Key Items

1. Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home next steps

Stephen Brown attended a full-day working session with the GPSC on July 25 where we discussed the joint vision of an integrated system of primary and community care based on the foundation of the Patient Medical Home. We further clarified the role of the GPSC in leading and supporting the Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home and discussed the Patient Medical Home in the context of the broader system of care in the community and the target operating model reflected in the Ministry of Health policy framework. We explored the concept of nurses in primary care practice in support of the Patient Medical Home, with the goal of continuing to build primary care capacity and increase access to primary care across BC. As well, in alignment with the Ministry’s strategic priorities, the health authorities are focusing on specialized services in support of their communities and the Patient Medical Home. The GPSC will be leading and providing ongoing support of divisions and practices in the development of the Patient Medical Home, as well as the partnership work with health authorities to enable the broader community integration being led by the health authorities.

Much work is currently being done to clarify resources, tools, and supports that will be available to practices and divisions as they undertake this journey, which is seen as building on the foundation of previous GPSC initiatives, A GP for Me, PSP, and other collaborative work.

More information will be forthcoming within the next 2-3 weeks.

2. Health Data Coalition

The GPSC discussed its continued support of the Health Data Coalition (HDC), and acknowledged its importance and alignment with the GPSC strategic goals in support of the Patient Medical Home.

The committee also recognized the value of development of an aggregated data tool to support quality improvement and having physicians lead this process.

The funding was approved based on the understanding that the HDC’s work continues to be developed in close connection and alignment with the broader IM/IT and EMR-focused work underway across the JCCs as well as with the Ministry.

3. Pathways

The committee reaffirmed Pathways as being a valuable tool that aligns with the GPSC strategic goals in support of the Patient Medical Home and approved a funding request for the divisions-led Pathways initiative.

4. 2017 JCC Interactive Workshop

March 1, 2017 is the confirmed date of the JCC Interactive Workshop. All four joint collaborative committees (GPSC, Specialist Services Committee, Shared Care Committee, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues) will be represented and that agenda will be organized around three key topic streams: the primary care journey, the surgical journey, and the rural journey.

We encourage divisions to share this meeting summary, in whole or in part, with member doctors. As always, the GPSC would like to hear from you. If you have any comments or questions, please connect with your PEL, your GPSC rep to your CSC, or through gpsc@doctorsofbc.ca.
5. **GPSC-Divisions interface**

To support timely reporting out to divisions and partners regarding key decisions and discussion points from monthly GPSC meetings, the committee will hold teleconferences between GSPC co-chairs and division CSC co-chairs directly after the monthly GPSC meetings. The GPSC will be looking for feedback to assess the impact and effectiveness of this approach during a trial period. The first teleconference will follow the September GPSC meeting.

6. **A GP for Me**

The committee approved Impact Funding submissions received from three divisions representing four initiatives, providing monies for 2016/17 to preserve:

- Momentum and gains for patients and their ability to access quality primary care where it has been enhanced.
- Momentum and gains made in the division of family practice relationships with the health authorities and other community partners.
- Division of family practice capacity to enable them to continue to perform the dual function of service at the local community and, participating in provincially defined, but locally led initiatives.

7. **A GP for Me and GPSC events**

The GPSC has confirmed **September 13, 2016** as an opportunity for physician leads to engage in dialogue with the GPSC. Discussion at this event will focus on the foundation built by A GP for Me and how to move forward to realize the Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home. Participants will include GPSC members, one physician leader from each division, and key staff from the Doctors of BC PSQ department. The structure of this event will be similar to the physician-only event held in October 6, 2015. An invitation will follow shortly.

8. **A GP for Me/GPSC Fall Summit**

The Fall Summit date has been changed from October 27-28 to November 28-29, 2016.

This event will have two interconnected objectives:

1) A GP for Me celebration and showcase.

2) Bridging and building to the Patient Medical Home/Primary Care Home model.

The GPSC’s next meeting is on September 12 and 13.