

Board of Director Meeting Highlights

Quebec City, Quebec

April 12, 2012

Board Development – Occupational and Environmental Cancers - CAREX

Dr. Paul Demers, Director, Occupational Cancer Research Centre, Cancer Care Ontario, provided a brief history of CAREX Canada, a national surveillance project that estimates the number of Canadians exposed to substances associated with cancer in the workplace and community environments. Mr. Demers then presented on occupational and environmental cancer and highlighted how these estimates provide significant support for targeting exposure reduction strategies and cancer prevention programs.

Chair's Report/Executive Committee Report

Jessica Hill, CEO, updated the Board on the Partnership's new organization structure and indicated it will go into effect on June 8. Ms. Hill also reported that the Partnership's new advisory structure is being formulated and noted that an update will be provided to the Board at the June Board meeting. Board member Chris Clark then reported on the progress made by the CEO Search Committee.

CEO Report

Jessica Hill, CEO, referred the Board to a hard copy report of the Chief Executive Officer. Items referenced within it included the following:

Breast Screening Initiative:

Ms. Hill advised the Board that the Public Health Agency of Canada will be transferring the Canadian Breast Cancer Initiative to the Partnership. Ms. Hill noted that she viewed this as a synergistic opportunity.

Performance Measurement:

Ms. Hill provided an update on the organization's efforts to strengthen its performance measurement strategy to further improve the way in which the Partnership tracks progress against the objectives of the strategic plan. The performance measurement strategy is due to Health Canada on October 31, 2012.

Board Members Update:

- Dr. Evan Adams was appointed as Deputy Provincial Health Officer in British Columbia and was also confirmed as a keynote speaker at the UICC World Cancer Congress.
- René Gallant, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, reviewed the recruitment process and planned outreach for the upcoming Board vacancies.

Update on Partnership Initiatives:

Ms. Hill updated the Board on the Partnership's initiatives including:

- System Performance: Ms. Hill noted that Dr. Heather Bryant, VP, Cancer Control, and the System Performance team have been engaging experts and knowledge leaders for input into the planning for cancer system performance measurement and reporting.
- Screening: Ms. Hill reported on the development of screening products that are recognized worldwide and that contribute to changing attitudes, including “Five Feet of Fabulous”, a public service announcement about getting screened for colon cancer. Ms. Hill also reported that the Canadian Cancer Screening Conference held in March encouraged thinking about approaches across different screening programs.
- Evaluation: Lee Fairclough, VP, Knowledge Management updated the Board on initiative evaluations, highlighting the National Staging Initiative as an example of lessons learned from success. The Board acknowledged the importance of evaluations and impact of the Partnership’s achievements.
- Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project: Dr. Heather Bryant, VP, Cancer Control, updated the Board on the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow initiative and noted that significant strides have been made in recruitment. Dr. Bryant also noted that the Ontario region has launched a pilot to assess the public’s interest in providing bio-samples and that the results will help to provide a better picture of the expected uptake for bio-sample collection. Dr. Bryant concluded by noting that a new partnership has been formed between the Partnership, Genome Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- Ms. Hill reported that “Accelerating Knowledge to Action: the Pan-Canadian Cancer Control Strategy” was authored by the Partnership’s senior team and submitted to Current Oncology, a peer reviewed journal.

2011/12 Corporate Plan – Risk and Forecast Summary

Aslam Bhatti, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, updated the Board on the status of various projects, highlighting those with medium risk and the mitigating strategies being implemented by Management. The Board reviewed and accepted the 2011/12 Corporate Plan: Risk and Forecast Summary Report as at February 29, 2012.

Finance and Audit Committee Report

The Board Approved interim financial statements for nine months ending December 31, 2011.

Selection of Board Chair

The Board approved the appointment of Chris Clark as Board Chair for a term of two years commencing after the June 2012 meeting.