

# e-letter

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Board Members (L to R): Ljiljana Kordic, Sylvia Henderson, Calvin Cheng, Martin Ray (Lead), Ruth Turnbull

Thank you to those who attended our Recruitment and Retention Dinner Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, completed our survey and provided valuable information to help us develop effective recruitment strategies and explore innovative ways to

support and retain physicians who currently provide full service family practice in Delta. We are pleased to welcome Anita Attwal to the position of Recruitment Strategy Coordinator for our regional group and look forward to working with her to enhance the quality of primary care for our community.

We invite all physicians to join us on April 17<sup>th</sup> to hear more about the new Attachment Initiatives (*A GP for ME* and *In-Hospital Care*) which were introduced April 1, 2013.

#### **Attachment Initiatives**

Attachment (A GP for Me) and In-Patient Care Incentives

Dinner Meeting and Information Session for Delta Physicians and MOAs

New billing codes
Incentive funding for A GP for Me
Incentive funding for In-Hospital Patient Care by GPs

Save The Date: April 17, 2013: 6 pm Beach Grove Golf Club

Dinner is provided, as well as a two hour Sessional Payment for Physicians and a two hour stipend for MOAs

RSVP: delta@divisionsbc.ca by April 12.

We are very pleased to have Dr. Bill Cavers and Darcy Eyres join us for an information session on the new Attachment (*A GP for Me*) and In-Patient Care Incentives which were introduced April 1. Dr. Cavers is co-chair of the GPSC

## **Board Meetings**

May 7 June 4 July 2 To access your members only portion of the website: https://www.divisionsbc.ca/provincial/home

Click on *member login* at the top right hand corner of the home page screen.

- Enter your user name, unless you have set the name for yourself, it is your first initial and surname - no spaces.
- You will be asked for your password.
- If you do not know your password, click forgot password. The system will ask for your e-mail address and will send you a new one.

Note that the Delta Division has no access to your confidential log-in information

and has been a tireless lead of the Attachment Initiative. Darcy Eyres is Project Director, Primary Health Care and Specialist Services with the MoH and has been the lead consultant for the In-Patient Care Initiative with the GPSC.

Please RSVP by Friday, April 12 to delta@divisions.bc.ca.

The following documents are on the GPSC website at: http://www.gpscbc.ca/attachment-initiative

A GP for Me Summary of Practice-Level and Community-Level Supports
A GP for Me and In-Patient Care Program Overviews
Physician Overview of A GP for Me Initiative
Physician Overview of In-patient Care Initiative
In-patient Care Incentive Implementation Scenarios
In-patient Care Program Questions and Answers

## Recruitment Update





Working groups at the February 20<sup>th</sup> Recruitment and Retention Strategy Session.



Anita Attwal

Recruitment Strategy Coordinator: Delta, Langley, Surrey/North Delta We are pleased to announce the appointment of Anita Attwal as the Recruitment Strategy Coordinator for our regional recruitment initiative. In support of our membership's key priorities, the Delta Division has partnered with the Langley and Surrey/North Delta to develop a comprehensive Divisions recruitment plan. The first phase of the project, which received approval and substantial funding through the GPSC, is to assess our community's present and future needs. We initiated this process at our February 20<sup>th</sup> Division meeting, where our members completed a needs-assessment survey. The second phase will be to develop effective recruitment strategies and look at innovative ways to support and retain physicians who currently provide full service family practice to our community.





What are the benefits of practicing family medicine in Delta?

## Strategic Plans

Our working groups are in various stages of development and hold meetings to address issues that have been identified as the four areas of focus:

- 1. Physician recruitment and retention (Martin Ray)
- 2. Mental health and drug addiction services (Ruth Turnbull)
- 3. Community care (Calvin Cheng)
- 4. Orthopaedic care. (Ljiljana Kordic)

If you are interested in working with one of the groups, please contact the group leader or Gord Collings at **delta@divisionsbc.ca**.

## UpToDate - new apps available for portables

UpToDate<sup>™</sup> is available *free of charge* for members. Each member has access through the member portal of the Delta Division's website and now UpToDate apps are available for your cell and/or Ipad.

Click on *Member Login* and follow the steps on *UpToDate*. www.divisionsbc.ca/delta.

## Physician Data Collaborative

Delta Division has provided support for the Physician Data Collaborative and we are please that Dr. Robert Clarke has volunteered to be our representative. This exciting new project is conceived, developed and operated by physicians. Its data collection is not influenced by pharmaceuticals, government or any organization which may have a real or perceived self interest.

## Membership Update

We are pleased to announce that we now have 55 members registered in the Delta Division of Family Practice. This represents almost 98 % of the family physicians who practice in our community.

## Divisions of Family Practice

The Divisions of Family Practice initiative is comprised of community-based affiliations of family physicians working together to achieve common health care goals.

#### Contact Us

Website www.divisions.bc.ca/delta

email delta@divisionsbc.ca

#### Join the Division

We hope that you are becoming more familiar with our Division's goals and initiatives and invite you to join your colleagues if you have not already done so to:

- ensure that you are in the communication loop with the Division
- ensure that your voice is heard when primary care is being discussed
- •be a part of the growing supportive community of practice
- access member benefits

It's easy – go to www.divisionsbc.ca/delta and click on apply online.