

COMMITTEE UPDATE

- The Committee welcomed two new staff members: Linda Lemke, VP of Engagement & Quality Improvement (Doctors of BC) and Lori Kwok, Sr. Administrative Assistant (SSC).

PQI GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES WORKSHOP

- The committee was divided into three groups to discuss PQI's current decision-making structure and possible methods to increase the collaboration across these structures. As a result, a gap was identified in the decision-making hierarchy between the six health authority PQI Steering Committees and the SSC.
- The SSC decided to create an interim advisory committee, composed of six members (3 representing the Ministry/health authorities and 3 representing Doctors of BC) to explore solutions for addressing the identified gap and bring solution options to a future SSC meeting.

SSC ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING

Final Expenditure Report

- The committee approved the final expenditure report for 2018/19. The unspent and unallocated funds will be carried over to the 2019/20 budget of the SSC and Facility Engagement (FE) as one-time funding.

SSC work-plan and budget

- The committee approved SSC's draft work-plan and budget for 2020/21 to the Physician Services Committee.
- The committee requested that the GPSC and Shared Care committees be approached to seek funding support for the GPs (including those with a focused practice) that make up 40% of the Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) initiative participants. Outcomes to be reported next meeting.

Collaboration between FE and PQI

- The committee approved the idea for a small advisory group made up of SSC and FE working groups to consult with select Medical Staff Association leaders, the PQI Network, and the regional PQI Steering Committee

representatives to solicit input from physicians on gaps and opportunities to leverage coordination between the Facility Engagement and PQI initiatives. Findings from the consultations to be reported back in the Spring of 2020.

Community-based specialist involvement

- The committee approved establishing of an ad-hoc committee to explore how SSC can involve community specialists in its work, based on the priorities of the revised strategic plan (2020-23).

Symposium planning

- The committee approved the establishment of a small working group to plan the Specialist Symposium in 2020, tentatively planned for the fall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Provincial Pacemaker Project

- Dr Jamil Bashir and his team presented on the work of the Provincial Pre/Peri/Post-operative Pacemaker Project: Assessment and Standardization of Care (P6) quality and improvement project, which began in 2015 and has achieved phenomenal results so far.
- The team proposed a Phase II initiative for the committee's consideration.

Nurse Recruitment in Rheumatology Care

- Drs Jason Kur and Michelle Teo presented on the positive impact that multi-disciplinary nursing care has had for their rheumatology practices. Some rheumatologists have made use of the Section's Labour Market Adjustment (LMA) code, others not. However, in either case, the primary benefits of nurses in practice include: the ability to see more patients, an increase in income, combating burnout due to existence of a team and addition of the nursing skillset to the practice.

Based on the successes of these projects, the committee thought it best that the multidisciplinary care model be explored by other specialist sections.



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