

# VMAC HIGHLIGHTS: June 2024 meeting summary

*The Vancouver Medical Advisory Committee (VMAC) is VCH's senior medical administrative body for medical staff in the Vancouver Community of Care, including Vancouver Acute and Vancouver Community.*

## Public Health update

- People can again be charged, and their drugs seized for substance possession in public places. MoH requires health authorities to have similar policies.
- VGH plans to continue its mobile site. Ongoing discussions with MoH regarding other hospitals that do not have enough volume or staffing resources.
- Our goal is for more comprehensive addictions support to manage withdrawal and substance use and help with the transition of care back into the community.

## Allied Health Professional Practice Update

- Professional practice priorities: practice standards, competencies, recruitment and retention, models of care, and team-based care.
- Clinical education priorities: perfusion shortages, medical imaging shortages, MHSU model of care in ED and CL teams, Substance Use Task Force, Health Career Access Program, and models to address workforce shortages.

## Vancouver Community leadership update

- VC is working on withdrawal management changes; we continue to struggle with medical staffing at some sites.
- Long-term care is seeing challenges around growth and pressure for population and bed numbers.
- The longitudinal payment model is not applicable to some LTC physicians. VC is working with the regional team to stabilize its LTC workforce.
- Some hospice admissions to be relocated to Dogwood in June.

## Vancouver Acute leadership update

- Completed discharge summaries and operative notes have improved significantly since Cerner's implementation.
- Incomplete physician records in Cerner are against medical staff rules and affect patient care quality.
- With incomplete records, there will be a progression of initial incomplete records notice, followed by final notice, and then suspension, where the provider will not be able to admit patients as MRP
- Kudos to VCH CEO and President Vivian Eliopoulos, winner of YWCA Women of Distinction Award in health and wellness.

## Community Provider Credentialing and Privileging Process

- There is a need to improve credentialing and privileging practices for providers in community settings.
- VCH is the only BC health authority that grants privileges to all medical staff. There is no legal protection under Section 51 of the BC Evidence Act for those providing care in the community.
- Going forward, providers solely providing services in the community will be credentialed but not privileged. Those with a blend of practices will still require privileges.