

**February 21, 2017**



*Dr. Kendall Ho, Dr. Martha Donnelly and Dr. Bonnie Wiese attended the Medical Staff Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> and learned more about the Vancouver Physician Staff Association and the funding opportunity for physician-led projects. There is currently \$200K available for activities that support improved collaboration among physicians and with health authority leaders. The ultimate goal is to improve patient care and create a more rewarding work experience for physicians.*

## **Submit Your Ideas for Physician-led Activities**

### **- *Deadline for proposals: March 6***

More than 100 physicians attended the February 20<sup>th</sup> Vancouver CoC Medical, Dental & Allied Staff Quarterly Meeting and learned more about the Facility Engagement Initiative aimed at improving the work environment and strengthening relationships among physicians and with the health authority. Led by the Vancouver Physician Staff Association (VPSA), the Facility Engagement Initiative will fund and support projects that:

- Address issues affecting physicians and patients
- Establish a unified physician voice to influence priorities and work collaboratively with VCH
- Create a great place to work with the best patient care

A number of priorities have been flagged by physicians through consultation sessions held at Blusson, GF Strong and UBC Hospital. Physician feedback from these sessions is summarized on the [website](#). More ideas were raised during the February 20<sup>th</sup> staff meeting. These ranged from focusing on physician wellness to improving collaboration across departments and sites.

“We need to improve patient transitions,” said Dr. Martha Donnelly, Geriatric Psychiatrist. “This means working with other disciplines such as medicine, surgery and psychiatry to create a more patient-centric approach. This funding could help improve the nature of communication between physicians and support opportunities for joint education and possibly the creation of care plans together.”

### ***How to submit a proposal***

In this initial phase, the VPSA has invited proposals for physician-led projects with funding requirements up to \$20,000. There will be a second request for proposals later this year for larger scale projects.

**The deadline for the first round of proposals is 6:00pm March 6, 2017.** This Stage 1 process is simple. All you have to do is answer a few questions by completing parts A and B. Visit the [website](#) to apply and/or for more information.