

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
BC CORRECTIONS
BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For INFORMATION for Suzanne Anton, QC, Attorney General and Minister of Justice.

ISSUE: Summary of the process to hire a replacement for the position of medical director for BC Corrections.

SUMMARY:

- On September 5, 2014, media reported that BC Corrections intends to hire Dr. Diane Rothern on a \$372,000 no-bid contract as the Director of Medical Services.
- If the BC Bid posting is not contested by 2 p.m. on September 15, 2014 the BC Corrections Branch can enter into a one-year contract with Dr. Diane Rothern.
- The process followed by BC Corrections aligns with government's policies for contracting positions such as this.
- The contract's dollar amount reflects the specialized nature of the services, oversight and advice to be provided by Dr. Rothern to BC Corrections senior management.
- This position is central to providing oversight and advice on how BC Corrections provides quality health care services to inmates at all of BC's provincial correctional centres.
- At this point work is also underway between BC Corrections and the Ministry of Health to explore alternative options for the delivery of health care in BC's correctional centres.

BACKGROUND:

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- At that time BC Corrections issued an RFP to find a replacement and retained a physician for a one year contract. At the end of that year, it was mutually decided not to renew his contract again.
- Following difficulties recruiting another physician to perform the role, the Branch then issued a new RFP to find a nurse practitioner to act as Director of Health Services to work in conjunction with a doctor on retainer who provides 20 hours a month of consulting work.
- After difficulties hiring a long-term nurse practitioner to fill the role, the Ministry of Health provided a registered nurse to act as the Director of Health Services.
- It was determined a registered nurse does not have the medical training and background to be able to fulfil this role in its entirety.
- Due to this, it was identified that the best model is to have a physician as the full-time medical director. Given previous recruiting difficulties and the immediacy of needing the role filled, BC Corrections issued a notice of intent to hire Dr. Rothern.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- Ministry of Health.

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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH
BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For INFORMATION for the Attorney General and Minister of Justice

ISSUE: Update on review of the legislation governing the officers of the legislature.

SUMMARY:

s.12, s.13, s.14

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s12, s.13, s.14