

PARTNERING WITH SHARED CARE

Each month the Shared Care Committee (SCC) reviews Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and Proposals submitted from communities/Divisions of Family Practice and Specialists interested in engaging in Shared Care work. The following are details of approved 'new and ongoing' partnerships from the meeting.

NEW OR ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS

Approved Expressions of Interest

Pooled Referral for OB/GYN – Comox Division
Evidence Based Medications – Providence Health
Legacy for Airway Health – Vancouver Coastal

Approved Proposals

Cancer Care – Fraser Northwest
Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use –
Northern Interior Rural Division

PRESENTATIONS

Year End Financial Update & 2021/22 Workplan

- Due to the pandemic, spending was slow during the first half of the year; however, as anticipated this improved in the second half.
- Committee members were invited to consider how to best leverage unspent funding from 2020/21 through existing structures to utilize funds in the 2021/22 fiscal year.
- A strategic approach is required to engage PQI trained physicians into projects and networks. It was recommended that a group be formed to review utilizing the funds effectively.
- It was suggested to consider meta projects that impact a wide range of issues within the healthcare system, such as the referral tracker system in Pathways.

- Staff to confer with Shared Care Co-Chairs regarding recommendations on how best to utilize the additional 2021/22 funds for consideration by the committee.

JCCs and Cultural Safety and Humility

- Dr Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond presented on the 'In Plain Sight' report at the JCC Co-Chairs meeting in April.
- It was noted that while it is a high priority to engage Indigenous peoples in the committees and their work, and at the higher strategic level, there are challenges around the capacity of Indigenous partners in view of the number of requests for involvement.
- For greatest impact, there is a desire to more thoroughly investigate the work happening across the JCCs to foster thoughtful alignment and avoid the duplication of efforts.
- JCCs, Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC to identify scope, direction and next steps for the cultural safety & humility work.
- Individual self-reflection is also considered imperative. It was recommended that SCC utilize resources and create smaller conversations to work through some of the challenges in this area.

PCN Update

- Areas of focus in the GPSC workplan are: the formation of and support for patient medical homes; the development and implementation of primary care networks throughout BC; advancing team based care.
- There are opportunities for Shared Care to direct funding to support the implementation of primary care networks and patient medical homes, particularly regarding the engagement of specialists and other providers in relation to team-based care and for specific populations.

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Physician Perspectives on the Referral Process: A Collaborative Discussion

- Liaisons from both SCC and SSC worked collaboratively with the Vancouver Division of Family Practice for an event with four family physicians and seven specialists to discuss:
1) current challenges with the referral system in the Vancouver area, 2) what a future system could look like and 3) the role of technology in this process.
- Ultimately patient care is negatively affected by inefficiencies in the referral process whether that is communication between providers or use of outdated technology (i.e. fax systems).
- Committee feedback reiterated the need to integrate patient medical records, and it was noted that the time to provide thorough and detailed referrals is not compensated.
- Work still needs to be carried out to assess the best ways to support communication between referring and consulting physicians.
- It was agreed that this work exemplifies how committees can collaborate effectively to engage physicians.

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