
Board Brief summarizes the board meetings of BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS). It is shared with BCEHS agencies, government, media and other stakeholders to keep them informed about the activities of BCEHS.

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Summary of the April 24, 2014, Board Meeting

The BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) Board has six scheduled open board meetings per year. BCEHS is committed to holding open board meetings outside the Lower Mainland twice a year. The April 24, 2014, open board meeting was held in Vancouver.

Question & Answer/Public Presentation Period

In the spirit of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of BC Emergency Health Services provides opportunities for the public to schedule presentations and to ask questions of the board prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

Advanced Care Paramedic Richard Sadowski spoke to the board about a motor vehicle collision he was in while driving a BC Ambulance Service vehicle using the lights and siren. The incident resulted in \$10,000 damage to the ambulance and several injuries. The patient that the ambulance was responding to assist declined transport to hospital.

Presentations

Alan Craig, considered one of the leading experts in the emergency medical services industry in North America, was welcomed to outline the results of his independent review of RAP implementation in BC. The report is available online at <http://www.bcas.ca/about-us/reports-statistics/>.

Mr. Craig commended the Board and staff for the progress and foresight in moving towards this new system. This is known to be a very complex task which is surprisingly not commonly done well. BCEHS has done a remarkably good job thus far. The recommendations resulting from the review are as follows:

- Implement the plan as built;
- Review data quality at 6 months;
- Compare metrics with 2012 measures at 12 months; and
- Revise plan (more data; less expert opinion) at 18 months.

Mr. Craig advised he was asked to give an opinion – he feels it is a sound process worth proceeding with. Staff should be proud of a job well done.

Board Committee Reports

The Quality & Access Committee reported the organization is preparing for the first accreditation for BCEHS and working to put in place 14 Required Organization Practices (ROPs). BCEHS is on track and continues to monitor them regularly. Another Board goal in supporting a culture of safety and quality, staff are more inclined to report if they receive feedback with respect to patient safety events. The organization has improved its feedback from 77 to 87 - our target is 90 so we expect to meet or exceed that target shortly.

The Finance Committee advised that a small deficit is being reported at this time, however management advises that BCEHS is forecast to end the year with a balanced budget.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for June 26 in Fort St. John.

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