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To all Island Physicians,

This letter is to update you on the progress of the *Provincial Medical Leadership Project* since our last letter of October 7, 2009, highlighting the Primary Health Care project.

The **Provincial Medical Leadership Steering Committee** continues to meet on a regular basis to carry out the medical leadership project. Minister Doug Currie and Deputy Keith Dewar attended the September 3 meeting to emphasize Government's endorsement of a strong Provincial Medical Advisory Committee as part of the medical services structure. Dr. David Matheson from Corpus Sanchez International spoke on his experiences on moving toward a multi-site Medical Advisory Committee as VP Medicine and Quality for the Fraser Health Authority. A proposed organization structure, encompassing the three elements of administration, quality and advocacy, was presented at the September 24 meeting. Work continues on the identification of the roles and responsibilities for the Provincial Medical Director, Zone/Site Medical Directors, Provincial/Local Medical Advisory Committees, and Presidents' Council for the proposed structure.

The **Physician Resource Planning** working group has developed a request for proposal (RFP) to engage a consultant for a physician human resource plan for the province. The RFP has been advertised at the Government Procurement website with a closing date of October 27. A final evaluation of the bids will be conducted prior to November 9 with a four-month completion date for the project. For additional information about the RFP, visit [www.gov.pe.ca/tenders](http://www.gov.pe.ca/tenders). The working group will also be making recommendations on the role and mandate of the existing Physician Resource Planning Committee.

The **Medical Staff Bylaw** working group continues to meet every second Friday to draft a set of medical staff bylaws for the province. The key components of the bylaws reflect the requirement of a Provincial Medical Advisory Committee and a standard province-wide privileging and credentialing process, discipline process and appointment and reappointment process. A target date for the completion of a draft is January 2010.

The Provincial Medical Leadership Steering Committee is committed to developing a medical leadership structure that reflects the three main thrusts of medical leadership: advocacy, quality management and medical administration. If you would like to become involved or if you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to call me or contact the Project Management Office at (902) 368-5810 or [healthinput@gov.pe.ca](mailto:healthinput@gov.pe.ca). These newsletters will all be posted to the *One Island Health System* website soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Wedge".

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