



DECEMBER 4, 2015

*Seasons  
Greetings*



*Happy  
New Year!*

### **3 NEW GPs TO PRACTICE IN SOUTH DELTA!**

**Dr. Nickolas Soumelidis** has accepted a position with Ladner Centre Medical. Dr. Soumelidis originally trained as a family physician in Russia before moving to the United States. We are pleased that he has chosen Delta as his new home.

**Dr. Patricia Akangbou** will join Harvest Drive Family Practice in 2016. Dr. Akangbou trained in the West Indies and the UK and is most interested in providing “cradle to grave” family practice services. She has visited S. Delta twice and likes our “small town” living with quick access to Vancouver.

**Dr. Adrian Geambaso** will practice at Ladner Centre Medical. He was trained in Romania and is completing his Rural Family Medicine Fellowship in Fort McMurray. His wife Nicoleta is also a GP and is currently working towards her Canadian registration. They and their young daughter are looking forward to living in our community.

A special thank you to our Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, Debby McKenzie, for going above and beyond in exceeding our A GP for Me commitment, which was to recruit two physicians for our division. Debby will continue her recruitment efforts into 2016.

### **Dr. Martin Ray Steps Down as Lead Physician of DDoFP**

At our A GP for Me Update/Christmas party, Martin was thanked for his many years of service as board chair of Delta Division.

### **Clinic Visits**

Board chair Dr. Randy McCuaig and Division Executive Director Geri McGrath will visit clinics in December and January to get input from GPs for future strategic planning as the Division moves forward.

### **Guidelines for Communication**

These guidelines were developed to improve communications, referral and feedback between GPs and mental health community resources. They are intended to offer clarity around information sharing between GPs and community partners for non-urgent care MHSU adult patients. Please visit our website, click on the “Member Services” Tab and chose “Resources” to access the Guidelines.

### **In-practice Support**

Through funding from the GPSC, your local PSP Regional Support Team can arrange customized EMR optimization support for you in the comfort of your own practice. The cost of the Peer Mentor is covered by this funding; the only cost to you is your time.

- Contact your local PSP Liaison, Byron Salahor, at **604-512-4197** or call **604-519-8585** to request support
- Your support needs will be documented and you will be connected with a physician or MOA peer mentor
- Your peer mentor will work with you at your practice, at a mutually agreed time
- There will be follow up to ensure that you received the help you needed