

Funding Update

In the absence of a new physician Master Agreement, the Ministry of Health has extended funding for Divisions until March 31st, 2013, pending resolution of the negotiations. This includes Attachment funding for the three prototype Divisions (Cowichan, Prince George, and White-Rock/South-Surrey).

So what does this mean?

Business as usual – all existing operations will continue, initiatives under development will be moved forward.

What is the current focus?

Priority items include:

- ✓ Practice coaching (incorporating both office efficiencies and data/EMR support).
- ✓ Family Practice Hospital Support Program and inpatient care as a whole, via participation in a Ministry of Health province-wide study.
- ✓ Further development of Attachment strategies, including community engagement, visioning and feasibility studies.
- ✓ Collaborations with VIHA on their Integration Initiative.
- ✓ Continued support of the Cowichan Maternity Clinic.

Provincial Inpatient Care Strategy

A provincial working group has recently been established by MOH to look at the issue of inpatient care across BC.

- *In 09/10, over 400,000 patients were admitted to hospital, many of whom did not have a GP with hospital privileges.*
- *In the past 10 years, the percentage of GPs providing hospital care has declined from 76% to 49%.*

The inpatient care project hopes to determine why the exodus is taking place, and what can be done to address it. MOH recognizes that no single solution will work for every division in the province.

Division representation on the provincial working group is seen as essential in this process. Members interested in joining the conversation are encouraged to put their names forward.



The community feels a health centre is uniquely suited to supporting unattached and marginalized patients.

Patient Attachment Initiative

For more than a year, your colleagues have been working closely with community members, health authority representation and Division staff to develop a strategy for the patient attachment initiative.

Recommendations have been formulated and are highlighted below. A comprehensive report and other background information can be found on the Division website; some key highlights are shown below:

- Data collection was achieved via a patient survey, a physician survey and initial physician interviews.
- Data was collated and evaluated via the interactive Circle of Care modeling process, concluding with specific recommendations:
- To improve attachment for both the unattached and poorly attached, a mixed approach is recommended.
- A central unattached patient clinic emerged as the best fit to address needs of the unattached patient – both those without access to care, and the difficult to attach.
- The clinic would include primary internal features for unattached patients only; integrated services accessible to both unattached and attached patients; and outreach services for outlying communities.
- Poorly attached patients would be served through GP supports such as: physician office improvements, enhanced home & community care, and integrated collaborative care services.
- Next steps include community engagement, visioning around specific services and priorities, and feasibility assessments.

Happy Anniversary, Cowichan Maternity Clinic!

The Cowichan Maternity Clinic reached its one-year milestone on March 1st, logging some impressive numbers along the way. In just one year, the clinic has:

- provided care for 539 mothers and babies;
- delivered 287 babies;
- found family physicians for 120 patients who previously did not have one.

Congratulations to the Mat Clinic physicians and staff!



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Cowichan Lodge Redevelopment

Future uses of wings B & D at the Cowichan Lodge remain under consideration by the Cowichan Lodge Redevelopment Committee and its working group; the current vision is to create a centre for complex seniors' services.

A CVDFP GP member has been included on VIHA's working group to ensure the physician perspective is brought to the table. Further input from members is welcomed – you can post your thoughts to the Cowichan Lodge discussion forum on the Division website:

www.divisionsbc.ca/Forum/ShowForum.aspx?Forum=130

Division Website

What good things can you find on the Division website? Site content includes: upcoming events; reports & presentations; survey results; initiative overviews; various discussion forums; minutes, financials & other resources.

Start with our News & Events page for an overview at <https://www.divisionsbc.ca/cv/news>; then log in to the members' side for further detailed information.

Did you know? Member benefits...

CME Credits for Division Activities

CVDFP has investigated and confirmed that both the National and Provincial Colleges will recognize the work of the Division for M-1 credits. For members' convenience, templates for submitting such applications have been developed and are just being finalized. Stay tuned for further information!

Supply Purchasing Options

There are purchasing groups available to all Division members for both office and medical supplies, offering preferred pricing on hundreds of items. Sign in to the website for further details.

Locum Program Updates

In an effort to make the Locum Coordinator Program more competitive, some changes have been made to program terms:

- 1) The standard financial split has been increased from 65/35 to 70/30 to more closely match terms offered by other regions.
- 2) The one week minimum coverage requirement to qualify for guaranteed minimums has been eliminated.

All members should have received a comprehensive Locum Program information package at the end of April/early May. Contact Division staff if you did not receive yours. Materials can also be found on the Division website.



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