

**Data Stewardship Committee  
Annual Report, 2009/2010**

Requirement to Report

This report is submitted in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 16(1) of the *e-Health (Personal Health Information Access and Protection of Privacy) Act*:

16(1) At least once each year, the data stewardship committee must report to the minister respecting

- (a) The activities of the data stewardship committee,
- (b) Information-sharing agreements entered into by an administrator under this Division, and
- (c) Any matter the minister requires.

Activities of the Data Stewardship Committee in 2009/2010

The Data Stewardship Committee is newly constituted this year, and activities have focused on committee formation and development. An effective working relationship has been established between the Committee and the Ministry of Health Services, in particular the Office of the Chief Data Steward, the Data Stewardship Secretariat, and the PharmaNet Stewardship Committee. Collaboration between the Data Stewardship and the PharmaNet Stewardship Committees is a priority for both the Committees and the Ministry.

During 2009/2010, eleven members were appointed to the Committee by the Minister, including 3 public members recruited by the Board Resourcing and Development Office. A supporting Data Stewardship Secretariat was established at the Ministry of Health Services under the Office of the Chief Data Steward.

The Committee met four times during the year to develop Terms of Reference and operating policies and processes, and to review sample case studies in preparation for future applications. No decisions on access to government data were made or information-sharing agreements were entered into during the Committee's first year.

The Data Stewardship Committee looks forward to a productive year in 2010/2011, and further opportunities to contribute to the effective stewardship of health data in BC.

Yours sincerely,



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