

Administrative Decisions

- The final expenditure report for 2019/20 was approved by the Committee in which a total of \$69,174,515 was spent for all programs. For all SSC initiatives including Facility Engagement, \$21,754,585 remained in unspent and unallocated funds. These funds will be carried over to SSC's 2020/21 activities.
- A draft report to Physician Services Committee for the second quarter (July to September) was also approved by the Committee.

COVID-19 Updates

- The COVID-19 office safety plan support grant to community physicians offered by the Joint Collaborative Committees, first publicized in mid-September, has been utilized by about 1,100 community specialists to-date. The grant will continue to be publicized through various Doctors of BC and Joint Collaborative Committees' communications channels as needed until the December 31 deadline. Committee members are also encouraged to get the word out to community specialists in their networks.
- Based on a prior request by the Committee, a discussion was facilitated with select committee members in September who had volunteered to share the communications approaches of their respective organizations in an effort to improve two-way communications between physicians and organizational leaders particularly during the pandemic. The Committee showed interest in continuing this discussion, and time will be allotted at the November meeting for this conversation.
- Given the current freeze on in-person leadership training caused by the pandemic, the allocated budget for physician leadership training has been underutilized.

SSC staff will explore opportunities available for physicians throughout the province for the duration of the pandemic including physician workshops offered by UBC Sauder School of Business. Those committee members interested in providing input into these leadership training workshops can connect directly with Adrian Leung, SSC Director.

Joint Collaborative Committee Principles

Doctors of BC's CEO Allan Seckel presented the strategic priorities of the Doctors of BC which are in line with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim. More information is available in this [one-page fact sheet](#). Mr. Seckel also conveyed the Physician Services Committee's desire for the JCCs to focus on spread of successful improvement projects that have broader impact on patient care.

Spread of SSC quality initiatives

Based on the Physician Services Committee's advice to share the successful work being done by the Joint Collaborative Committees' programs and initiatives, the Committee discussed the scope of spread, roles and responsibilities of partners in this work, and the vehicles required to support distribution.

Further consultation with health authority leadership and other key stakeholders will be conducted over the next few weeks. The feedback collected through this consultation will be presented to the SSC at its November meeting.



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees representing a partnership of Doctors of BC and the government of BC. SSC aims to improve patient care by engaging physicians to:

- collaborate within the health system
- lead quality improvement initiatives
- deliver high quality services with SSC