

Committee Update

The SSC said farewell to Kendra McPherson, representing PHSA on the Committee for the past year, as well as Dr Ken Hughes for his dedication to the SSC and several of its programs with more than 1,200 hours of service.

Physician Services Committee (PSC) Priorities for JCC

On behalf of the PSC, Allan Seckel, CEO of Doctors of BC, presented the PSC's 2022/23 areas of focus to help inform the SSC's workplan. These areas are subject to the PSC's final plans:

- Engagement of specialists in facilities.
- Support for cultural safety and humility.
- Continued support to community-based specialists.
- Spread of projects.
- Less duplication across JCCs and its partners.

Financial and Workplan Update

The Committee received an update on its 2021/22 financials and its impact on the draft 2022/23 budget. The group also discussed emerging areas of work including leadership and QI alumni as well as alignment and coordination. At its next meeting, SSC will be presented a draft 2022/23 workplan and budget, which will be submitted to the PSC in November 2021.

Centre of Excellence

The centre of excellence working group has completed its first phase of work that aims to support physicians with consistent, coordinated, and aligned QI services, funding, training, and communications currently offered by SSC and the Shared Care Committee. While the first phase focused on an environmental scan, phase two will report on key findings by initiatives and expand consultations with additional key stakeholders.

Spreading Quality Improvement (SQI)

Since September 2020, this new initiative has focused on spread governance, operations and funding, selection/intake processes and decision-making, and execution. Moving forward, the work will focus on supporting the spread of projects, delivery of QI training, knowledge sharing, and hosting events including a SQI congress in early 2022.

Facility Engagement Initiative (FEI)

The Committee discussed the FEI's:

- Impact including the MSAs role in COVID-19 response planning and progress in establishing a culture of collaboration between MSAs and health authorities.
- Challenges such as physician and health authority capacity and MSA executive succession planning.
- Opportunities like peer-to-peer learning and regional engagement.

Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) Initiative

Assessing the outcomes and impact of PQI, a new evaluation report finds that since it established in 2015 PQI has:

- Improved relationships and collaboration among health partners.
- Strengthened QI culture through physician training and application of skills.
- Contributed to all IHI Quadruple Aim principles.

The report also includes recommendations about best practices and learning action projects.

Physician Leadership Scholarship

In addition to hearing an update on the upcoming process for the scholarship review, the Committee approved up to \$56,200 USD to support up to 100 specialists and 100 family physicians to attend [the 2021 IHI Virtual National Forum](#). Funding applications open in October.

Specialist Symposium 2022

SSC and Specialists of BC are hosting a full-day symposium about improving specialty care in a post-pandemic world. The theme is *A New Day: Emerging Priorities in Specialty Care* with sessions about cultural safety and humility, processes of care, planetary health, and virtual care. Scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022, the event is planned to be in-person in Vancouver and will align with the Provincial Health Office's orders. Registration opens in October. [Get the latest event news.](#)



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees (JCC) representing a partnership of Doctors of BC and BC Government. 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.