

Prairies & NWT (PRN) Regional Liaison Committee

Record of Meeting : 2017-04-21 **Location:** Edmonton Valley Zoo, Edmonton AB

Participants Susan Matsumoto(co-chair), Stephanie Perilli(co-chair), Chris Brennan, Stephanie Smith

Members in Attendance: Val Dunphy, Erin Harder, Erin Isfeld, Joseph Janisse, Ian McDonald, Julien Meier, Joe Michielsen, Stephanie Perilli, Steve Shannon, Paula Van Vliet

Regrets: Jill Canart, Tammy Lu, Harvir Mann, Daryn Moody, Jonathan Niemczak, Josh Orzech, Donald Speidel

Meeting Summary

Agenda Item # 1: Opening Remarks

Presenter: Susan Matsumoto

- Susan welcomed everyone and round table introductions were done. The summary notes from the last meeting were approved.

Agenda Item # 1.1: Review of Agenda



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Presenter: Susan Matsumoto

- Agenda items reviewed

Agenda Item # 2.0: NLC Update

Presenter: Stephanie Perilli

Context: Inform

Major Points:

- Stephanie provided an update from the NLC.

Agenda Item #3.0: Volunteer Program Review

Presenter: Stephanie Smith

Context: Inform/Consult

Major Points:

- National Volunteer Week starts Sunday, April 22, 2017.
- The nature of how volunteers are engaged is changing; volunteers want short term, episodic, skilled roles.
- The most successful volunteer programs offer a variety of tools for the volunteer to lead their own experience.

Discussion followed

Agenda Item #4.0: Updates

Agenda Item # 4.1: Plasma Update

Presenter: Chris Brennan

Context: Inform/Consult

Major Points:

- There has been extensive consultation with the NLC on plasma. Have consulted with patients, advocates, doctors in Ottawa.

Agenda Item # 4.2: MSM/Trans Update

Presenter: Chris Brennan

Context: Inform/Consult

Major Points:

- The current MSM policy is a 1 year deferral. The next step could include behavioural based screening.
- Received many submissions that qualify to move forward in the research grant program.
- Funding will be awarded in July 2017, with a progress review scheduled for Jan/Feb 2018.
- Met with the trans community in Vancouver and Toronto to get feedback to improve their donation experience.

Agenda Item # 4.3: Open Board Meeting

Presenter: Chris Brennan

Context: Inform

Major Points:

- The open board meeting will be held in Edmonton on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 8:30-3:30 at the Sutton Hotel.
- Public presentations will start at 11:30.

ACTION: Chris will post the details on Basecamp.

Agenda Item # 4.4: BCY RLC Campus

Presenter: Chris Brennan

Context: Inform

Major Points:

- Challenges to holding blood awareness and collection events on campus due to MSM deferral policy.
- BCY RLC took this on, and there is a pilot meeting with the incoming student council, Blood Club, LGBTQ community on September 16, 2017.
- The BCY RLC meeting is June 3, 2017 and the campus pilot-day will be developed then.

Agenda Item #5.0: Regional Performance Update

Presenter: Susan Matsumoto

Context: Inform

Major Points:

- Alberta continues to exceed target in whole blood collections, and work is being done in Saskatchewan and Manitoba to reach target.
- The new donor target is very aggressive and to date, only reached 80.1% of target. This is buffered by the large number of reinstated donors.
- The main focus for 2017-18 is to drive appointments and new donor acquisition.

Agenda Item # 6.0: Door Relations Strategy

Presenter: Susan Matsumoto

Context: Inform

Agenda Item #7.0: RLC Strategy

Presenter: Chris Brennan/Steph Perilli

Context: Inform/Consult

Agenda Item #8.0: Round Table and Next Meeting Date and Location

- Next Meeting Date: potential dates to be sent to the committee for availability. Meeting will be in Calgary at the new clinic site.