

## SCC Meeting – December 1, 2016

### Summary of Key Items

#### 1. Presentation & Expression of Interest -- Kootenay Boundary

Kootenay Boundary provided a presentation on their Shared Care work and reported that they have seen significant improvements in collegial relationships and partnering for better care overall. Specific improvements included:

Diabetes initiative -65% improvement in patient HbA1C levels, and a 21% reduction in complications and mortality rate. Estimated \$57,915 in cost savings were accrued via avoidance of long-term complications (amputations, dialysis). A patient survey indicated a very high level of satisfaction.

Electronic Access to Specialist Expertise (EASE) includes both RACE type telephone consultation, and the use of video to facilitate bedside consultation between GPs in community hospitals and specialists in regional centres. They are working with Interior Health to launch a secure texting application in January 2017.

#### 2. Funding Decisions

- i) Northern Interdivisional Council Psychiatry - \$750,000 was approved (with gated funding) to develop a consistent region-wide coordinated approach to psychiatry care and MHSU services. Northern Health is a full partner, contributing substantial in-kind support. Partners agree that once developed, the model will be sustainable, and may result in solutions that can be leveraged to other health regions.
- ii) Abbotsford Maternity Care – Funding of \$122,000 was approved to develop team-based approaches and care pathways for the Abbotsford/Mission area. SCC clarified the need to identify specific improvement targets, and to help clarify issues arising for GP maternity care.
- iii) Abbotsford Transgender Care - \$170,000 was approved for a proposal to improve physician skills and develop a regional pathway to address the needs of transgender patients. Collaboration with Fraser Health, Transgender BC, and physician champions, will help anchor resulting resources, and work will be leveraged for spread in other regions.

#### 3. Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative

- Pam Liversidge and Dr. Steve Mathias provided an update on the BC Integrated Youth Services Initiative - a multi-faceted clinic setting, with coordinated access to a range of primary care, MHSU, social services, and health promotion resources in a youth friendly environment. Government has announced spread of this model to Prince George, North Shore, Campbell River, Abbotsford and Kelowna.
- SCC discussed an HR plan for providing staff support for Local Action Teams who are carrying work into 2017/18. All work is expected to be completed by December 2017.
- The **Emergency Department Working Group** presented their work on a best practice approach for children, youth and their families in crisis. Although the protocol has been adapted to the unique aspects of practice in each health authority, 80% of the protocol content is consistent across the health authorities.