

COMMITTEE MEMBERS UPDATE

- The committee welcomed new individuals to the SSC:
 - Dr. Christine Hall (Island Health representative),
 - Tommy Gerschman, Vice President, [Specialists of BC](#) (guest),
 - Christine Tam, new Sr. Communications Manager overseeing SSC Communications (staff).
- The SSC appreciated the work and said farewell to:
 - Joanna Pannekoek (staff),
 - Dr. John Falconer (guest from Specialists of BC), and
 - Kimberly Strain (patient representative).

STRATEGIC PLANNING OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- A summary of consultations to-date regarding the next SSC strategic plan was presented and summarized into four themes:
 - Burden and Burnout,
 - Multi-disciplinary & Team-based Care,
 - Supporting Community Based Specialists, and
 - Leadership & Mentorship.
- The committee discussed ideas to address these issues and SSC's potential role in each of the identified themes.
- A quick update was provided on the health authorities' ongoing input into SSC's next strategic plan. Further input from stakeholders, including Medical Staff Associations, will be shared at the February meeting.
- The January 18 Specialist Symposium was assessed to be very successful in terms of bringing diversity, patient voice and physician input to help inform the refresh of SSC's strategic plan. Evaluation results from the Specialist Symposium will be shared at the next meeting.
- Consultations and planning will continue over the next few months, with the intent to present a draft updated strategic plan in April for the committee's review.

PHYSICIAN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PQI) NEXT STEPS

- Over the last three years all health authorities have been working hard to create QI training and QI project opportunities for physicians. The overall PQI initiative is expected to fully utilize its budget in 2018/19. Planning and consultation is underway with all health authority PQI teams to understand their future resource and funding needs.
- At the Nov 2018 PQI Summit Dr Berwick invited BC to join the IHI Leadership Alliance. A high level summary was shared at the meeting with agreement to seek interest of senior health authority leaders to participate in this opportunity.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Patient Medical Homes/Primary Care Networks:

An update was provided by Shelley Ross, GPSC Co-chair on the status of Patient Medical Homes and Primary Care networks with discussion on how to best involve specialists. Further concrete ideas will be explored.

One-time funding: The SSC discussed and supported the idea of forming regional tables (or leveraging existing ones) to address various engagement needs including identification of mutual priorities that could be supported with SSC one-time funds. The SSC working group will address next steps to form these regional tables based on tri-partite representation from the health authority, physicians in each region, and SSC.

Patient Representation: In order to enable the patient representatives to contribute towards SSC's work in a better way, SSC will align their representation more towards topics that will benefit from their input including the PMH/PCN discussion.



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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