

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Dr Jason Kur and Ryan Murray, Specialist Services Committee (SSC) co-chairs, recognized the unceded traditional Indigenous territories and ongoing colonialism, and all committee members shared their own land acknowledgements.

Committee Administration

SSC member Candice Manahan left her role as the representative for Northern Health Authority (NHA), joining the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). Marna deSousa will represent NHA at SSC until a new appointment is made.

Linda Lemke, Vice President of Engagement and Quality Improvement, and Margaret English, Director of JCC Alignment, concluded their tenures in November 2023. Adrian Leung shared a snapshot of SSC programs and initiatives.

Enhancing Access and Perioperative Clinical Action Network

Garth Vatkin and Geoff Schierbeck provided an update on Enhancing Access (EA) and Perioperative Clinical Action Network (PCAN) initiatives, detailing current projects and the new approval process.

SSC members showed interest in learning more about [EA](#) and [PCAN](#) projects and being involved in approving projects transitioning to the implementation phase.

Physician Leadership Scholarship Program (PLSP) Update

Dr Curtis Smecher and Candice Manahan, Physician Leadership Scholarship Program (PLSP) Steering Committee co-chairs, spoke to the strategic priorities and workplan timeline, outlining a physician leadership learning pathway, enhancing Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) with an emphasis on cultural safety and humility, and modernizing leadership course delivery.

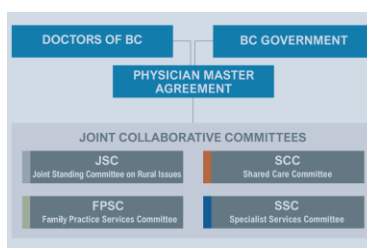
The committee explored enhanced training programs through health authorities, identifying gaps, and considering alternative training with experiential and coaching components.

JCC Co-Chair Workplan and Budget 2024-25

Salimah Lalli presented the Workplan and Budget, approved at the Co-Chairs Committee meeting on September 12. Now in circulation for endorsement by each JCC, the workplan details strategies to align initiatives and leverage assigned resources to meet deliverables.

SSC Workplan and Budget 2024-25 Presentation

Kirsten Smillie and SSC staff presented the draft 2024-25 SSC Workplan and Budget. The SSC approved the workplan and budget and it will be presented to the Physician Services Committee for final approval.



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Open Discussion (issues or opportunities committee members would like to share)

Committee members touched on issues facing administration of initiatives specifically, and the Joint Clinical Committees (JCC) generally. Topics of discussion included the continued existence of silos between the JCCs, and the need to explore future opportunities to improve collaboration and alignment. The use of Objectives and Key Results to align with the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities priorities will assist in ensuring consistent reporting. Finally, the importance of continual physician engagement in health system improvement work and addressing Cultural Safety and Humility, EDI, physician wellness, and planetary health were highlighted.

Specialist Team Care (STC) – Midterm Evaluation and Funding Request

Dr Tommy Gerschman, Garth Vatkin, and Elayne McIvor presented a Midterm Evaluation and funding request. The evaluation outlined the successes and challenges experienced by the initiative, and the importance of strong data quality to support scalability were discussed.

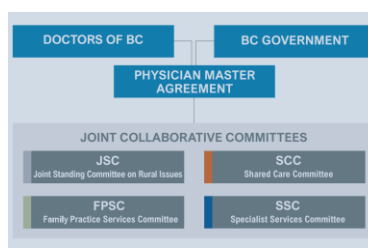
Perinatal Community of Practice (CoP) Update

Drs Shelley Ross and Brenda Wagner from the Community of Practice (CoP) Steering Committee presented their 2023-25 strategic plan. Highlights included enhancing visibility and promoting best practices across BC. The committee outlined

future strategies to improve perinatal services through partnerships with local networks and incorporating perinatal strategies into broader healthcare plans. Specialty groups across provincial, local, and regional levels were considered to bolster the Perinatal CoP improvement strategy. Outreach to Interior and Northern health authorities, surgical care services, Rural Surgical and Obstetrics Networks (RSON), and anesthesia specialists was recommended.

Connected Health System (CHS)

Dawn Lake and Darryl Tourond discussed the Connected Health System program, including enhancements to the Primary Care Strategy and the new Digital Referrals and Orders initiative. The CHS projects support these areas through platforms like OceanMD.



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