

ECBC Physician Reference Group Meeting

December 12, 2023

In attendance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Todd Ring-ECBC (<i>Co-chair</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Aron Zuidhof – IHA (<i>Co-Chair</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Korchinski - ECBC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jim Christenson – ECBC | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Craig Murray – FHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eric Grafstein- VCH/PHC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tandi Wilkinson – IHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Monika Wojtera - FHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ka Wai Cheung - VCH/PHC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Tony Kwan - IHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Justin Flynn - NH | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeff Yoo – VCH/PHC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeffrey Beselt – FNHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Devin Spooner - NH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Christine Hall – VIHA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gord McInnes – Doc of BC SEM | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Markham – RCCBC | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Stefan Da Silva – VIHA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manpreet Khaira – MoH | <input type="checkbox"/> Jel Coward - RCCBC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garth Meckler – BCCH |

Guest: Karanvir Gill, MD Student, UBC

Meeting Overview

The fourth meeting of the Emergency Care BC Emergency Physician Reference group occurred on December 12, 2023. Meetings will occur monthly on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 am.

The primary purpose of the Emergency Physician Reference Group is to foster knowledge exchange, collaboration, and networking amongst emergency physicians, MoH and HA emergency medicine leadership.

The EPRG aims to:

- Identify and understand current opportunities and challenges in the provision of emergency services across BC.
- Identify and understand issues core to emergency physician providers including issues pertaining to recruitment, retention, and provider wellbeing.
- Collaboratively identify gaps and prioritize solutions to current challenges in the provision of emergency care, including but not limited to emergency department overcrowding, health human resourcing (HHR), rural ED closure/diversion, and provider wellbeing.
- Identify key issues and priorities for First Nation communities who access emergency departments across BC.
- Identify key issues and priorities for rural and remote populations who access emergency departments across BC.
- Identify key issues and priorities for underserved groups who access emergency departments across BC.

Membership of the ERPG includes:

- ECBC Medical Director (Co-chair)
- ECBC Executive Director



- MoH Executive Director Acute Services
- Health Authority Emergency Medical Directors (Co-Chair)
- Doctors of BC SEM Rep
- RCCBC Rep
- 2 representative Emergency Physicians from each BC Health Authority including one urban and one rural provider
- Ad hoc members (at discretion of CO-Chairs and EPWG)

Items Discussed:

1. **UBC Policy Group: Safer Conditions in the ED:** Karanvir gave presentation on unsafe work conditions in ED-suggestion from WG. Recommend to reach out to DoBC and FNHA.

Purpose of engagement: To seek deeper understanding of the issues impacting BC EDs and seek recommendations on how they might be addressed.

Comments:

1. Emergency Department gridlock is a bigger issue than patient volume arriving to EDs
 2. ED Position Statement – recently published by CAEP
 3. Seeking Advisory committee members – Gord interested in participating as the President of SEM
 4. Manpreet recommended seeking input from DoBC
 5. Jim C recommended finding the voice of the Medical Learner considering specialty options and where to set up a career an important lens for this work
 6. Discussion around narrowing the focus of the policy/advocacy work
- **ACTION:**
 - Lori to connect with St. Paul's ED group to learn about their access and flow work.
 - Aron to forward ESAC – report and recommendations on ED overcrowding.

2. **Mental Health Form 4/5:** Todd/Lori met with MoH partners. The ministry has put forward legislation through legal counsel mandating the completion of the form 4.1 and form 5.1. ED physicians will be required to fill in a stabilization component of the form 5.1 and a second form 5.1 will need to be filled out for the treatment plan by the psychiatrist.

Gord: Doc of BC SEM getting a second legal opinion-looking a psychiatry on call and should they come in to fill in form. Lots of routes to get best practices-that are better than ED physicians being expected to do this vs getting value from those who have expertise.

- **ACTION**
 - ECBC will be engaging with partners to develop a standard approach to the form 5.1
 - Gord, SEM will continue on a pathway to explore further legal counsel through DoBC to review the legislation and will bring further conversation back to the group as needed.

3. **ECBC Strategic Plan Update:** Lori presented a high-level overview of ECBC draft strategic action plan.

- **ACTION**
 - **ECBC will circulate draft plan for information and feedback on what are the priorities in the first year, what does success look like and how to measure it?**

Jim acknowledged the great work done so far by ECBC and collaborators on the document.

4. **Next meeting:** Discussion of compensation in the context of the PMA negotiations. Gord, Todd and Aron to collaborate in leading the discussion.

Manpreet also looking to share updates from the Memorandum of Understanding conversation with Alberta.

ACTION LOG:

Action Description	Owner	Due Date	Notes/Comments
Update TOR to include accountability and reporting as discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms of Reference: Terms of Reference were again presented to the EPRG and with final input being sought ○ Todd to circulate final version of TOR for EPWG 	Todd Ring	Completed	
ECBC to continue to work on rural locum pool and will report back to EPRG	Todd Ring	Ongoing	
Continue to fill EPWG membership ensuring diversity of membership	Todd Ring	Ongoing	
Include feedback when developing ECBC strategic plan	Todd/Lori	Completed	
Share draft strategic action plan with EPWG when complete	Todd/Lori	Ongoing	
Share BC/AB Transport MOU details	Manpreet	Ongoing	