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Summary of June 18, 2015 Board Meeting

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) Board has six scheduled open board meetings per year. As a health authority with a province-wide mandate, PHSA is committed to holding open board meetings outside the Lower Mainland. The June 18, 2015 meeting was held in Abbotsford.

Question & Answer / Public Presentation Period

In the spirit 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.

Board Chair Wynne Powell welcomed His Worship Henry Braun, Mayor of the City of Abbotsford. Mayor Braun has a special relationship with the BCCA and was a significant contributor to the Abbotsford Cancer Centre.

In his address, Mayor Braun highlighted that the Abbotsford Cancer Centre opened seven years ago and is a most valuable addition to the eastern region of the Fraser Valley and noted the efforts of Board member George Peary in helping to make it a reality. Mayor Braun enumerated some key facts about the Cancer Centre and, from family experience, highlighted the importance of the facility to regional residents. He praised the Cancer Centre's staff, mentioning both, the outstanding treatment as well as the research and clinical trial work, and thanked all those who helped create the Abbotsford Centre, singling out the BC Cancer Agency in particular.

Mr. Powell thanked Mayor Braun for his remarks and noted that the Board had toured the Abbotsford Cancer Centre the previous day and was impressed with the facility and staff.

Presentations

BC Cancer Agency

Dr. Nick Foster, Acting Vice President, BC Cancer Agency introduced Tammy Currie, Regional Director, Abbotsford Cancer Centre and Dr. Francis Wong, Chief Physician for Fraser Valley and Abbotsford Cancer Centres to provide an update on the Abbotsford Centre.

Mr. Powell thanked Ms. Currie and Dr. Wong for their presentation and for the tour of the Cancer Centre the previous day. Mr. Powell noted that there were no further questions from Board members as all of their questions had been asked and answered during the tour.

Reperfusion of the Brain

Ms. Arden Krystal introduced Ms. Pam Aikman Ramsay, Dr. Philip Teal and Ms. Rhonda Veldhoen. Dr. Teal and Ms. Ramsay delivered their presentation on a new treatment for stroke patients. Dr. Teal and Ms. Aikman Ramsay responded to the Board's questions. It was noted during discussion that making the treatment available in all regions of the Province presented challenges.

Committee reports

The **Quality & Access Committee** reported that hand hygiene audits demonstrated an increase in compliance across PHSA for the past six years. Current rate is 92% compliance versus target of 80%.

The imPROVE report for period March through April details work done to engage staff in continuous improvement activities and increase organizational capacity and capabilities.

PHSA patient safety policies are reviewed annually by the Quality and Access Committee for approval.

The **Governance & Human Resources Committee** conducted its annual review of six Board Terms of Reference (Board Chair, the President and CEO, the Board of Directors, Director, Officers of the Board, and Governance & HR Committee) and suggested minor changes consistent with the bylaws and to align to Accreditation Canada governance standards.

The **Finance Committee** reported that the C&W Redevelopment Phase 2 construction is well under way and is on schedule and budget. Phase 3 (relocation of Sunny Hill) has been signed off by the Executive Governance Committee.

In April 2015, the PHSA Board of Directors approved the 2015/16 Capital Fund of \$32.5 million. The PHSA has since received \$6.4 million of additional targeted capital funding.

The **Audit Committee** recommended the reappointment of the Price Waterhouse Cooper, LLP as external auditors for the 2015/16 fiscal year. This was approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors approved the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2015 for the following:

- Provincial Health Services Authority
- Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia Branch
- British Columbia Cancer Agency Branch
- British Columbia Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Society Branch
- British Columbia Mental Health Society Branch
- British Columbia Transplant Society Branch

The **Research Committee** provided an update on the Northern Research Collaboration Granting Program, a grant competition jointly supported by PHSA, Northern Health and the University of British Columbia to develop collaborative research experience and capacity in the North.

Five applications supported by tripartite teams representing PHSA, NH and UNBC were received in response to the first intake call for applications. The three top ranking applications have been awarded \$10K six-month seed grants to support research that will begin this summer.

A call for applications for a second intake of awards will be issued in July to fund projects beginning in 2016.

As well, it reported on the investigator grants at the Child & Family Research Institute (CFRI). These investigator grant salary awards are three to five years in duration. CFRI currently supports 46 investigators with awards totalling \$4.8M in the 2015/16 fiscal budget. These awards are made possible through financial support from the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

As part of its commitment to supporting research excellence through rigorous scientific evaluation, CFRI has conducted a formal scientific review over the past year of the candidates eligible for award renewal using an external scientific advisory board. Based on its recommendations, the awards for ten CFRI investigators will be renewed or extended.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for August 27, 2015 in Vancouver.