

Key Items

Welcome to new GPSC member – Dr. Sari Cooper

The GPSC welcomed Dr. Sari Cooper from Victoria as a new committee member. Dr. Cooper will be replacing Dr. Khati Hendry who's term has now ended. The GPSC would like to acknowledge the significant contribution that Dr. Hendry has made to the committee and several of its working groups and sub groups over the past 6 years.

2019 GPSC Virtual Summit

On October 10th and 11th, a two day webinar series was hosted in lieu of the planned annual GPSC Summit in Vancouver, which was cancelled due to strike action at the venue. Several sessions from the original summit program were selected for the online delivery format.

The webinar series was well attended and well received, with a significant number of participants taking part in several of the sessions over the two days. Physicians from across the province logged on, along with numerous Divisions of Family Practice representatives, GPSC members, Health Authority and First Nations Health Authority staff, Ministry of Health staff, and Doctors of BC employees. The [event summary](#) captures the highlights of the event and includes links to the webinar recordings along with presentation materials.

Residential Care Initiative Name Change

The GPSC has renamed the Residential Care Initiative to the Long-term Care Initiative (LTCI) effective November 2019. This is in recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation process in Canada and with BC's Indigenous peoples, and the importance of supporting the provision of patient-centred culturally safe care.

Minor Tenant Improvements

The GPSC allocated \$10M of funding in the current fiscal year for minor tenant improvements to support physician offices in implementing PCN and TBC in practice. The deadline for applications was previously set for December 2019, with work to have been completed by end of March 2020.

To allow practices sufficient time to apply for and use the funding, the GPSC has extended the application deadline. Communities are now eligible to apply for the funding as they become ready. Additionally, wave 2 communities will be able to access the funding as soon as they have approval to move forward in implementing their service plans.

GPSC Incentives

i. Community Longitudinal Family Physician (CLFP) Payment

To recognize the commitment made by family physicians providing ongoing longitudinal care, the GPSC approved the Community Longitudinal Family Physician payment. Eligible physicians will receive a payment based on the number and complexity of their Majority Source of Care (MSOC) patients in the MSP database.

This is an additional payment from the GPSC, and is a step toward retaining and supporting family physicians who provide longitudinal care to their patients. This payment is synonymous with the Longitudinal Care Payment. More information about this payment is [available here](#).

ii. Changes to GPSC Incentives

The GPSC approved final recommendations from the Incentive Working Group to enable the transfer of several GPSC incentives to the Available Amount in April 2020, per the 2019 Physician Master Agreement. More information will be shared in the new year.

Primary Care Update

i. Primary Care Networks

The GPSC noted that 9 communities in wave 1 have received approved funding allocations and are underway with implementation. Wave 2 service plans for 12 communities are currently under review, and funding letters are anticipated by January 2020. The process for moving forward in future PCN communities is still being determined.

ii. Urgent Primary Care Centers

The Ministry of Health announced that a total of 15 UPCCs that will be operational by end of 2019/early 2020:

- Site 1: Vancouver City Centre, Surrey, West Shore, Kamloops, Prince George
- Site 2: East Vancouver (REACH), Burnaby, Nanaimo, Kelowna, Quesnel
- Site 3: North Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Victoria, Vernon, Northern Site

The next UPCC communities (Sites 4-6) are currently being identified and will be primarily health authority owned/leased and operated. Additionally, they will emphasize full service primary care rather than just urgent access.

iii. Community Health Centers

The ministry has provided stabilization funding to some CHS's in 2018/19 and again in 2019/20. A new CHC - Collingwood-Renfrew CHC is anticipated to be open in early 2020. Further opportunities for 2019/20 and 2020/21 are under development .

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 gpssc@doctorsofbc.ca.

iv. First Nations Led Primary Care Initiatives

The Ministry of Health will provide funding to FNHA to support work with local First Nations to identify and support Nation led primary care initiatives. To be eligible, initiatives must be integrated within PCNs, and offer services to the broader community. Starting with five FN initiatives in 2019/20 the initiative will continue with additional communities over the next two years. The first initiative in Vancouver, Lu'ma was recently announced. The next four communities for 2019/20 will be confirmed by FNHA in the coming weeks.

v. Nurse Practitioner Clinics

three NP led primary care clinics are being established in Victoria, Nanaimo and Surrey to test the model. Clinics are expected to be operational in early 2020.

GPSC Information Sharing Task Group

The GPSC Information Sharing Task Group has developed a Care Team Information Sharing Agreement (CTISA) for PCNs. The CTISA has been developed for primary care practices to help establish the rules of information sharing between the practice and Health Service organization (HSO), (such as a Health Authority), that is deploying staff to that practice. The agreement establishes how the Health Service Organization and the Primary Care Practice will:

1. Share information with each other for the purpose of supporting team-based care;
2. Provide clarity of control and custody of records that contain team charting;
3. Clarify roles of all parties with respect to team charting;
4. Require a confidentiality agreement to be signed by each care team member.

This agreement and complimentary FAQ will be shared with PCN communities following a legal review in late November and will be uploaded to the [PCN Toolkit website](#). The working group is currently looking for interested sites to pilot the new agreement and provide feedback. Interested communities should contact gpscinfosharing@doctorsofbc.ca. Once the CTISA agreement has been finalized, the task group will focus on developing the broader PCN information sharing agreement.

HDC Update

The Health Data Coalition presented an overview of physician experience with using the HDC tool and their second quarter report to the committee. Currently, more than 450 current members of the HDC network are able to access HDC and can compare their clinic data on 150 clinical measures to gain insights into their own practice and share learning for Quality Improvement. Feedback from some physicians using the tool was shared.

In October, doctors and divisions were invited to participate in a [HDC webinar](#) as part of the GPSC's learning series covering data tools. The webinar allowed HDC to demonstrate how it can help support quality improvement activities in physician practices, as well as divisions for their service planning needs. It was well attended by family physicians from across the province, division staff, and practice support coaches. Highlights included case studies shared by Dr. Huy Nguyen from his own practical use of the tool at his clinic, as well as divisional examples of where HDC Discover provided data for service planning.

The GPSC's next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2020.