

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

COVID Funding Approved by Co-Chairs Outside of SCC

- Providence Health
- East Kootenay Division
- Thompson Region Division

EOIs

- Strengthening Discharge Communication – Surrey North Delta Division

Additional Funds

- Telehealth – Kootenay Boundary Division

Approved Proposals

- [Palliative Care Network](#) – Shuswap North Okanagan Division
- [Adult Mental Health Network](#) – Fraser Northwest Division

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- SCC welcomed [Laura Becotte](#), the new Manager of Provincial Initiatives, and [Rachel Nolte-Laird](#), the new Liaison for Vancouver Island to the Committee.
- SCC thanked [Patient Partner Vicki Kendall](#) for her valuable contribution over the past year, and welcomed [Iris Kisch](#) back to the committee.
- [Dr Curtis Bell](#) has been appointed as a representative for the [Ministry of Health](#), in addition to his role representing Interior Health.

PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Fall & Winter Planning

- An update on the **Health Sector Plan for Fall/Winter 2020/21 Management of COVID-19** was provided.
- The purpose of this plan is to **sustain the health system “restart” of health services after the spring phase of the COVID-19, pandemic**, and to manage the ongoing pandemic over the coming months.
- The plan has a strong focus on strengthening public health; **protecting vulnerable seniors and individuals at risk** because of underlying medical conditions; and putting in place **robust medical in-patient and critical care hospital capacity**.
- Successful completion of key actions for primary and community care will depend **on collaborative planning at the local and regional levels**.
- It was noted that there will likely be an **increase in requests for resources and support from Shared Care**, where **funds have been set aside** as part of the 2021/22 work plan **to support the provincial COVID-19 emergency response** over the fall and winter.
- **There may be opportunity for Shared Care to assist with the COVID plan**, particularly with **care coordination and improved transitions** as part of the Coordinating Complex Care and Adult Mental Health & Substance Use initiatives.

Maternity Network & Provincial Maternity Strategy

- A Maternity Spread Network **report summarizes Network activities and value of work of communities** involved from 2017-2020. Read it [here](#).
- The Maternity Network, which focuses on **interprofessional collaboration**, now has **24 communities involved**.
- As per the 2020/21 work plan, **the Network will transition to a Community of Practice (CoP)** to sustain momentum, as fewer communities are in need of QI support. However, **funding will still be available** for communities wishing to improve maternity care.
- An **update on the Provincial Maternity Strategy** was provided.
- The preliminary strategy is **centered around labour and delivery**, and concerns were raised that it **does not take into consideration the need to strengthen pre and post-partum care in the community**, and to

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support the entire pregnancy and transition into parenthood.

- **Solutions for Maternity Care in BC, from a physician perspective under the GPSC**, were determined to fall into **three areas of work**: Family Physician financial issues, Family Physician non-financial issues, and the need for a provincial strategy.
- It was noted that problem solving around some of the GP non-financial issues could be addressed by **Shared Care's interprofessional collaboration approach**.
- There are three **proposed areas of focus for the Shared Care Maternity CoP**:
 - i) to advance **collaborative, culturally appropriate and patient-centred** approaches;
 - ii) to **share successful solutions and best practices**;
 - iii) **strengthen relationships**.
- The CoP would begin by **determining the priorities**, developing a three-year plan, and holding a gathering to share knowledge.
- There was agreement that the Maternity CoP will be able to **compliment the provincial strategy with a focus on supporting interprofessional collaboration**.

Strategic Plan Update – SCC Project Inventory

- Among other updates, it was announced that the **current and past project inventory** has been completed.
- The goals were to **gather all project outcomes, and to take learnings to create a list of 'shared measures'** for new teams to check off at the beginning of their project.
- Having a set of **common measures aims to standardize evaluation**, making the process easier and more consistent, while also providing SCC with the **means to evaluate the collective impact** of our work.
- The inventory of projects **will be added to the Shared Care searchable project database** – a resource which will be available as part of Shared Care's **revised Learning Centre to be launched soon**.
- It was agreed that having this inventory, **validates and rewards the past work** of those involved, and will be an **invaluable resource to inform future projects**.

JCC Inpatient Task Force Update

- While family physicians have traditionally provided **comprehensive care that includes hospital work, this has diminished over time, particularly in mid-size and larger urban/metro communities**.
- As a system we want to **support and encourage comprehensive service delivery at the community level that includes continuity of care** in and out of the hospital setting. This will require **establishing new relationships amongst community providers** and networked resources.
- **Seven different pilots are currently being funded**, all including a partial hospitalized approach. The **physicians in each model share the work** and responsibility in some way. **Collegial relationships are key to this work**.
- For **smaller communities, a minimum number of physicians are required** for comprehensive longitudinal care in hospital.
- Discussion was held around the **loss of connection and collaboration between primary care and hospital care providers** and how this can be **detrimental to the patient. Relational continuity is just as important as informational continuity**. It's about a collective approach.

Draft SCC Work Plan 2021/22

- An **overview of the 2021/22 Draft Work Plan** including a **list of proposed new initiatives** to be introduced in 2021/22; Virtual Care, COVID, Vulnerable Older Adults (Precious People), and a Complex Care Community of Practice was provided
- The committee was **enthusiastic around the possibilities for collaboration, alignment and coordination** around improving care for 'Precious People'.

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