

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes, and SSC Progress

The SSC approved the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting. Adrian Leung presented a detailed snapshot of SSC's ongoing initiatives. This overview, spanning from February to May, served as a progress report on the status of SSC programs and initiatives. All items are successfully on track as of June 2023.

Transition of SSC Members and Upcoming Meeting Logistics

The committee took a moment to appreciate Dr Frank Ervin's contributions and bid him farewell. While his tenure concluded, the SSC welcomed Drs Priya Manjoo, Elizabeth Thompson, and Julie Chou. Their diverse backgrounds and unique skillsets promise to bring new perspectives into the SSC's work. In preparation for the next meeting on September 21, the committee agreed to meet in-person meeting, which will be held at the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) office in Vancouver. Option for virtual attendance will be provided.

Supporting Alignment to Health System Priorities

Adrian Leung presented a briefing note to the SSC, proposing a decision-making process for the engagement of specialists in Health System Priorities. This proposal was drawn up considering that \$1M has been allocated for specialist engagement in the 2023-24 workplan and budget, yet no formal process was in place for soliciting,

reviewing, and approving ideas. The SSC co-chairs currently have the authority to make funding decisions of up to \$200,000. If any time-sensitive funding decisions are made by co-chairs in between committee meetings, they will be communicated in subsequent meetings.

Revision and Approval of the EDI Workshop Budget

Dr Faisal Khosa and Donna Murphy-Burke presented a revised budget for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Workshop that the SSC reviewed and approved. The new budget accommodated for additional sessional payments. Total budget: \$210,489.

Updates on PQI/SQI Initiatives and Future Goals

Aman Hundal and Asia Hollingsworth presented updates on the Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) and Spread Quality Improvement (SQI) projects to the SSC. They proposed changes based on feedback from multiple engagement sessions with key groups, which include adding alumni to Steering Committee mandates, increasing funding to \$3.15M per health authority, centralizing payment, and extending SQI support to the Shared Care Committee. The committee approved these changes, however, concerns were raised about PQI's accessibility for frontline specialists and the involvement of community-based specialists (CBS) in Quality Improvement work. The SSC agreed to further explore ways to engage with CBS and confirmed that PQI is open to all disciplines interested in impactful Quality Improvement work. Event planning for the



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PQI summit is underway, with the committee also suggesting the incorporation of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) activities.

Debrief from SSC Special Meeting and Specialist Symposium, and Future Directions

Adrian Leung recapped the key insights and discussions from the April 26 SSC Special Meeting and the April 27 Specialist Symposium. He highlighted the importance of relationship-building and active involvement, themes echoed by the keynote speaker, Dr Robert McDermid. Adrian Leung also proposed recommendations for future gatherings, advocating for larger symposium events every two years and maintaining regular engagement through smaller, focused events throughout the year. The committee agreed to these recommendations and highlighted the benefit of large events as networking platforms. They also acknowledged the advantages of virtual options for broader accessibility.

Surgical Patient Optimization Collaborative (SPOC) Outcomes Congress Update

Geoff Schierbeck briefed the committee on the recent SPOC Outcomes Congress, highlighting the accomplishments of 14 participating teams and surgical renewal updates. However, the committee recognized the need to delve deeper into surgical processes and separate them from general hospital capacity issues.

SSC Website Content Consultation

The meeting discussion centered on enhancing the accessibility and clarity of the SSC website. There was a call for a hierarchical model or flowchart to show the relationship and scope of different programs and portfolios. The website's layered structure was noted, with suggestions to make it more welcoming and inclusive, providing clear pathways for engagement. Multimedia use was strongly recommended to accommodate different preferences for information intake, including infographics, videos, and voiceovers. Participants expressed a desire for more examples of previous projects, peer support contacts, completed project lists, outcome data, video interviews, and brief informational updates.

Summary

In conclusion, the SSC meeting highlighted the committee's commitment to strategic decision-making in health system priorities, effective budget management for key initiatives like EDI, and the need for continuous improvement in PQI/SQI initiatives. Further, the collective insights from the Specialist Symposium and SSC Special Meeting emphasized the importance of engagement and collaboration, setting a strong foundation for future SSC initiatives.



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