

COMMITTEE MEMBERS UPDATE

- The SSC appreciated the excellent contributions of, and said farewell to committee members: Drs. Gordon Hoag, Rod McFadyen, Ahmer Karimuddin, as well as Shared Care Director, Katie Hill and SSC Liaison, Christina Beck. Dr. Hoag is noted in particular for his service since the SSC's inception in 2006.
- Dr. Curt Smecher and Dr. Devin Harris were welcomed to the committee

SSC ANNUAL REPORT APPROVED

- The report highlights key achievements from the 2017/18 work plan, including perspectives of physicians that participated in SSC initiatives.

SPECIALIST INVOLVEMENT IN PATIENT MEDICAL HOME/PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS

- SSC welcomed a presentation from the [General Practice Services Committee](#) and [Shared Care Committee](#) Co-Chairs and team on the Patient Medical Home and Primary Care Networks (PMH/PCN) and gained a much better understanding of the initiative. SSC welcomed the opportunity to engage in discussion about involving the specialist voice at the outset.
- SSC provided feedback on the development of the model, highlighting the importance of involving specialists at the outset and their interest to participate. Further dialogue is occurring to identify ways to more directly engage specialists in this work at all levels of the system (local, regional and provincial) moving forward.

FACILITY ENGAGEMENT INTERIM EVALUATION

- External evaluators presented on the Stage 1 of their findings which focused on the establishment of infrastructure necessary to engage physicians and health authority administration.
- Key Recommendations included:
 - Continue the facilitative, empowering and participatory approach
 - Continue providing administrative supports to facilitate project planning and implementation
 - Remain flexible and attentive to differences between small and large sites
 - Explore ways that health authorities' regional administrators and physician societies can improve partnerships
 - Continue to balance autonomy and requests for accountability to ensure initiative aims are met
 - Facilitate and support systems thinking

PHYSICIAN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE EVALUATION

- External evaluators presented on their results of the Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) initiative.
- Key recommendations included:
 - Create vision and roadmap for how health authorities leverage physicians' capacity for quality improvement work
 - Continue building staff capacity for PQI
 - Optimize performance of PQI steering committees
 - Increase alignment between PQI and health authority quality structures
 - Prepare for and conduct outcome/ impact evaluation



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees representing a partnership of Doctors of BC and the government of BC. SSC aims to improve patient care by engaging physicians to:

- collaborate within the health system
- lead quality improvement initiatives
- deliver high quality services with SSC