

January 18, 2018

VPSA Breakfast with Leaders Series kicks off with Mary Ackenhusen, VCH CEO

Approximately 25 physicians, representing acute, primary, community care, and multiple disciplines, attended a breakfast discussion with Mary Ackenhusen, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health on Thursday, January 11. The goal of the meeting was to foster connections between frontline physicians and VCH leadership.

“Physicians told us they want to have more input into decision-making and closer connections with VCH leadership,” explained Vancouver Physician Staff Association (VPSA) Facility Engagement Co-Chair Dr. Lyne Filiatrault. “That’s why we’ve created this Breakfast with Leaders Series.”

Building Understanding

The one hour breakfast session with Mary Ackenhusen was the first in a monthly breakfast series aimed at building understanding for the different leadership roles within VCH and for leaders to gain insight into physician priorities and concerns. The Jan. 11th discussion highlighted a number of key areas of interest that resonated with everyone in attendance, these included:

- Addressing barriers to patient repatriation from acute care
- Increasing capacity of primary care in the community
- Creating a more patient-focused approach to transitions in care
- Establishing a more responsive system of care across the continuum of services

It was recognized that solutions take time and require participation from VCH leaders, frontline physicians, Ministry of Health representatives and many other stakeholders. There was also agreement that a more collaborative culture is required to address priorities. This is what the VPSA Facility Engagement Initiative is all about.

“We apply a ‘Connect, Collaborate, Care’ approach to bring physicians together, and are now extending this same approach to start engaging with VCH leaders,” said Dr. Lyne Filiatrault.

Upcoming VPSA Facility Engagement Initiative Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Breakfast with Leaders Series, featuring: Kip Woodward, VCH Board Chair

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:00am – 8:00am Paetzold Multipurpose Room (1888, JPPN, First Floor)

Consider sending in your questions ahead of time.

Catered event for VPSA staff physicians. **RSVP by February 2 to:**

vanphysicianstaffassocaa@gmail.com

Luncheon with Dr. Rahul Gupta – Cultivating Provider Resilience: Through Mindfulness

Thursday, February 15, 2018

12:00 – 1:00pm Round Room (VGH, JPPS Second Level)

RSVP by February 9th to: vanphysicianstaffassocaa@gmail.com