

### Debrief from June 6 Physician Services Committee Meeting

SSC co-chairs shared the direction the Physician Services Committee (PSC) provided from the June 6 meeting. Key direction included: enhancing communication between the SSC co-chairs and Ministry of Health to identify opportunities for engagement; increasing the level of detail in the reporting of spreading QI projects to better demonstrate impact; and include a project on surgical renewal in the next SSC work plan to clearly articulate SSC’s activities in this area.

The SSC approved one-time funding to support **Physician engagement with health system priorities**; a decision that aligns with the PSC direction to leverage QI trained physicians to be engaged in health system priorities.

### System Impact Stories

Kirsten Smillie and Jennifer Atchison looked to data to explore the physician journey of engagement with the SSC. Analysis considered what SSC funded opportunities have the most physician participation (PQI for learning and leadership; SPOC for initiatives), and if physicians are engaging in more than one SSC opportunity during their journey (20% of engaged physicians have participated in 2 initiatives). Analysis also explored if physicians are participating in a learning or training opportunity as well as leading or participating in an SSC initiative/project (8% of total engaged physicians are involved in both), and finally, if physicians who hold formal Health Authority leadership roles also participated a SSC initiative/project or learning opportunity (67% of those holding formal HA leadership roles have engaged in at least one SSC initiative or learning).

### Current and Future SSC Engagement Activities

Adrian Leung and Garth Vatkin updated the SSC on engagement activities and asked the committee to consider: future engagement priorities; how much engagement should be coordinated at the individual initiative level; and how to better leverage existing engagement tables. The committee requested the Quality Impact staff develop an engagement plan for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

### SSC Financial Update

Ryan Davis provided a year-end financial update on the 2021/22 fiscal year and highlighted spending on SSC activities.

### Health Authority Priorities

Health Authority leaders presented the key priorities of their respective organizations. Presentations were heard from Northern Health, Fraser Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, Provincial Health Services, Island Health, and Interior Health.

### Health System Priorities

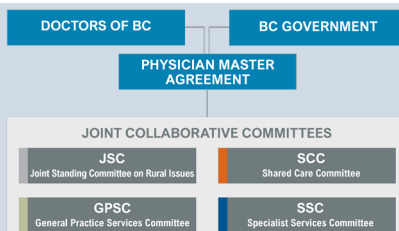
Ryan Murray and Kristy Anderson presented the Ministry of Health’s 2022/23 service plan with a total budget of \$25B – 25% of the province’s total budget. 70%, \$5.5B, is dedicated to compensation and includes programs, benefits, JCCs etc. The Ministry has a strategic focus on enabling a culture of innovation, identifying barriers to innovation, advancing innovation with a collaborative approach, and facilitating their spread by establishing an innovation pathway to intake and assess innovation and creation of a MoH Innovation Hub. Primary Care is also a priority with a focus on team-based care with a goal to have 85 PCNs in the province this year.

### Other Key Decisions Made

**Surgical Process Improvement Network** proposal was presented by Geoff Schierbeck with the purpose of developing a provincial network to improve surgical care through utilizing local expertise at each site in collaboration with regional and provincial support to identify the best way forward. \$200,000 was requested and approved for the 2022/23 fiscal year to support the project.

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workshop** led by Dr Faisal Khosa requested a one-time allocation of \$60,000 to support the planning and delivery of the EDI workshop set for July 17, 2022, plus time for physician participation. The funding will be drawn from the \$1M in the workplan allocated to improving physician job satisfaction.

**Enhancing Access initiative** presentation led by Garth Vatkin and Eric Young asked members if the initiative should continue to support a cohort-style model or offer a modular based approach that caters to the needs of specialists and different access solutions. The decision was to offer a modular approach to assist specialists in improving access to their services.



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.