

SCC Meeting – January 10, 2016

Summary of Key Items

1. Presentation – Effective Access to Specialists – J. Gowans, Project Lead, Dr. R Crichton, GP Lead, and H. Picotte, Evaluator, Salt Spring Island

- An overview of the two-year project was presented describing the approach, processes and outcomes in bridging gaps and increasing access to specialist care on Salt Spring Island.
- The first phase focused on determining which out of 55 specialties were priorities for the Island. Assessment strategies included patient feedback, analysis of GP referral rates/patterns gathered from practice data, GP focus groups, and examining capacity to really effect change. As a result, five specialties were chosen: Physiatry, Geriatrics, Orthopedics, Cardiac Rehab, and Oncology.
- Since then, the project has successfully engaged a physiatrist and geriatrician for regular visits to the island; developed a toolkit for visiting specialists which is ready to be tested; and created an online cardiac program slated to start soon. A fall prevention program, telehealth geriatrics, and an online cardiac education resource will be explored for the future. A final evaluation report will be completed in March 2017.

2. Funding Decisions

- i) Provincial Maternity – After an environmental scan, and extensive consultation with potential partners, including Perinatal Services BC, a proposal was presented for an ‘Integrated Approach to Improving Maternity Care and Facilitating Spread’. After discussion, it was determined that further dialogue is needed to clarify governance, priorities and partner roles before moving forward. The proposal will be revised for February’s meeting.
- ii) Ridge Meadows Addictions: An initial \$30,000 was approved for a project to improve the care of patients with opioid addictions due to chronic pain. The Committee recommended a timeframe of 9-12 months for the project as a potential pilot for spread to other regions across the province. It was suggested that Ridge Meadows work closely with the College of Physicians as well as the Fraser Health Opioids Lead.

3. Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use (CYMHSU) Collaborative – Val Tregillus

- Chartlets/budgets and funding agreements for all 64 LATs will be executed by February 28, 2017. Val Tregillus will work with Katie Hill to revise budget projections to reflect ongoing work.
- Jennifer Mervyn, Practice Initiative Lead for the Fraser Region has been accepted to present a 90 minute plenary session at the Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health in Florida in March <http://cmhconference.com/>. The Committee approved funding for two youth to co-present at the conference.

4. Evaluation Update – Anne Mullens

- Anne Mullens presented on the progress of the Evaluation Magazine which will contain qualitative data, case studies, data from Local Action Team activities and more. The evaluation goals and methods are focused on access, MH literacy and health promotion, youth and family engagement, cultural competency, and pathways to care (sustainability).
- The magazine will be distributed to all 2,650 member of the Collaborative, starting with the attendees at the Congress.