

CWC P.G. CO. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 21, 2023

2023-24 CWC PCN ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee, the Board and the Joint Venture Governance Committee approved the Calgary West Central Primary Care Network's (CWC PCN's) 2023-24 Annual Budget. The budget will be submitted to Alberta Health for approval prior to the April 15, 2023 deadline.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PCNs

Following the announcement of additional funding provided to PCNs under the new physician agreement between the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) and the Government of Alberta, the CWC PCN is anticipating receiving a moderate payment in addition to the regular per-capita payment to be used toward expenses that are eligible under the terms of the PCN Grant Agreement. As the additional funding is a two-year commitment from Alberta Health, the organization is also expecting to receive the same amount of additional funding in the next fiscal year. In alignment with the agreement, funds received will be used to expand clinical teams and programs to better support physician members and their patients.

BUSINESS PLAN AMENDMENTS

The CWC PCN is forecasting a surplus at the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year. Plans are underway to engage with the membership to determine how to utilize the surplus funds based on needs identified by physician members. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Alberta Health will be required to approve the use of surplus funds through a Business Plan Amendment, as the funds must be used in a manner that aligns with Alberta Health Objectives for PCNs.

BOARD MEMBER AGREEMENTS

In alignment with direction from Alberta Health and Accreditation Canada Governance standards, the CWC PCN is committed to supporting effective, consistent, and accountable governance and oversight. As part of this commitment, and in response to recommendations made from Alberta Health provided during the organization's most recent audit, the CWC PCN has strengthened its policies around contracts. Accordingly, the CWC PCN has developed a new comprehensive Board Member Agreement. The new agreement provides additional clarity on the roles and responsibilities of each party, the scope of work, terms related to compensation, and conflict resolution procedures.

QUARTERLY PATIENT EXPERIENCE & SAFETY SUMMARY REPORT (DEC 1 TO FEB 28)

The Board reviewed the Quarterly Patient Experience & Safety Summary Report highlighting patient feedback and patient safety incidents related to care received at the Primary Care Centre (PCC). In the past quarter, the PCC reported three patient safety incidents, two of which were reported as close-call incidents. To support quality improvement initiatives, the CWC PCN's Clinical Safety Observations Checklist is being revised and will be used by the PCC to conduct quarterly audits of the environment and products to help ensure a safe environment is maintained and prevent future patient safety incidents from occurring.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023.

Should you have any questions or would like further information, please send your request to board@cwcpcn.com or jmacpherson@cwcpcn.com