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## Summary of August 22, 2013 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 August 22, 2013 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. No questions were received prior to the meeting.

Paramedic staff attended the question and answer period and posed questions to the board regarding staff morale, challenges with the new scheduling and payroll system, the central reporting station in Victoria, relationships between management and front-line employees, creation of a College of Paramedics and the Burnaby station facility. The questions were recorded and the board provided responses in writing following the meeting.

### Presentations (available on request)

#### New BCEHS Legislation

*Presenter:* Carolyn Bell, Executive Director, Priority Projects and Business Transformation Branch, Ministry of Health

Carolyn Bell provided an overview of the new legislation and clarified that the BCEHS Board is welcome to use the strategic talents of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). The Board signed a management agreement that allows management to provide these strategic leadership services to BCEHS.

#### BCEHS Bylaws

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The Board of BC Emergency Health Services approved of the creation of the following committees:

- Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- Governance & HR Committee
- Quality & Access Committee
- Research Committee

The Governance & HR Committee of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) will prepare the Terms of Reference for each committee.

## **Board Committee Reports**

**Audit Committee** member Mr. Tim Manning advised that Price Waterhouse Coopers should be appointed to serve a 5 year term which was agreed upon by the board.

**Next Meeting** of the board in public is scheduled for October 24, 2013 in Kelowna.