continue to be located in agencies

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.

Media Conference Call with Board Chair and CEO

PHSA board chair Wynne Powell, and CEO Lynda Cranston will be available to answer media questions related to the PHSA board meeting through a conference call on Tuesday, September 10, 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Phone Somer Arthurs at 604-660-4042 before 4:00 pm, Monday, September 9, for details on how to register for the call. A 1-800 number is available for the conference call throughout B.C.

Riverview – Mental Health Plan – A new tertiary model for mental health services is currently being implemented in BC. This includes the transfer of tertiary mental health beds currently located at the old and outdated Riverview Hospital (RVH) to new facilities located in the geographic health authorities. Once all these new facilities are in place, by 2007, each geographic health authority will have the capacity to provide a full range of mental health care – primary through tertiary. This will enable patients to access the services they require closer to their home communities. Four hundred beds will remain in the Lower Mainland, including 26 beds for specialty tertiary referrals from the geographic health authorities. This process was initiated in April, when 10 patients were transferred from RVH to Iris House in Prince George. Another 24 patients were transferred from RVH to the Seven Oaks facility in Victoria in August. In 2003, 40 beds will be constructed and opened in Kamloops, 33 beds will open near Nanaimo and nine beds will transfer to the Northern Health Authority. Planning is currently underway to facilitate these patient transfers from RVH to these new community facilities.

BC Cancer Research Centre

The BC Cancer Research Centre, a \$95 million research facility that will house Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre and the research activities of the BC Cancer Agency, is scheduled for completion in Vancouver in 2004. The Centre will provide a hub for cancer research in BC and will provide the facilities needed to compete nationally and internationally for first-class researchers and research funding. The Canada Foundation for Innovation and the provincial Knowledge Development Fund are each contributing \$27.8 million toward the BC Cancer Foundation-owned research centre. The remaining \$40 million is currently being raised by the BC Cancer Foundation.

Appointment of Secretary-Treasurer

PHSA President and CEO Lynda Cranston was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the PHSA in accordance with the PHSA bylaws.

Financial Report – Period 4

The Provincial Health Services Authority is reporting a surplus of \$2.9 million for the four periods ending July 18, 2002 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1.2 million. The plan remains to end the fiscal year with a surplus of \$4.1 million in order to balance the budget over a four-year period. While PHSA is currently on track for its financial plan, the Board recognizes there is much work yet to be done in order to meet the significant financial challenges PHSA faces.

Interim Capital Plan

The PHSA Board approved an Interim Capital Plan for 2002/03 that allocates \$21.8 million in funding to allow PHSA member agencies to proceed with basic capital (equipment) replacements and construction projects, while retaining \$18.6 million in funding in reserve to address the PHSA's outstanding strategic requirements. A total of \$40.4 million in capital funding is available to PHSA in 2002/03, including Ministry of Health global and capital grants, C&W foundations grants and ancillary operations, and one-time capital funding provided by the Ministry of Health to support restructuring. PHSA management will continue to review its strategic priorities and agency-wide priorities and provide a revised capital budget to the Board in December that will include the disposition of the \$18.6 million held in reserve.

The following is a breakdown of the interim capital allocations for each agency:

<u>\$000's</u>	<u>Total Interim Allocation</u>
Equipment	
BC Cancer	1,558
C&W	5,418
BC Renal	1,141
Other	600
Construction	
BC Cancer	1,600
C&W	2,018
Other	400
Re-structuring	
Nursery consolidation (net)	2,300
Labour/Delivery	1,600
Information Technology	5,259
	21,894
<i>Remaining funds to be allocated</i>	<i>18,580</i>

Vision/Mission/Values

The PHSA Board is moving forward with the consultative development of a vision, mission and values statement to guide the future direction of the organization. This process will unfold in three phases this fall. The first phase will involve the Board and PHSA senior management meeting to identify general principles and key concepts for the statement. The second phase will involve several elements of PHSA and stakeholder consultation. It will include consultation with PHSA staff within agencies using a variety of methods, consultation with the PHSA Executive Director, Provincial Director and middle management levels, and consultation with stakeholders such as the Ministries of Health, other health authorities, consumers and the public. The third phase will be a roll-up of the results of the first and second phases to the PHSA Board for consolidation into the final vision, mission and values statement. While the process will move forward quickly in order to complete it by the end of November, this multi-pronged approach to consultation will ensure that the final PHSA statement, while very different from that of its agencies, will complement and support their Missions.