

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee welcomed a new Ministry of Health (MoH) member as well as a new SSC staff member as follows:

- Darlene Therrien, Executive Director, Hospital Services Branch, Laboratory Health Services Division representing the Ministry of Health
- Donna Murphy-Burke, SSC Liaison supporting physician wellness and community-based specialists initiatives.

SSC MEMBER FEEDBACK ON MEETING PROCESSES

In an effort to continuously improve on how the SSC meetings are conducted, Committee members provided feedback in a survey and also participated in group discussions to improve preparation for meetings, how the meetings are conducted, and post-meeting reporting and communication. A lot of robust discussion took place with constructive feedback that will be adopted in the future Committee meetings.

PQI GOVERNANCE & DECISION MAKING

The following composition was approved by the Committee for provincial PQI governance and decision making:

- Four Ministry, four Doctors of BC, and one patient representative.
- The structure will replicate that of the SSC co-chair model comprised of one Ministry co-chair and one Doctors of BC co-chair.
- Decision making will be collaborative, consensus-based, and if a decision cannot be reached, it will be escalated to the SSC, which is responsible for oversight and alignment with JCCs. PQI Co-chairs will be able to make pressing decisions between meetings.

SPECIALISTS SYMPOSIUM & JCC CONFERENCE

As per SSC's previous recommendation, both the GPSC and the Shared Care Committees have agreed to combine their

strategic engagement events together in the Fall of 2020. A Save the Date will be sent out soon for the following events:

- GPSC Summit for family physicians: Oct 5
 - Specialist Symposium for specialists: Oct 5 (simultaneously)
 - Joint JCC Conference for all physicians: Oct 6
- Details to follow in future meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS:

2019 Doctors of BC Health Authority Engagement Survey: The outcomes of the survey performed annually by Doctors of BC which measures physician engagement with their respective health authorities, was presented. The survey results will help inform the work of Doctors of BC and the JCCs.

IHI National Forum: 141 participants, including physicians and PQI teams, were supported by the SSC to attend the IHI National Forum last December where they learned and developed connections. The PQI Initiative facilitated a pre-forum half-day workshop on the development and implementation of the program. The overall experience was very successful.

Collaborative Councils: SSC has developed and distributed an implementation guide for the Collaborative Council initiative. Some regions are close to initiating first meetings to develop region-specific Terms of Reference.

Surgical Priorities: The Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Provincial Surgical Executive Committee (PSEC) and health authorities in BC, is implementing the Surgical Waitlist Management and Scheduling Solution (SWMSS). The SSC has supported the formation of a clinical review committee to support clinicians to become engaged in the implementation of SWMSS. This committee will report directly to the SWMSS steering committee upon their endorsement.



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

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