

1. Approved Funding Proposals

- i) Increasing Access to Opioid Antagonist Therapy for Patients In the *Central/North Vancouver Island Region*
- ii) Gated funding approved for Revelstoke participation in the Maternity Network.
- iii) Gated funding approved for Vancouver participation in the Maternity Network.

2. Presentation: Transgender Patient Pathways project – Abbotsford Division of Family Practice

- The transgender project was initiated after the community identified the lack of a clear, consistent care pathway for youth and young adults presenting with concerns and questions around gender.
- It was estimated that up to 690 people in Abbotsford may be affected by gender dysphoria, and not have access to care and information needed to make decisions about their health.
- Presenting with the project team, Krista, the mother of a transgender child, and a youth support worker, described how her involvement in the project has greatly benefited her and her daughter, and also in her role supporting transgender individuals, and as a counsellor in the federal penitentiary system.
- The project team, led by Abbotsford GPs and specialists, involved transgender individuals and their loved ones, and staff in Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, and Langley, as well as partners: Trans Care BC, Vancouver Coastal Health Trans Specialty Care, Fraser Health, BC Children’s Hospital Gender Clinic, Child and Youth Mental Health and other community organizations.
- Together the team identified gaps in service from the perspective of the transgender community, providers, and other stakeholders at the local and regional level.
- With a comprehensive understanding of the challenges navigating the system for transgender-specific health care, the team developed a patient care pathway and corresponding resources for care providers, individuals and their loved ones. GPs were also equipped with effective referral options and enhanced education as part of the project.
- Project stakeholders reported that they are developing a template to share the work, and are eager to share with other communities. The Shared Care Committee congratulated the project stakeholders on their exceptional work, and suggested that the project should be formalized into a network.

3. Overview of Measurement System for Physician Quality Improvement – Dr Ken Hughes

- The *Framework for Developing the Measurement System for Physician Quality Improvement* provides physicians, health system administrators, and policy makers with quality measures data needed to support continuous quality improvement, and to inform the value of services at the system level.
- The framework is being developed in response to the 2014 Auditor General of BC’s recommendation that Government be able to demonstrate value for money of physician services.
- The BC Patient Safety and Quality Council is the Secretariat for this work. A Steering Committee, and five Quality Measures Groups (including patient representation) are being formed to recommend quality measures, as well as to develop physician participation strategies in the areas of: surgical/procedural care; primary care; acute and emergency care; community specialist/specialized care; and diagnostics.
- The work will take place in three phases; *Phase I*: Initiate Surgical/Procedural Care and Primary Care Quality Measures Groups, and develop a roadmap, including resource requirements, for the virtual data environment; *Phase II*: Initiate the Quality Measures Groups for the other three medical service areas, and further develop the technical infrastructure and data use plans; *Phase III*: Launch the measurement system and facilitate the establishment of a permanent structure for ongoing development and management.