

## **SOHC AGM**

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 7:00 pm  
Riverside Community Centre

### **The Year in Review**

#### **2013**

October 23

- SOHC holds its second Annual General Meeting at Riverside - new executive comprises Ed Staples, president; Spencer Coyne, vice-president; Nienke Klaver, secretary; June Hope, treasurer; Ole Juul and Judy Short, directors

October 25 & 26

- Ed Staples attends the Okanagan Similkameen Healthy Living Coalition Foresighting workshop at the Heritage Inn, Naramata

October 29

- SOHC participates in teleconference meeting with Dr. Barbara Pesut and other UBCO researchers to discuss plans for a Princeton based research project on chronic illness

November 5

- Ed Staples and Nienke Klaver attend Air Quality meeting with Ralph Adams, Ministry of the Environment; Brad Hope, Area H; and Glenn Smith, Eagle Valley Pellet Plant

November 19

- second monthly meeting of the Princeton Health Care Steering Committee (PHCSC) - Ed Staples represents SOHC on committee

November 22

- Ed Staples & Nienke Klaver meet with Walter Hogg, Seniors Representative on the PHCSC to discuss local seniors' concerns

November 28

- first meeting of the Princeton-UBC-SOHC Healthcare Research team at Riverside Community Centre; chaired by Dr. Barbara Pesut, the team included researchers from UBCO, local healthcare professionals, local elected representatives, and SOHC executive members. The aim of PUSH-R is to improve care for persons living with life-limiting chronic illness in rural BC communities

December 4

- Steering Committee meets with Interior Health CEO, Dr. Halpenny and IH Board Chair, Norm Embrie. Discussion centres on physician recruitment and the Steering Committee Action Plan

December 9

- telephone meeting with Patricia Roe, manager of the Sherbrooke Community Centre in Saskatoon, to discuss the development of an Artists for Life program in Princeton
- telephone meeting with Dr. Barbara Pesut (UBCO) and Avril Paice (United Way) to discuss United Way involvement in PUSH-R

December 17

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH

December 19

- teleconference meeting with PUSH-R group to discuss possible research questions and literature review

## **2014**

January 14

- teleconference meeting with Barb Pesut and June Hope to discuss the formulation of a Princeton resource list for chronic illness care

January 17

- PUSH-R teleconference meeting

January 20

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH

February 18

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH

February 25

- teleconference meeting with BC Health Coalition - Adam Lynes-Ford presents information on the legal challenge to public health care mounted by Dr. Brian Day and the Cambie Clinic

February 26

- teleconference meeting with PUSH-R group to plan for next face to face meeting at UBCO in Kelowna

February 28

- meeting with Adam Lynes-Ford (BC Health Coalition) to discuss threats to public health care

March 5

- meeting with Anita Drees (Princeton Seniors) and Lynn Pelly (Princeton Community Services) to discuss Artists for Life initiative

March 7

- meeting at RDOS to work on BC Healthy Communities grant application for Artists for Life initiative

March 10

- meeting at Riverside with Avril Paice to discuss potential United Way programs for Princeton

March 14

- Artists for Life grant application sent to BC Healthy Communities Society

March 18

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH

March 19

- Alex Atamanenko public meeting at Legion Hall - Ed Staples makes presentation on the expiry of the Public Health Accord and the legal challenge to Medicare mounted by Dr. Brian Day

March 25

- BC Health Coalition teleconference meeting to discuss possible action to be taken to inform public about the Dr. Brian Day court challenge to Medicare

March 27

- PUSH-R meeting at UBCO in Kelowna; group agrees to focus on the challenges of providing care to people suffering from chronic illness in rural remote communities

March 31

- SOHC sponsors Public Rally in support of Medicare at Veteran's Square; over 100 people attend the event to hear speeches calling on the federal and provincial government to renew the Canada Health Accord that expires on April 1st

April 4

- at the invitation of MLA Jackie Tegar, SOHC makes presentation to Ashcroft residents outlining the steps taken in Princeton that led to the formation of the Princeton Health Care Steering Committee

April 10 & 11

- Ed Staples and Nienke Klaver attend the Rural Health Services Research Network conference held in Kelowna; presentations focused on building healthy communities in BC; partial funding was provided by RHSRNbc

April 15

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH

April 22

- telephone meeting with Bernie Easson (Interior Health) to discuss her involvement in the Ashcroft Community Consultation

April 29

- telephone meeting with Loretta Zilm (Interior Health) to discuss ways to promote the use of telehealth services in Princeton
- BC Health Coalition monthly update meeting on Cambie Clinic court challenge

May 12

- Appreciation Dinner held at PGH for Princeton Health Care practitioners, nurses, paramedics and support staff; the event was organized by the Steering Committee with financial support from the Town of Princeton and RDOS-Area H

May 15

- SOHC executive members attend a presentation by the GP for Me initiative, held at Riverside

May 20

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH; committee learns that Dr. Eva has resigned and will be leaving Princeton at the end of July; Ed Staples volunteers to be on the newly formed Retention & Recruitment sub-committee

May 27

- monthly update meeting with BC Health Coalition to discuss development in Medicare court challenge; SOHC presents plans for Public Forum on Medicare to be held in Princeton on June 4

June 4

- SOHC presents Public Forum on Medicare at Riverside; speakers include Dr. Duncan Etches (Canadian Doctors for Medicare), Rick Turner (Co-chair of the BC Health Coalition), and Ed Staples (SOHC President); Brad Hope moderated the evening

June 6

- Retention & Recruitment sub-committee holds first meeting; members include Brad Hope, John Akerley, Doug Pateman, and Ed Staples

June 13

- Retention & Recruitment sub-committee meets; Nienke Klaver is invited to join the group as recording secretary

June 17

- Steering Committee meeting at PGH; members vote to extend committee's mandate for a second year, begins review of Action Plan; IH announces that Dr. Ahmed Saif from UK is looking at Princeton as a location to begin his practice in BC

June 21

- Retention & Recruitment meets with Drs. Black and Monro to discuss recruitment strategies and how they might be involved

June 27

- Ashcroft Community Consultation organizational meeting (teleconference) - SOHC is invited to participate and provide advice and assistance

July 2

- Dr. Ahmed Saif and his family visit Princeton; welcome reception and barbecue are held at the home of Brad and June Hope

July 7

- Retention & Recruitment meeting at Town Office

July 8

- Ashcroft organizational meeting by telephone

July 22

- Ashcroft organizational meeting
- Princeton Health Care Steering Committee monthly meeting at PGH

July 23

- Dr. Eva farewell reception held at Riverside

July 28

- Retention & Recruitment meet with Jane Laroque (IH Physician Recruitment) to discuss IH role and strategies in recruiting a doctor for Princeton

July 29

- Ashcroft organization meeting
- Steering Committee monthly meeting at PGH

August 5

- Retention & Recruitment meeting at Town Office - Lori Thomas invited to attend to discuss the development of promotional materials

August 27

- Princeton Business Stakeholders group meets at Weyerhaeuser to discuss ways to relieve stress on doctors; Ed Staples is invited to participate in the meeting

September 2

- Ashcroft organizational meeting
- Ed Staples meets with Dr. Monroe to discuss the content of a recruitment brochure that she and Dr. Black will use in their recruitment efforts

September 16

- Community Consultation on Health Care is held at the Ashcroft Community Centre; the event is facilitated by Dr. Barbara Pesut with Brad Hope, June Hope, Nienke Klaver, and Ed Staples working as focus group leaders and recorders

September 19

- Business Stakeholders meet at Weyerhaeuser to discuss doctor recruitment & retention strategies - decision made to invite MLA Jackie Tegart to next meeting

September 30

- Steering Committee monthly meeting at PGH

October 9

- at the suggestion of Dr. Monroe, SOHC, in cooperation with the Princeton Chamber of Commerce, initiates the Love a Locum program to provide visiting doctors with a warm welcome to our community

October 31

- Business Stakeholders meet with MLA Jackie Tegart - discussion centres on doctor recruitment strategies and innovative ways to improve our health care system that will attract doctors and keep them here