

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Toronto, Ontario

June 25, 2009

Vice-Chair's Report

Dr. Simon Sutcliffe welcomed new Directors Linda Miller, Deputy Minister of Health in Alberta and Peter Goodhand, CEO of the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Partnership's new Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Aslam Bhatti. Dr. Sutcliffe shared a letter to Stephen Harper, from outgoing Board chair Jeff Lozon, thanking the Prime Minister for establishing the Partnership.

CEO Report

Ms. Jessica Hill notified the Board of an upcoming independent evaluation by Health Canada, with the objective of assessing the Partnership's progress in carrying out the Strategy by advancing cancer control in Canada. She reported on actions being taken to update the Partnership's procurement policy, on a joint meeting with the Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies, and on discussions with the Joint Oncology Drug Review Steering Committee.

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Board approved an increase in the number of members, to 19 Directors. The Board nominated six Directors for election (René Gallant, Sally Thorne, Elizabeth Whamond, Peter Goodhand, Simon Sutcliffe, and Christine Power) for three year terms, reviewed two appointments, approved the appointment of three officers (Simon Sutcliffe; Chair, René Gallant; Vice-Chair, Peter Crossgrove; Chair of Finance and Audit Committee) and approved the composition of its standing committees. Based on a recommendation by the Independent Evaluation, that the council's role required clarification, the Board approved a restructuring of the Advisory Council with the dissolution of the Council, and the implantation of timely and targeted committees and expert panels as necessary to provide strategic advice to the Board on future planning priorities and activities. In doing so, the Board stressed the importance of continued openness to seeking and receiving advice, and recognized the valuable role of the Advisory Council as the Partnership established itself. The Board made several suggestions about Board development and reviewed the committee's 2009-10 Work Plan.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Board approved Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2009, and reviewed the Partnership's insurance requirements and the committee's 2009-10 Work Plan.

Performance Committee

The Board reviewed the 2009-10 Work Plan for the Performance Committee. Management notified the Board that it is exploring options for an effective governance and accountability framework for the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow project, and will report back in September. Management provided information to the Board about quality initiatives in cancer control, a framework for Stakeholder Engagement, the Partnership's role in international cancer control activities, a Q4 Status Report as of March 31, 2009 and a Q4 Enterprise Performance and Risk Management scorecard.

Direct-to-Board Reports

The Board was provided with an update about the Portal project, including the planned public launch in July of 2009.