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Summary of December 8, 2016 Board Meeting

Question & Answer / Public Presentation Period

As part of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority provides opportunities for the public to schedule presentations and to ask questions of the board prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

There were no questions or presentations for this portion of the meeting.

Presentations (available on request)

Honouring women's voices to advance maternal newborn care

Vice President, Provincial Population Health and Chronic and Specialized Populations Colleen Hart shared an overview on Health Literacy and why the definition is important to PHSA.

Vice President, Provincial Women's and Newborn Health Dr. Jan Christilaw introduced Marg Seppelt, Director of Maternal Newborn Program to make this presentation.

Ms. Seppelt reported BC Women's has worked for many years to avoid separating mother and baby at birth. This approach is well-supported by world literature from biomedical and psychological spheres and supports healthy mother-baby pairs as well as the more vulnerable mother-baby pairs cared for in FIR Square (Families in Recovery, a harm-reduction unit for substance-using women and their families).

As the new BC Women's 70-bed single room Neonatal Intensive Care Unit [NICU] was designed, a group of mothers participated in designing space for an innovative model of care: where mothers and babies will be cared for together in a NICU short stay unit. In this unit, the same nurse cares for mothers and babies in a combined care model, which BC Women's has named Mother Baby Care (MBC).

MBC is grounded in a philosophy of patient and family centred care characterized by mutual respect and shared decision-making between the parent and healthcare team. Preventing separation supports parents to provide as much of the hands on care as possible and has been linked with reduced length of stay, improved growth, improved long-term neuro-developmental outcomes, reduced hospital acquired infections, reduced safety events, enhanced attachment, reduced anxiety, enhanced readiness for discharge, and improved parent and family experience.

MBC aligns well with the goals outlined in the PHSA Service Plan by improving the health of the maternal and neonatal population through effective disease prevention and health promotion strategies to increase value by providing patient-centred, quality services that are known to achieve better health outcomes, improved use of healthcare resources, and better experiences that matter to patients and families.

Ms. Seppelt's presentation concluded with a short video featuring Stephanie Lam and her daughter Charlotte. They were the first mother and baby pair to receive care in the trial Mother Baby Care Unit.

Committee reports

The **Quality and Access Committee** brought to members two items for approval and two for information.

The Board approve the report and recommendations from the review committee for the BC Children's Hospital Department of Psychiatry. The Board also approved PHSA's participation in and adoption of the Quality Management Committee of the BC Colon Screening Program as a joint quality assurance activity, along with regional health authorities.

The BC Centre for Disease Control was accredited in December 2016 with exemplary status. BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services was accredited in December 2016 and achieved very good results.

The **Governance & Human Resources Committee** brought two items to members for approval and three for information.

The Board approved Allan Ritchie's elected as Vice Chair of the Board, effective January 1, 2017. The Board also approved new committee chairs as follows:

- Robert Kiesman, Chair, Audit Committee
- David Turchen, Chair, Finance Committee
- Pauline Rafferty, Chair, Governance & Human Resources Committee

The Governance & Human Resources Committee was apprised of software that will create a single point of entry and centralize all the HR projects throughout the organization.

Workplace Culture Council activities were reviewed by the Governance & Human Resources Committee.

PHSA now has a comprehensive database of those staff to whom PHSA owes a duty to accommodate.

The **Finance Committee** brought to members one item for approval and two for information.

The Board approved the Equity Management Policy with the amendment proposed.

Children's and Women's Phase Two is in the construction phase. Project Co. (the public-private partnership that assumes effective performance of the building infrastructure aka Affinity) is putting strategies in place to ensure the overall project schedule and service commencement

dates are not impacted by a five week delay in the project. Phase Three is in the redesign development phase and the design consultant team has been procured. PHSA is forecasting to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget and to incur a capital spend of 100% of the target by year-end.

The **Audit Committee** advised of two items for approval and one for information.

The BC Cancer Agency is required to perform an annual A-133 external audit for reporting to U.S. Government funding bodies that have funded research and development projects at the BC Cancer Agency. The Board approved the BC Cancer Agency Branch A-133 Audit Findings Report for the 2015/16 fiscal year, subject to the receipt of the KPMG A-133 report on UBC and there being no further changes to the BC Cancer Agency A-133 Audit Findings Report as a result.

The Board also approved a revised Internal Audit Charter for PHSA.

PHSA Risk Management has developed a Compliance Management System Framework to guide the implementation of a fulsome Compliance Management program. The framework will be fully implemented by mid-2017 and aims to establish a standardized process for an Annual Compliance Certification beginning with fiscal year 2017/18. The Compliance Management System will serve to bring awareness to compliance issues through education, policy development and compliance reviews.

The **Research Committee** reported on one item.

The Committee reviewed PHSA's annual research and practice education reports for the fiscal year 2015/16, which include the following highlights:

- PHSA researchers were awarded a total of nearly \$160 million in external research grants this past fiscal year. This is a significant increase compared to last year's total of \$132 million;
- PHSA researchers continued to perform at a level higher than the national average based on their competitive success rate in Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) open operating grant competitions;
- This year's research report also provided some compelling examples of how PHSA-conducted research is being translated and adopted by the health care system;
- PHSA provided 245,559 student hours of training, not including medical students and residents;
- PHSA provided practice education for 403 medical doctor undergraduates and 571 MD post-graduates;
- PHSA has education affiliation agreements with 69 educational institutions.

New Business

(Outgoing) Board Chair Mr. Powell advised that after fifteen years, his appointment concludes on December 31, 2016 and Tim Manning, the current Vice Chair, has been appointed as Chair. Mr. Powell thanked the directors and staff for their commitment to health and patient safety for all British Columbians.

Mr. Manning thanked Mr. Powell for his years of dedicated service and leadership and presented him with a framed thank you letter from the Premier and Minister of Health.

Ms. Lorraine McGrath's term was noted to be concluding on December 31, 2016 and she was thanked for her service and devotion to the PHSA Board and to British Columbians.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for February 23, 2017 in Vancouver.