

Board briefs summarize the board meetings of BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS). These briefs are 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 December 03, 2015 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. The December 03, 2015 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 public presentations

Business Meeting

Dr. William Dick, Vice President, Medical Programs, delivered a presentation on Frontier Trial.

BCEHS Research : The Frontier Trial

Dr. Dick briefly reviewed the Frontier Trial's participants, clinical background, objectives and timelines. At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Dick responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Powell thanked Dr. Dick for his presentation

Discussion among board members included the following points:

- The Board expressed excitement around the incredible medical advancements that were possible through this trial
- Dr. Dick elaborated on the criteria for deciding enrolment as well current treatment protocols
- Explanations were also given about who was to administer the trial drug protocol and under what circumstances. Questions were asked about how to address similar issues in rural populations, as well as BCEHS' involvement in the trial and potential communication challenges

Business arising from the minutes

Update on Community Paramedicine

Ms. Nancy Kotani was available to answer any questions from the Board regarding community paramedicine.

Discussion among board members included the following points:

- The Board's desire for accelerated progress on the Community Paramedicine initiative and recruitment for these new positions
- How uplifting it was to see how many communities were excited to participate

New Business

Executive Update

Ms. Linda Lupini, Executive Vice President of PHSA and BCEHS, briefly reviewed the Executive Update provided in the Board meeting materials, highlighting the new Accreditation status of BCEHS. Mr. Powell, Board Chair, extended the Board's congratulations

In-Camera Items

Ms. Sandra MacKay, Chief Legal Officer for PHSA, advised that the following three items qualified for discussion in-camera under Ministerial Order:

- Policy framework/ORH Study for BCEHS
- BCEHS Labour Relations Issues arising out of 2014
- Certain elements of the Community Paramedicine program

This motion was approved.

Board Committee Reports

Quality & Access Committee

Ms. McGrath, Acting Chair, reported that The Committee reviewed the latest data on the BCEHS cardiac arrest response times. The Committee wants to see all targets met and will be interested in hearing more about changes to dispatch processes, the work underway to minimize hospital delays, as well as the application of the operations research modelling techniques, education and training.

She also stated that BCEHS met all required organizational practices (ROPs) with the exception of one in the recent QMentum Accreditation Survey. She noted further work must be to bring the one ROP in question and such standards into compliance.

Governance and Human Resources Committee

Ms. McGrath presented the Board Governance Guidelines and Policies. The Committee carried out its annual review of certain policies, specifically the Code of Ethics Policy. No changes were recommended.

The BCEHS Code of Ethics Policy was approved.

Ms. McGrath also presented a report from Mr. Eric Demaere, Executive Director for Strategic Change & Improvement as well as report from Ms. Arden Krystal, Executive Vice President & COO of PHSA.

Finance Committee

Mr. Manning reported that Management performed a review of the BCEHS Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee and made minor updates and clerical corrections to the document.

The revised Terms of Reference for the BCEHS Finance Committee was approved.

Mr. Manning also provided the Committee with a Financial Summary for BCEHS for the seven periods ended October 8, 2015 and forecasted to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget.

Audit Committee

Ms. Rafferty provided a review of the BCEHS Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee and made minor updates and clerical corrections to the document.

The revised Terms of Reference for the BCEHS Audit Committee was approved

Ms. Rafferty also informed the committee that PWC presented the BCEHS 2015/16 External Audit Plan and Engagement Letter to the Audit Committee.

Research Committee

No updates were provided from the Research Committee.

Next meeting

February 18, 2016 in Vancouver