

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 October 22, 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 October 22, 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)

A video presentation from Cleveland Hospital was shared as part of an ongoing effort to bring patient perspective to board members.

A Public Health Approach to Hepatitis C

Dr. Mark Tyndall, Executive Medical Director for Disease Control, BCCDC, who gave a presentation on A Public Approach to Hepatitis C. Dr. Tyndall provided an overview of the current state of Hep C in the province, citing it as an ongoing health issue with the majority of new cases caused by (contaminated) needle use.

PHSA Research Metrics

Ellen Chesney, Chief Administrative Officer-Research, PHSA, presented highlights and key metrics for both research and student practice education and provided a few examples of outcomes highlighting how application of research is making a difference in patient care.

Committee reports

The **Quality & Access Committee** reported that the hand hygiene results were well above average, reinforcing a culture of high performance. As well, our quality improvement initiatives, led by the improve team, continue to involve staff in many clinical areas as they develop and test new work processes.

The **Governance & Human Resources Committee** carried out its annual review of Board Governance Guidelines and Policies. During its review, the Committee recommended certain changes summarized as follows:

- To include language in permissive rather than mandatory language, to allow for greater flexibility and discretion in the Board's and the Committee's practices;
- To include students and trainees as one of PHSA's stakeholder groups;
- To better reflect the current extent to which the Government's Board Resourcing and Development Office is involved in the PHSA Board recruitment process; and
- To ensure new language to better reflect the Board's commitment to diversity.

The Chair and CEO recently met with the Minister of Health and provided an update on PHSA's action plan on the taxpayer accountability principles.

The **Finance Committee** reported that the C&W Redevelopment Phase 2 construction is well under way and is on schedule and budget. Preliminary costing for the schematic design of Phase 3 has been developed. Costs are more than \$20 million higher than estimated in the 2012 business case. However, the overall estimated cost is still within the total C&W Redevelopment Project cost.

The Financial Summary for the period ending August 13 shows a strong financial position, with a balanced budget forecast for year-end.

The board of directors approved a number of funding requests:

- the updated 2015/16 Capital Fund of \$44.6 million,
- the revised Real Time Adaptive Radiation Therapy platform capital project which is fully funded by the BC Cancer Foundation,
- the Fraser Valley Centre Business Plan, including approval of the Chemotherapy and ACU expansion and Pharmacy Renovation project with a single construction contract for both projects (subject to commitment by the BC Cancer Foundation of \$1 million toward the capital cost of the project).

The **Audit Committee** reviewed the Compliance Review of Financial, Statutory and Regulatory Requirements and discussed areas that require attention with staff.

The **Research Committee** did not have a report.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for December 3, 2015 in Vancouver.