

Health System Redesign Project: "Engaging Physicians to Transform Cancer Care Delivery Initiative"

Dr Dan Le, project lead, and Dr Elaine Wai, executive sponsor, provided an overview on this project.

71 medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, general practitioners in oncology were engaged, across six regional cancer centres in BC with the objective to prioritize ideas and solutions to be recommended for consideration. It also addressed physician burnout.

The final report featured potential solutions in the next 5-10 years and may help inform future opportunities for how to engage physicians with the cancer strategy.

The committee noted that this project was a great example of consultation on a broader provincial level and discussed further ways that SSC and FE can support.

SSC 2024 Workplan and Budget Extension

SSC and the other JCCs were granted an extension until March 31 to submit their workplan and budget. There will be a JCC co-chairs meeting in the beginning of March to discuss the joint JCC co-chairs work plan and budget further.

Update on April 26th Specialist Symposium

This in person event will be an opportunity for SSC to engage with specialists, including those from Sections and Medical Staff Associations, to discuss challenges and opportunities facing specialists today.

[Click here](#) for more information including the agenda and how to register.

Spread Quality Improvement (SQI) Update

Dr Daisy Dulay provided an overview of the current spread projects. In her presentation, Dr Dulay explained that the goal of the initiative is to increase the number of successful QI action projects funded by SSC that spread from one site to another. Principles include improving the health of patients and their experience of care while optimizing costs (triple aim).

Health Authority Engagement Survey

Rob Hulyk, Alyson Thomas, and Ranique Sekhon presented the 2022 Health Authority Engagement survey results. There was a 24% response rate (2,983 responses) and the questions were focused on engagement and physician health and safety. It was also the first year where gender specific insights were included.

Based off the results, DoBC made the following recommendations:

- Make facilities and workplaces safer
- Respond to issues and concerns raised by medical staff
- Senior leaders should visit, engage, and listen. Physicians must feel heard.

For more information on the results, the report can be found on the [DoBC website](#).

Initiatives Update: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workshop

Dr Faisal Khosa received approval from the committee to fund the next Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Workshop, scheduled for June 10th in Richmond.

This seven-hour training day aims to educate physicians on equity, diversity, and inclusion in medicine and will include a lecture by author and thought leader, Dr Sanjiv Chopra, as well as interactive group discussions on effective leadership led by UBC professors Dr Naznin Virji Babul and Dr Tom Scholte.

Initiatives Update: Specialist Team Care Collaborative (STCC)

Dr Tommy Gerschman, Dr Michelle Teo and Garth Vatkin presented an overview on the Specialists Team Care Collaborative bootcamp which took place on January 30th. The time was spent outlining best practices by using lived experience and sharing resources from the STCC toolkit.

The first Learning Session will be held on March 13th. The toolkit is now available on the SSC website [here](#).

Welcome & Farewells

The SSC welcomed new acting Co-Chair, Dr Jason Kur, and new Committee member Dr Julie Chou. The Committee thanked departing Co-Chair Dr Ahmer Karimuddin for his valuable contributions to SSC.



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees (JCCs) 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