
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 October 24, 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 October 24, 2013 open board meeting was held in Kelowna.

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.

Presentations (available on request)

Resource Allocation Plan (RAP)

BC Emergency Health Services

Presenters: Dr. William Dick, Interim Vice President, Medical Programs, and George Papadopoulos, Director, Quality, Patient Safety and Accreditation.

The RAP is used to determine the proper resources to send in response to objectively assessed patient needs. The RAP analysis found that too many low acuity calls are responded to by the BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) and First Responders using lights and sirens unnecessarily. The RAP focuses on improving public, patient and staff safety and appropriate allocation of resources.

The updated BCEHS Resource Allocation Plan will be implemented in order to have the right resource for the right patient in the right amount of time, which will ultimately increase safety in such response for the public and paramedics.

Changes will occur first at BCEHS followed by First Responders - following consultation with local municipalities. Discussions with municipalities are underway and changes for First Responders will be discussed at the BCEHS-First Responder executive committee.

Corporate Policy Overview

BC Emergency Health Services

Presenter: Michael MacDougall, BCEHS President

Establishing BCEHS policies in a variety of areas, in particular core business areas, is necessary for the Board. BCEHS is putting together a plan to take Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) policies and change them where necessary, and bring them to this Board for approval and implementation within BCEHS.

All PHSA policies will be used until the respective BCHES policy is approved.

Board Committee Reports

The Quality & Access Committee reported that the Quality & Access Committee had reviewed the terms of reference for their committee. The BCEHS Board approved the terms.

The Governance & Human Resources Committee reported that the Governance and HR Committee will be bringing forward terms of reference for Board approval in December.

The Finance Committee reported that the committee had reviewed their terms of reference and a number of policies at their meeting. The following revised copies were approved:

- BCEHS Finance Committee Terms of Reference
- BCEHS Financial Signing Authority – Board and CEO
- BCEHS Banking
- BCEHS Borrowing

The committee also received a report on the Fleet Model Replacement Program which is well structured and provides outstanding results.

The Audit Committee reported on a compliance review of financial, statutory and regulatory requirements was undertaken. Deeper reviews with respect to assurances of compliance and expect that would take place in future reports going forward.

An internal audit on Driver Training and Licensing is being reviewed and the committee can expect the final report to come forward at the next meeting.

The terms of reference for the Audit Committee and the Auditor Independence Policy was approved.

It is a requirement of the Internal Audit (IA) Department to have an IA Charter in place – this is the first time a charter has been brought forward to BCEHS.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for December 5, 2013 in Vancouver.