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## **Summary of the April 21, 2016 Board Meeting**

The BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) board has six scheduled open board meetings per year. The April 21, 2016 meeting was held in Vancouver.

### **Question & Answer / Public Presentation Period**

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

- No questions were submitted.
- No presentation requests were submitted.

### **Business Meeting**

Mr. Robert Kiesman was elected BCEHS Board Secretary by the BCEHS Board of Directors for a term ending with the August 25, 2016 Annual General Meeting, when the annual officer elections are scheduled to take place.

Dr. Mark Tyndall, Executive Director, BC Centre for Disease Control, Dr. William Dick, Vice President Medical Programs, BCEHS and Ms. Barb Fitzsimmons, Senior Provincial Executive Director, Medical Programs and Clinics, BCEHS delivered a presentation on Harm Reduction Opioid Overdose.

Dr. Dick also delivered a presentation on BC Extra-Corporeal Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Trial for Refractory Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest.

#### *Harm Reduction Opioid Overdose*

Dr. Tyndall provided an overview on addiction and drug use strategies in B.C. The following was reviewed:

- Escalation of illicit use of OxyContin and Fentanyl.
- Promotion of the Fentanyl Awareness Campaign.
- Progressive history in harm reduction.
- The public health crisis in addiction overdoses.
- Next steps.

Dr. Dick provided an update on the status of the naloxone first responder program and provided a summary of the ongoing collaboration between the Ministry of Health, BCEHS, PHSA, BCCDC, Fraser Health and municipal authorities regarding this initiative.

Ms. Fitzsimmons presented on community programs in administering naloxone. Roles and strategies for paramedics on harm reduction were reviewed.

**Discussion among board members included the following points:**

- How to manage the problem of opioid overdoses.
- The expected timeline for EMRs receive training, with a focus on EMRs in remote areas.

*B.C. Extra-Corporeal Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Trial for Refractory Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest*

Dr. Dick presented on the BC Extra-corporeal Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Trial for Refractory Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) and current pre-hospital treatments for OHCA.

**Discussion among board members included the following points:**

Due to time constraints, the floor could not be opened for questions; however, the Chair indicated the topic would be brought forward at a future meeting to allow for further discussion.

**New Business**

*Executive Update*

Ms. Linda Lupini advised the Board that the Minister of Health will make an announcement on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 on Community Paramedicine.

**Board Committee Reports**

**Quality & Access Committee**

Mr. Ritchie reported on the following three items for information:

Metrics related to call-processing time and cardiac-arrest response time are slightly below target but stable. Management has a number of initiatives to improve these.

Quality and Safety Goals report – BCEHS has a proposed initiative to improve patient experience. A treatment guideline has been completed.

Quality and Patient Safety – Client input has been received on existing services and processes.

BCEHS Accreditation – BCEHS Leading Practice submission “Enteric Outbreak Investigation Criteria” has met all required Accreditation Canada criteria.

**Governance and Human Resources Committee**

Ms. McGrath provided the Governance & Human Resources Committee report, noting one resolution was being brought forward for approval.

*Compensation Philosophy and Guidelines*

The Governance & Human Resources Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Compensation Philosophy and Guidelines – Non-contract Compensation Framework to better align those guidelines with the Harmonized Terms & Conditions. The policy as amended was approved.

### **Finance Committee**

Mr. Manning reported that Management provided the BCEHS Committee with a Financial Summary for the 11 months ended February 25, 2016. BCEHS is forecasting to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget.

In accordance with the Board Policy Framework, all Board approved policies are to be reviewed on an annual basis.

#### *BCEHS Borrowing and BCEHS Capital Asset Governance*

The Finance department performed a review of the BCEHS Borrowing and BCEHS Capital Asset Governance policies. It was determined no revisions were required.

#### *BCEHS Financial Signing Authority – Board and CEO and BCEHS Banking*

The Finance department performed a review of the BCEHS Financial Signing Authority – Board and CEO and BCEHS Banking policies. It was determined that minor revisions were required. These policies as amended were approved.

### **Audit Committee**

In Ms. Rafferty's absence, Mr. Manning provided the Audit report. The BCEHS Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee were reviewed and minor updates and clerical corrections were made to the document.

#### *Safe Reporting*

The Audit Committee reviewed the revised Safe Reporting Policy and related amendments. The policy as amended was approved.

The revised Internal Audit Charter for BCEHS was approved.

### **Research Committee**

No updates were provided.

### **Next meeting**

June 29, 2016 in Vancouver