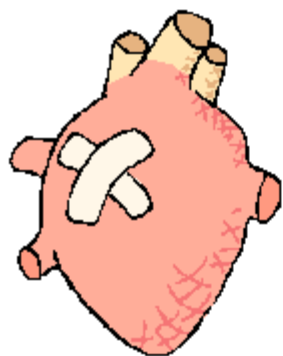


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WRHA Cardiac Sciences Program "Visioning" Retreat

On March 11, 2005, members of the Cardiac Sciences Program Leadership Team, (Dr. Alan Menkis, Medical Director; Mr. Francis LaBossière, Program Director; and Mr. Ken Rannard, Administrative Director), along with 46 members of the 'cardiac care' community, participated in developing a "Vision" for the Cardiac Sciences Program.

This Visioning was facilitated by Dr. Jerry Gray, former Dean of the Faculty of Management at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Gray has extensive experience in group work and with team and consensus building exercises. He defines a "VISION" statement as presenting a realistic, credible, attractive future for the Cardiac Sciences Program—a clear picture of our "destination."

He began his analogy of our Vision by asking, "How many of you would get on a bus if you didn't know its destination?"

The mission of the retreat was to establish the 'destination' for the Cardiac Sciences Program 'bus.' Once the destination has been decided, we then can make the choice whether to climb on board, or to decide that the bus may not be going in the right direction.



Visioning Retreat—March 2005 Our Vision

Dr. Jerry Gray provided a brief summary of the how's, where's and why's of Vision statements. In order to identify elements of a Vision for the new Cardiac Sciences Program, the group had to identify barriers to the implementation of that Vision. Once the barriers were identified, the group then had to identify opportunities to eliminate the barriers.

The process for building group consensus involved individual commitment of group members, followed by small group discussion and consensus, and finally, total group consensus.

Elements Which Will Lead to Our Vision Statement:

A Cardiac Sciences Program that:

1. Is locally and nationally recognized as a "center of excellence" for Cardiac Sciences.
2. Supports Research and Evidence Based Practice.
3. Provides seamless, timely and fiscally responsible cardiac services across the care continuum.
4. Fosters collaborative working relationships based on professionalism, mutual respect and open communication.
5. Offers patient-centered, well organized, comprehensive, and easily accessible care for the people of Manitoba.
6. Demonstrates a commitment to on-going professional development.
7. Has an accountability system for delivering safe and effective cardiac care.

Forward thinking:
It is okay to look back,
just don't stare."

Coming Up in *From the Heart*:
The Cardiac Sciences Program:
1. Who is it? 2. What is it?
3. Where is it? 4. How is it organized?

Quotes *From the Heart*:
"There is no instinct like that of the heart." - Lord Byron
"The worst prison would be a closed heart." - Pope John Paul II

Feedback/Talkback Corner
We invite your feedback....If you have questions, concerns, credits, or acknowledgments, etc., for the Cardiac Sciences Program Team (Dr. Alan Menkis, Mr. Francis LaBossierre, Mr. Ken Rannard), please forward your comments to Mary Hastings, c/o Z3055-409 Tache or send an email to: mhastings@sbgh.mb.ca.

Name the Newsletter Contest
We need a name for our newsletter and would like your help. Please submit your suggestion(s), along with your name and telephone number to mhastings@sbgh.mb.ca by June 10, 2005. The winner will receive a prize.

The Prize?...is a surprise!!!