

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Ottawa (Ontario)

April 16, 2009

Vice-Chair's Report

Dr. Simon Sutcliffe reported on the successful signing of the new funding agreement with Health Canada in March. The Global Leadership Forum for Cancer Control in September will be represented by the Board and Partnership management. Dr. Sutcliffe thanked departing board members (Patty Meade, Barb Whyllie) for their contributions and announced that René Gallant will assume the role of Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee.

CEO Report

Ms. Jessica Hill notified the Board of upcoming media coverage about the Partnership. Ms. Hill reported that the Canadian Virtual Hospice re-launch and accompanying media relations efforts were well received, and that First Nations communities have fully subscribed to the new Saint Elizabeth Health Care @YourSide colleague web based cancer care course, identifying it as an effective tool to support local capacity.

Performance Committee

The Board approved a change to the funding arrangement for the National Cancer Staging Initiative that will allow the project to achieve its stated objectives and which will address funding proposals received from every jurisdiction.

A revised strategy for the Health Human Resource Action Group was approved by the Board, with a new focus on how innovation may assist in optimizing and sustaining human resource capacity in cancer control.

The findings and recommendations of the Independent Evaluation were reviewed and it was agreed that the information will assist senior management in planning for the balance of the mandate. Progress on actions based on recommendations in the evaluation, including stakeholder engagement, will be reported to the Board at future meetings.

Portal Oversight Committee

The beta launch of the portal is anticipated in late April with all statements of work and licensing agreements in place.

Finance and Audit Committee

The Board approved interim financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2008. There will be a report back to the Board at a later date about how the Partnership advances funds to, and monitors expenditures by, third parties. The Management Compliance Report on Liability issues will be provided to the Board on an annual basis. 2009/10 operating plans were discussed and approved, with priority areas being identified as: Stakeholder Engagement, Portal (Release 2), Cancer System Reporting/Scorecard, Cancer Risk Management, Coalitions Linking Action and Science for Prevention, Cohort Governance, Staging and Synoptic Pathology, and Synoptic Surgical Reporting.

Governance and Nominating Committee

All five Directors with terms expiring in May 2009 have indicated willingness to allow their names to stand for nominations for further terms. Peter Goodhand has been nominated as the Director at large “whom shall be affiliated with the CCS/NCIC”. A Board Evaluation indicated enthusiasm for the work of the Partnership is strong among Board members and there is opportunity for Board development.