

March 16, 2018

VPSA Physicians and VCH Leaders Connect

- *Breakfast series creates opportunities for dialogue*

Consultation with physicians has resulted in a number of priorities identified for the Vancouver Physician Staff Association (VPSA) Facility Engagement Initiative. Physicians said they wanted to know who does what, where decisions are made and how to ensure physician input into decision-making.

The VPSA hosted an initial breakfast event in December 2017, attended by more than 50 physicians and VCH leaders including medical directors, operations directors and others interested in creating a more collaborative and connected work environment. Feedback was positive, and more events were planned.

Coffee and conversation

Supporting patient transitions while ensuring timely repatriation from acute care to community was a hot topic at the first monthly **Breakfast with Leaders** event in January, with VCH CEO Mary Ackenhusen. In February, VCH Board Chair Kip Woodward provided insight into his role and how the Board works, noting his concerns for recruitment and retention, and the challenges of an aging population. Physicians emphasized the importance of physician leadership training and development.

Glen Copping, Chief Financial Officer and VP, Systems Development and Performance, was VPSA's breakfast guest in March. He highlighted the need for secure, standardized infrastructure to address technology challenges across VCH. His top priorities for engaging with physicians include:

1. Primary Care - improving patient attachment, addressing gaps and improving care coordination
2. Encouraging more physicians to take on leadership roles
3. Planning surgical services across BC to better meet population needs

Engagement Evaluation Survey – *watch for it, do it, make a difference!*

The UBC Evaluation Team is conducting a confidential survey to measure the level of physician and leadership engagement across Vancouver Acute. The survey will be distributed via email to VPSA physicians, health authority leaders and other stakeholders. It only takes five minutes to complete.

Upcoming VPSA Facility Engagement Initiative Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Breakfast with Leaders Series, featuring: Steven Tam, VCH General Counsel

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 7:00am – 8:00am, RSVP by March 30: vpsa.rsvp@gmail.com

NEW LOCATION: Tapestry Meeting Room #2 (East) 2821 Heather Street

Unique Lives in Medicine – Dr. Faisal Khosa, Radiologist, colleague & award winning scholar

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, Paetzold Multipurpose Room;

RSVP by April 16: vpsa.rsvp@gmail.com

Sun Run April 22, 2018 – Join the VPSA Wellness Team!

Register by March 23: <https://register.vancouversunrun.com> Team Name: VPSA Wellness

Joint VPSA/ Vancouver CoC Medical, Dental & Allied Staff Association Town Hall – April 23

Round Room, Jim Pattison, Level 2, VGH - 5:30pm to 7:00pm RSVP by April 16:

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