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Communities in Crisis: Mental Health and Substance Abuse
***Panel: Dr. Bill MacEwan , MD; Dr. Vijay Seethapathy, MD; Howard Tran;
Dr. Penny Ballem, MD***

Date: Friday, January 30, 2015
Time: 7:00 am - Registration and hot breakfast buffet
7:30 am to 9:00 am - Panel session
Place: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC

This panel session will:

1. Explore the complexity of the multi-faceted issues that surround people with mental illness.
2. Describe the approach and effectiveness of strategies and innovative models (i.e. Assertive Community Treatment, At Home/Chez Soi Project) being deployed in Vancouver to address chronic homelessness among people with mental illness and better manage interactions with police.
3. Discuss approaches, keys to success and barriers to collaboration among health authorities and the city in addressing mental health issues.

Panel members include:

- . Dr. Bill MacEwan, MD, Head - Department of Psychiatry St. Paul's Hospital
- . Dr. Vijay Seethapathy, MD, Medical Manager Vancouver ACT Teams & Burnaby Centre for Mental Health & Addiction (BCMHA), Vancouver BC
- . Howard Tran, Acting Inspector, Vancouver Police Department, Mental Health Team
- . Dr. Penny Ballem, MD, FRCP, City Manager, City of Vancouver

Speaker Bios:

Dr. Bill MacEwan graduated from UBC in medicine and completed his specialty training in psychiatry at UBC in 1987. His clinical and research interest has always focused on Schizophrenia. Academically Dr. MacEwan is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UBC and Associated Head for Clinical Affairs at the Department of Psychiatry. His research interests have been in the study of novel antipsychotics in the treatment of Schizophrenia; he has also been looking at clinical correlates of both Schizophrenia and Early Psychosis. His present work with the Downtown Community Court in Vancouver, BC allows Dr. MacEwan the opportunity to use the court as a health point of contact for individuals with extreme mental health issues. The DCC Mental Health program helps patients with their illness and prevents them from entering into further problems with criminal behavior. Currently, Dr. MacEwan is Head of Psychiatry at St. Paul's Hospital, Providence Health Care and is the clinical lead in a Hotel Study for the health and mental status of residents of the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver.

Dr. Vijay Seethapathy is Medical Manager for Burnaby Centre for Mental Health & Addiction, Physician Lead for Assertive Outreach team (AOT) & Vancouver Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT), Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, UBC and Oversight Director for Addiction Program for Psychiatry Residents in UBC. Dr Vijay Seethapathy is a graduate in medicine and received postgraduate diploma in Health Management from the Keele University in UK. He is a member of Royal College of Psychiatrists of UK and Fellow of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He has special interest in the field of addiction and concurrent disorders. Dr. Vijay Seethapathy has particular interest in clinical services & system design and is actively engaged in ongoing projects, addressing the needs for individuals with co occurring disorders.

Howard Tran, Acting Inspector is an 18 year member of the VPD – worked in a variety of assignments such as patrol, surveillance, recruiting, major crime section (robber squad), professional standards section (internal investigation), mental health unit. Current role is the Acting Inspector of the Youth Services Section which has oversight of the School Liaison Units, Youth Squad, Police Community Response Teams such as Car 87, Car 86, Yankee 10 and Yankee 20 and the Mental Health Unit which encompasses ACT and AOT. Also hold the mental health portfolio for the VPD.

Dr. Penny Ballem Bio to follow

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