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Summary of April 21, 2016 Board Meeting

Question & Answer / Public Presentation Period

As part of its commitment to public accessibility, the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority provides opportunities for the public to schedule presentations and to ask questions of the board prior to the beginning of every open board meeting.

No questions were received prior to the meeting.

Presentations (available on request)

Observations on the Patient Experience – Elizabeth Edward

Elizabeth Edward is a heart transplant recipient who now volunteers with BC Transplant and is a patient representative on PHSA's Patient Experience Council.

She shared her story, noting that within four weeks of being placed on the waitlist, she received a heart transplant. Seven days after transplant she was home. She particularly noted the compassion and generosity of donors.

Ms. Edward's presentation was timely in that this is Organ Donation week in BC. Numerous landmarks are underway in honour of the week and BC is close to achieving the one million donor mark.

Baby Friendly Initiatives at BC Women's Hospital

Three speakers from BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre provided an overview of the Baby Friendly Initiative: Dr. Jan Christilaw, Vice President, Provincial Women's and Newborn Health; Marina Green, Lactation Consultant, Lactation Service, and Margaret Seppelt, Patient Care Services Director.

The presentation was led by Dr. Christilaw. Breastfeeding statistics were reviewed noting the World Health Organization (WHO) actively promotes breastfeeding as the best source of nourishment for infants and young children. BC Women's Hospital first received WHO's Baby Friendly Initiative designation in 2008. Re-designation is again being sought in June 2016.

There are ten steps, or required organizational practices, that are necessary for the hospital to demonstrate to achieve BFI designation. Step 3: Prenatal Education and Step 4 Uninterrupted Skin to Skin contact were reviewed and noted to be key initiatives.

Ms. Seppelt reviewed Transforming Neonatal Care, improved Patient Experience Survey statistics and lessons learned.

Ms. Seppelt also advised that BC Women's maintains a Provincial Breast Milk Bank where breast milk can be obtained by parents unable to breastfeed their children. Results show similar statistics to birth mother breastfeeding.

Committee reports

The **Quality & Access Committee** reported on three key initiatives:

- New clinical care management guidelines have been put in place to reduce urinary tract infections.
- Hand hygiene compliance is well above targets and hand hygiene audits are showing remarkable results.
- Running from November 2 through December 11, 2015, BC Children's Family Flu Vaccination Clinic results were reviewed by the Committee. 1,798 people were vaccinated during the six week clinic. Data indicate the clinic served a large number of vulnerable persons who might not otherwise have received flu vaccine.

The **Governance & Human Resources Committee** has carried out its annual review of Board Governance Guidelines and Policies at which time the Non-contract Compensation Framework was reviewed, with recommended changes that were approved by the Board members.

The Committee was provided with an update on the Workplace Experience Council. Two meetings have been held and Council membership is comprised of representation from throughout the province. The group is keen on improving enjoyment in the workplace and are working on two specific tasks. The first is an inventory of all work that is being done around workplace improvement at every PHSA Agency and Program. The second area is diversity and inclusion; the Council has recently joined the Pride at Work Network.

The **Finance Committee** indicated that the Financial Summary for the period ending February 25, 2016 shows a strong financial position, with a balanced budget forecast for year-end and a capital spend of 100% of the target. The Board members approved an updated capital fund of \$153.1 million.

Phase Two of the C&W Redevelopment Project is on track. A number of Directors attended the Topping-Off Ceremony held April 12, 2016.

The Finance Committee reviewed two policies; Financial Signing Authority – Board and CEO and Banking, making minor revisions that were approved by the Board members.

The **Audit Committee** reviewed the Auditor Independence Policy and determined no revisions were required.

Internal Audit has performed a review and suggested revisions to the Safe Reporting Policy for Committee consideration which were approved by the Board members.

The **Research Committee** reported on two items:

- Dr. Stuart Peacock, Leslie Diamond Chair in Cancer Survivorship, SFU, and Co-Director Canadian Centre for Applied Research in Cancer Control, BC Cancer Agency, presented to the Committee at its April 20, 2016 meeting on Health Economics and Cancer Control. Dr. Peacock's presentation addressed the

sustainability challenges resulting from the significant growth in cancer, and the significantly increasing costs of cancer treatment predicted in future years. Based on the success of his work in BC, Dr. Peacock is now leading a Pan-Canadian study to generate guidance and recommendations from deliberative public engagement events across the country to inform cancer drug funding decisions.

- A number of directors toured BC Children's Hospital on Tuesday, April 19th. Opportunities were provided to speak with staff, patients and parents. Overall, very positive comments were received. The BC Children's Hospital team was thanked for providing this opportunity.

Next Meeting of the board in public is scheduled for June 29th in Vancouver.