

Key Items

Welcome to new GPSC members Drs. Tracy Monk and Lee Mackay

The committee welcomed [Dr Tracy Monk](#) from Burnaby and [Dr Lee MacKay](#) from Kootenay Boundary as the two new members of the GPSC, appointed by the Society of General Practitioners.

Physician Change Management support for PMH and PCN

i. One-time funding for Wave 1 PCN communities

Feedback received from Wave 1 PCN communities highlighted the considerable effort required from these early adopter communities to undertake the PCN planning and development work. To address the financial impact on divisions in the development of PCNs, the GPSC approved funding for the 11 Wave 1 communities to be paid out in fiscal 18/19. Additionally, a more comprehensive and streamlined funding approach to support divisions with the ongoing demands of the PMH and PCN work is currently under development.

ii. Development of physician engagement and change management supports for PMH and PCN

The Wave 1 PCN service plans and ongoing dialogue with the divisions and communities involved in this work have demonstrated that significant physician engagement and change management efforts are required to ensure the success of PMH and PCN. To respond to these needs, the GPSC discussed how funding and supports could be shaped, and agreed that a significant investment would be required from the committee. During the PCN Wave 1 and 2 gathering on January 21st and 22nd, GPSC staff solicited feedback from communities about the scope and outcomes that should be considered in a new source of funding. Based on the feedback provided, a new funding stream is being modeled that will support physician engagement and change management efforts in the next stages of PMH and PCN work. A key consideration includes aligning reporting requirements across this and other funding streams to alleviate the reporting burden on divisions. This funding is being considered as part of the planning for the upcoming fiscal year, and details will be shared with divisions within the next few weeks.

Update on PCN Wave 1 & 2 Community Events

Wave 1 and Wave 2 PCN divisions met on January 21st at a Divisions Learning Day to reflect on their experiences with the PMH and PCN planning processes. Wave 2 PCN communities (Division physician leads, EDs and local HA partners) met on January 22nd for a Local Partnership Day. The goals of the gathering included fostering a learning culture in the implementation of PCN, reaffirming the vision for primary care transformation in BC, and discussing the roles of the GPSC and partners in this work.

Urgent Primary Care Centres

The committee received an updated from Ministry of Health representatives outlining the progress of Urgent Primary Care Centres (UPCCs) in the province. In the fall of 2018, the first five UPCCs were established in communities across BC. The Ministry of Health aims to open an additional five centres in the Spring of 2019. Discussions are currently underway to enable UPCC integration into primary care networks.

First Nations Primary Health Care Projects

Representatives from the Ministry of Health and from the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) advised the committee of a commitment to developing First Nations-led primary health care projects in regions across the province over the next three years. Reflecting the FNHA holistic team based care approach, the projects will aim to integrate with PCNs and will serve both First Nations as well as non-First Nations patients. Discussions are currently underway to determine the projects.

Feedback from the Profession – Maternity Care in BC

The GPSC reviewed feedback from a division regarding a decrease in physician engagement in the in-hospital maternity care clinic. In response to the concerns raised, the GPSC has tasked the GPSC Maternity Working Group - as well as others, as required - to look into viable business models for maternity care around the province, based on the needs in communities struggling with maternity care provision.

The GPSC's next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2019.

We encourage divisions to share this meeting summary, in whole or in part, with member doctors. As always, the GPSC would like to hear from you. If you have any comments or questions, please connect with your GPSC Community/Regional Liaison or through gpsc@doctorsofbc.ca.