

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

St. John's, Newfoundland

June 28, 2011

Board Development – Cancer Survival, Mortality and Incidence

Dr. Heather Bryant, VP, Cancer Control, provided a presentation to the Board on cancer survival, mortality and incidence.

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:

- **Public outreach:** A public opinion survey was completed in May that gathered qualitative and quantitative public input to inform the planning of the Partnership's public outreach efforts. Specific goals associated with the survey - which polled 3,000 Canadians - were to establish a benchmark for ongoing measurement of awareness of the national strategy in general, and the Partnership specifically; and to help the Partnership to position its work in a way that will resonate with a broad audience. The highlights and outcomes from the survey will be used to inform Partnership communications plans.
- **Innovation and adoption funding opportunities:** Canada Health Infoway (CHI) launched its ImagineNation Outcomes Challenge to accelerate the use of innovative solutions with the potential to improve healthcare quality and the patient experience. Clinical synoptic reporting is a key theme.
- **International linkages:** Planning continues for the Union for International Cancer Control's 2012 World Cancer Congress in Montreal, Quebec. The Congress represents an opportunity to profile Canada's work in cancer control. Ms. Hill is chairing the 2012 Canada-wide Advisory Council and Dr. Heather Bryant is co-chair of the Executive Scientific Committee.

Strategic Planning

Caroline Heick, Executive Lead, Office of Strategy and Performance, presented the updated proposed 2012-2017 strategic framework, revised since the January 2011 meeting when it was presented as part of *The Future of Cancer Control in Canada* discussion paper. The proposed framework outlines the Partnership's objectives, strategic priorities and core enabling functions for the next five years. It will be used to help identify innovative ways to collaborate to further progress in advancing Canada's cancer control strategy and inform the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan and Health Canada Funding Agreement. The Board approved the revised proposed 2012-2017 strategic framework with noted amendments and indicated its support for discussions with Health Canada to proceed.

2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements

Aslam Bhatti, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2011, which were subsequently approved by the Board.

Appointment of Auditors for 2011/2012

The Board re-appointed Grant Thornton LLP as the auditors of the Partnership to hold office for the year ending March 31, 2012.

National Staging Initiative – Update

Lee Fairclough, VP, Knowledge Management, provided an update on the National Staging Initiative and reported that nine of 10 provinces are on track to achieve the minimum target of 90% of population-based staging for the four major cancers (breast, colorectal, lung and prostate) by the end of the first mandate. Work has been initiated with the tenth province with the goal of having data available early in the Partnership's next mandate.

Portal – Update

Lee Fairclough, VP, Knowledge Management provided an update to the Board on cancerview.ca. Ms. Fairclough discussed some of the positive impacts resulting from cancerview.ca's collaborative model and highlighted recent successes including the Canadian Cancer Trials database and The Truth of It video series. She concluded by providing an update to the Board on the cancerview.ca redesign.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis Action Plan – Update

Leanne Kitchen-Clarke, VP, Public Affairs advised the Board that the First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) Action Plan on Cancer Control has received the support of the national Aboriginal organizations and the Advisory Committee on FNIM Cancer Control and validated by the FNIM Caucus. Ms. Kitchen-Clarke provided an update on the implementation of the action plan. Jessica Hill, Chief Executive Officer, concluded by reporting that the federal Minister of Health expressed her personal interest in the implementation of the Action Plan.

Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project Oversight Committee

Board member Sally Thorne reported that the terms of reference for the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project Oversight Committee were developed by senior management and reviewed by the committee. The Board approved the Terms of Reference as presented. Ms. Thorne then introduced Alison Spaul, the project's Executive Director. Ms. Spaul provided an update on project recruitment and offered a region-by-region view of each cohort's status and progress. The Board discussed recruitment challenges and various options to enhance enrolment in the study.

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Board approved the elections of Milton Sussman and Dr. Evan Adams to the Board of Directors. The Board approved the re-appointment of Dr. Simon Sutcliffe as Chair of the Partnership and Mel Cappe as Vice-Chair of the Partnership. In addition, Chris Clark was re-appointed to hold the office of Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for a further term. The Board then reviewed and approved the composition of all Board committees.