

Board Briefs summarizes the board meetings of the Provincial Health Services Authority. It is shared via the PHSA websites to keep stakeholders informed about the activities of PHSA.

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Summary of December 3, 2015 Board Meeting

The Provincial Health Services Authority board has six scheduled open 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 December 3, 2015 meeting was held in Vancouver.

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.

No questions were received prior to the meeting.

Presentations (available on request)

How Four Gut Bacteria Decrease Asthma Risk in Infants

Mr. Carl Roy introduced Dr. Stuart Turvey, Director of Clinical Research, CFRI, and Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UBC. Dr. Stuart highlighted the high incidence of asthma as a childhood chronic disease and the corresponding high costs. He presented his team's research of how four gut bacteria decrease asthma risks in infants during the first year of life. Dr. Turvey responded to questions. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Powell congratulated Dr. Turvey and his team on this exciting research and thanked him the presentation.

BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services: The Changing Landscape

Ms. Carla Gregor introduced Ms. Lynn Pelletier, Vice-President Mental Health & Substance Use Services. Ms. Pelletier presented a history of mental health facilities and their evolution into the mental health and substance use continuum of care within PHSA today. Ms. Pelletier responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Powell thanked Ms. Pelletier for her presentation.

Committee reports

The **Quality & Access Committee** reported that hand hygiene compliance rates continue to be well above the target rate of 80 per cent. The committee reviewed a handover tool called I-PASS which comprises verbal and written tools developed by resident physicians and medical students to share information about patient care.

The **Governance & Human Resources Committee** reviewed the Code of Ethics policy, and did not make any changes to it. The committee heard reports about the new corporate service group called Strategic Change and Improvement, led by Eric Demaere. This group will support PHSA to retain and grow its skills and knowledge in this area. The committee also heard about

the two new councils that are getting underway in 2016: the “Patient Experience Council” and the “Workplace Culture Council”. The first council will examine the patient experience and capitalize on some excellent work already being done with a focus on improvements that could be made along the patient journey. The second council will examine the employee experience and its important linkage to our core mission – our focus on patients.

The **Finance Committee** brought minor changes to the PHSA Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee, which were approved.

The Financial Summary for the period ending October 8th shows a strong financial position, with a balanced budget forecast for year-end.

The **Audit Committee** brought minor changes to the PHSA Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee, which were approved.

The **Research Committee** shared several items for information:

Dr. Wyeth Wasserman, Executive Director of the Child and Family Research Institute (CFRI), provided an excellent presentation of the CFRI strategic plan. The five-year plan identifies the mission, vision, values and strategic goals that will direct CFRI's efforts to establish itself as one of North America's pre-eminent research institutes supporting child and family health. The plan has three primary goals: to build capacity – in people, infrastructure, systems/management and networks/partnerships; to ensure excellence – in the quality, evaluation and impact of its research; and to transfer knowledge – through outreach, enhanced information, policy and implementation.

There is a new PHSA Research Website that was launched in November. With nearly 40 pages of content, this site provides high-level information on the administration and conduct of research at PHSA and links to research institute websites when context is specific to those sites. The new website is a major step forward in establishing a centralized communication platform to support the PHSA academic health science mandate.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for February 18, 2015 in Vancouver.