

President's Report

I am pleased and proud to have the opportunity to present the first annual report of the Mission Division of Family Practice.

Our society was formally incorporated on 20th May 2010 after a significant period of development under the careful guidance of the provincial Division team and the executive lead Brian Evoy. Great appreciation is due to that team for their support and the work that has gone into making this organization possible.

The initial Board of Directors that created the society has continued to serve the Mission Division during the past year. They are Dr Carol Pomeroy, Dr Gwen Siemens, Dr Jeff Kornelsen, Dr Sohan Mansingh and myself. I remain executive lead for Mission, Jeff holds the position of secretary and Carol is treasurer.

We have been fortunate to make use of space at Mission Memorial Hospital as needed and thank our colleagues in Fraser Health for the provision. I'd also like to thank Debbie Weller who in addition to her day job working for Fraser Health was able to help us coordinate the start-up of the Division. When Debbie's role changed at Fraser and she was no longer able to support the Division we were fortunate to employ Jonathan Wilkins who has performed the role admirably on a part time basis since just before Christmas.

In addition to the work of starting up an organization we have been able to initiate several projects and begin the complicated job of assessing what our community and physician needs are and how this organization can cooperatively work within and alongside existing structures to improve things.

We have been able to make a start on supporting physicians away from work with a small financial bonus and the laying of ground work in local and international advertising which we hope will begin to attract much needed locum and permanent staff to our community.

Close work with Mission Mental Health has resulted in communication forms that aid the referral and follow up process for patients using these services, and has facilitated the employment of a new psychiatrist to Mission with the prospect of urgent psychiatric referrals once again becoming an option in our care pathways.

Working with Fraser Health and MOH through a new Collaborative Services Committee has fostered a better understanding of the needs in Mission and is helping us work through the complex issues surrounding the doctor of the day program. We are confident this will lead to a sustainable service supportable by physicians.

I believe the Mission Division of Family Practice has great potential to support us in the coming years and this is just the start. It is your Division, though, and can only be as great as its members make it. We represent you as the significant stakeholders and invite your comments, suggestions and input as we move into our second year.



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Mission Statement

The Division will promote sustainable Primary Health Care and the support of Family Physicians through programs which address the issues of our community, patients and Physicians.

Activities Planned for

The Division has created a draft work plan for the forthcoming year including the following programs.

Input, direction and contribution from each member is a key resource for every program.

Attachment

Mission Division will soon commence this major undertaking to enable all patients in the Mission area to have their own family physician, if they wish to. This long-term project will develop strategies to support and reward GPs who are committed to delivering longitudinal care for their patients.

Integrated Home Health Network

IHN is a provincial initiative which partners community GPs with Home Health case managers to communicate, share expertise and improve coordination and provision of home supports for long term care patients.

Healthy Heart

A medically supervised program will be developed to facilitate GPs helping patients with cardiac issues to manage their well-being through weight management, smoking cessation, stress reduction and exercise therapy.

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CME

Programs specific to the needs of the Mission community of Physicians will be developed and delivered throughout the year.

Referrals

The division will work with local, and more distant, specialists to streamline the referral process and the contact with the patient.

Mental Health

The Division will continue to work collaboratively with Mission Mental Health to enhance the referral processes and improve access to these services.

Locum

The Locum program will continue to try to recruit Locums, and make the agreed financial contributions.

Website

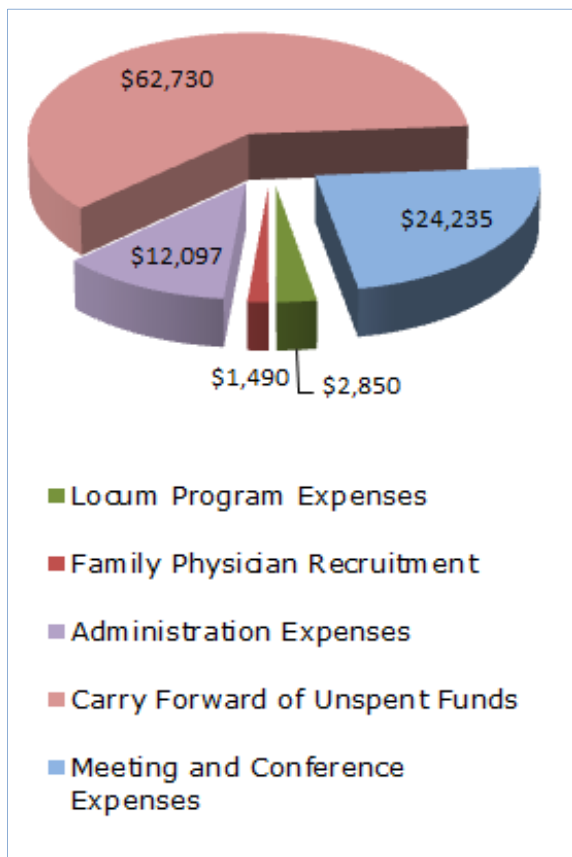
The Division will further develop its web presence to aid recruitment of Physicians to Mission and provide information to members.

How to get involved

To contribute to the development of a program, or suggest new programs, please contact any member of the Board Executive or administration. Physicians are remunerated for significant time spent assisting the Division with any project.

Financial Statement

Infrastructure Funding is provided by the General Practice Services Committee, through the Provincial Divisions office. The income to the Division is based upon the number of members in the Division.



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