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A GP for Me is underway in the Thompson Region. The Advisory Committee is formed, participation requests for the Physician participation are out, and our project team is starting the assessment phase for this initiative. The launch of our GP for Me occurred January 15, 2014 at Hotel 540. Twenty-four members attended and offered their thoughts, asked questions and helped us start this initiative with enthusiasm.

From February - April 2014, we will be in the assessment phase of this initiative. To meet the goals of the GP for Me Initiative we need to understand the primary care reality in the Thompson region. What is the current capacity of our primary care system? What are the gaps in service? What are the pressure points for physicians and what can be done to strengthen, improve, and close the gaps that exist while building capacity so our primary care system is strong and able to handle the community's health care needs now and into the future?

There are many opportunities to be involved including

- Physician Reference Group
- "A Day in the Life of a GP" visits
- Primary Care Innovations Working Group
- Public Engagement Working Group
- First Nations Engagement Working Group
- Evaluation Working Group

To learn more go to [our GP for Me website](#). Find out how you can lend your voice to this initiative. For more information, contact Gerriane Clare – program lead at gclare@divisionsbc.ca or 250-371-1621

Introductions of the GP for Me Team

We are happy to introduce Gerriane Clare, our GP for Me Program Lead. Gerriane comes to us with an extensive background in healthcare, education and business. Dr. Peter Loland has been selected as Physician Lead. The "Assessment and Planning team" is led by Sue Carpenter. Sue, along with Dr. David Poulin, Jason Goto and Annie Blennerhassett, are responsible for the data collection and analysis work. This data will help us understand the primary care capacity gaps in the Thompson Region and to provide a comprehensive assessment of our local primary care system. Once the data is analyzed, you will have the opportunity to help identify priorities with our community partners. Then the creative work will begin to co-create sustainable solutions for our community. The strategies and solutions identified will be vetted through our physician members and community partners and will form the basis of an Implementation Proposal we hope to submit by late June of 2014.

****Important update:** to continue to access Attachment Fee Support, at the beginning of each calendar year, participating FPs should email [Division](#) and then re-submit fee item G14070 GP Attachment Zero Sum Participation Code indicating your intention to continue to participate in the program.

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Submissions for the December newsletter must be provided to vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca by February 14, 2014

As always, please email the Division at thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

Recruitment

The New Year has started off on a very positive note with the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice being able to connect two family practice residents that are considering settling in Kamloops with site visits to local practices who have job opportunities. Thank you very much to the physicians, MOA's and other community members who made the candidates visits so warm and welcoming. It was a very positive showcase of the wonderful physician community we have in the Thompson Region. If you have any full-time, part-time or locum opportunities, please post your vacancy to the familypracticekamloopsarea.ca website.

Child Youth Mental Health

This exciting initiative continues to move forward with developing a protocol and best practices for Children and Youth with Mental Health issues transitioning from community into acute care setting and vice versa to ensure that our patients are supported through this process and that effective feed-back communications are provided to you, as the Family Physicians for the care of your patients. Thanks to those physicians who have agreed to interviews with Tara Mochizuki, Project Manager. Understanding how difficult it is for you to attend meetings, Tara will continue to call on your offices to hear your input. Initially, this was through the doctors who have expressed interest in CYMH. However, we would like to hear from all of you and if you are willing, please contact Tara Mochizuki at Tara.Mochizuki@interiorhealth.ca or Dr. Shirley Sze at wmsze@telus.net.

Your input is crucial and you will be compensated for your time.

Transitions in Care -Frail Elderly Project Update

The Division is working closely with the quality improvement team at RIH to finalize all the components of the discharge algorithm in order to set up the PDSA cycle on 4 North successfully. This will be ready in the near future and more information will be shared as we continue on this initiative. Significant work has been done on this.

Please provide any feedback you have on this initiative to Lisa Fuller, Project Lead, Transitions in Care lfuller@divisionsbc.ca or 250.574.8885 for more information.

Endocrinology Telehealth Prototyping

This project is getting close to trialing. We are currently working through some final details on the process and will share that with physicians so they are able to book consultants with Dr. Charlotte Jones, Endocrinologist from Kelowna. Please watch for more details on the start date. For more information, please contact Lisa Fuller at lfuller@divisionsbc.ca or 250.574.8885.

Transitions in Care -Polypharmacy

We want to truly understand the physician's issues regarding polypharmacy as frail elderly transition from acute to residential. Your perspective will ensure our priorities meet your needs. The focus group will be held Tuesday, January 28 at 6 pm. For more information, please contact Lisa Fuller at lfuller@divisionsbc.ca or 250.574.8885.

Important Updates & Participation Opportunity

Check out these important updates and more on the [Division website](#).

Social Media and Health Care do you have ideas how social media can be used to improve health care and patient safety in BC? [Click here](#) to learn more on this forum.

Kamloops Family Practice Residency Program is offering two great opportunities in Faculty Development. Interest has been expressed in the Fred Bryans Master Teacher Program; a group of 8-10 participants will be formed to go through this program, for more information please [click here](#). Please save the date of April 5th as this will be the date that UBC Faculty Development will be bringing topics of interest to Kamloops to support the roll out of our program –[see poster](#).

Community Integration Health Services has a new centralized intake process for Kamloops Health that went live January 13, 2014 please [click here](#) to access the official announcement, and referral form available in our forms library.

A GP for Me and In Patient Care

A reminder that video presentations are available on the GPSC website to help you learn more about A GP for Me and In-Patient Care fee codes that became available for billing April 1, 2013. [Click to view](#).

Community Updates

GP Criteria for King Street As a result of high demand and limited resources at King Street Centre for GP services, we have had to establish criteria for acceptance of new patients. Moving forward, we will reserve GP appointments for those MHSU patients with the highest needs. This will not impact patients currently accepted by GPs and attending programs. These criteria will apply to those seeking completion of medical forms. If we are able to increase our GP service at King Street we will review the criteria in the future. Please [click here to view the criteria](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Division Board of Directors Your Division Directors meets monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities. If you'd like to attend or present an information item for any of the upcoming meetings please send an email 2 weeks prior to the meeting to, thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca and we'll do our best to accommodate.

2014 scheduled meetings is; February 3 2014.

Thompson Collaborative Services Committee The Thompson Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) is an innovative way for our division to work with IHA to co-generate solutions to the complex, serious and interconnected issues facing the health care system, the delivery of care and the experience of care.

If you have information or issues you'd like to bring to the attention of the CSC please contact us at thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca .

Next CSC meeting is: February 13, 2014