



SPEAKING POINTS FOR

TERRY LAKE
HEALTH MINISTER

14TH ANNUAL HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

DELTA GRAND OKANAGAN RESORT

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Event Profile:

The 14th Annual Healthcare Summit is a forum that allows Canadian health care officials from across all levels of government, academics, senior policy makers, and the private sector to meet and discuss the ways in which government transforms healthcare delivery to produce effective and efficient solutions. Minister Lake will provide opening remarks. The minister is also attending the VIP Dinner June 26.

Audience:

This conference brings together health care experts to share case studies, policy, programs, research and technologies. It also provides sponsoring companies the opportunity to showcase their newest products. Media is invited.

Sponsoring companies include: Accenture, CGI, Cisco, IBM, Telus, Cerner and McKesson Canada.

What does the audience want to hear:

The audience wants to hear about the direction of health care from the minister.

Will anyone from the ministry be in attendance?:

Lindsay Kislock and Elaine McKnight are attending the event and are also listed as speakers. Barb Walman and Nick Grant are also attending. The event contact is Christine Barry. Cell:

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Key Messages:

- Our health care system takes up about 42 percent of the overall provincial budget. Over the next three years we're adding a total of \$2.54 billion in new funding to health care.
- Government must get the best possible value for taxpayers' dollars. That has meant slowing the rate of growth while still providing a sustainable health care system.
- It is all about the changing nature of health care along with advances in technology and our new strategic vision to ensure we deliver patient-focused care that is efficient and effective.
- Government is open to adopt new technologies to improve patient care. But technology must deliver value so that we can continue to deliver improved health outcomes long into the future.
- Our government wants to preserve a strong health care system for British Columbians now and into the future, so we need to take the proper steps now to ensure a strong system down the road.

Event Set-up:

Minister Lake is scheduled to present at 8:20 a.m. with the conference starting at 8:15. Organizers have asked that he arrive by 8 a.m. The minister can proceed to the event registration desk and upon arrival, event staff will escort him to the meeting room. There will be a podium and mic for the minister to deliver his speaking notes.

INTRODUCTION

- Good morning.
- It's great to be here in Kelowna for the 14th Annual Healthcare Summit.
- Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge with respect the history, customs and culture of the Okanagan Peoples, on whose traditional territory we meet today.
- **[Minister also acknowledges other guests and audience members as appropriate].**

- I'd like to thank the event organizers for bringing together such a wide range of health care experts to discuss an important topic – setting priorities for health care.
- I know there's been some great discussion so far.
- I want to specifically thank my assistant deputy minister Lindsay Kislock and associate deputy minister Elaine McKnight – from the ministry, for contributing to the conversation yesterday.
- Other health ministry staff taking part in this gathering are assistant deputy minister Barb Walman and acting assistant deputy minister Nick Grant.

- I'm pleased that the Ministry of Health executive has strong participation and representation at the conference with Elaine, Lindsay, Barb and Nick all chairing panels or serving on the organizing committee.
- I want to say a few words this morning about British Columbia's health system and government's strategic direction to ensure the best care for patients, now and in the future.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH BUDGET

- Our health care system takes up about 42 percent of the entire provincial budget.

- And, health care funding is increasing by \$385 million in fiscal 2014-15 to a total of \$16.9 billion.
- In fact, over the next three years we're adding a total of \$2.54 billion in new funding to health care.
- That's more than twice as much as the 2000-2001 budget.
- We also understand that our government needs to get the best possible value for the taxpayers' dollars.
- That has meant slowing the rate of growth while still providing a sustainable system.

- We have been bending down that cost curve while maintaining health services everyone relies on.
- And we are continuing to move forward with a renewed focus on innovations in the health system.
- Government is open to adopt new technologies to improve patient care. But technology must deliver value so that we can continue to deliver improved health outcomes long into the future.

TECHNOLOGY

- Technology is a driver in the rapidly-evolving world of health care.

- I spoke recently at a national conference in Vancouver where the focus was eHealth and how technology is shaping the future of health care.
- Our government has invested approximately \$261 million to develop eHealth systems across the province.
- The electronic health record is the cornerstone of the province's eHealth strategy to deliver faster and more effective treatment to patients.
- It gives authorized health professionals electronic access to secure, complete patient health records when and where they deliver care.

- This also includes Pharmanet, which has expanded its size and functionality, including readying it to support ePrescribing.
- Electronic prescribing is a new capability allowing physicians to submit prescriptions to PharmaNet using their office computer.
- Pharmacies will then be able to retrieve prescriptions from PharmaNet.
- Another key component is the support we've provided to physicians to implement electronic medical record, or EMR, systems in their practices.

- Physicians use these systems to manage their practices and record patient information, effectively replacing paper-based charts and providing safer and consistent care.
- As of March 2014, just over 90 per cent of eligible full service family practice and specialist physicians have implemented an EMR in their office.
- Making this comprehensive information available to health professionals will assist them in providing better care as well as improved patient safety.

LAB REFORM

- This past spring our government passed the laboratory services act.
- This legislation allows us to streamline and integrate the system to take advantage of emerging and improving medical technologies.
- For example, cancer treatment is increasingly relying on genetic testing to determine the choice of therapy for patients.

- An integrated laboratory system allows us to better plan for the adoption of technology such as this, and to take advantage of economies of scale in purchasing new equipment.
- Overall, the act will help keep lab services sustainable and cost-effective.
- The legislation itself is the first phase of our work – setting the framework for strengthening and standardizing our lab services.
- I expect the changes will take three years to implement and we will consult with our stakeholders to ensure we move forward with the needs of patients and taxpayers in mind.

- [Minister to add any further information stemming from June 24 lab legislation briefing].

SETTING PRIORITIES FOR BC / TRIPLE AIM

- This year, the ministry presented a document called 'Setting Priorities for the B.C. Health System'.
- This document puts the patient at the centre of health care delivery and focuses on initiatives to improve the overall health of the population; enhance the experience and outcomes of patients, and achieve the best outcomes for the healthcare dollar.

- Our priority document shows we're willing to explore and make changes that improve the system for patients without burdening government and taxpayers.
- This guide will provide a map to the entire health system about the challenges and priorities of the system, and will help ensure we are all working to a common purpose.
- A focus of this document is the Triple Aim philosophy.

- Triple Aim is a measure that improves the populations' health and also increases and improves the patient experience, including health outcomes, while providing value for money.
- Triple Aim has been promoted for a number of years in the US, Great Britain and in other world-leading health care groups.
- In British Columbia, Triple Aim works.
- BC has some of the best health outcomes in the world.

- In fact, according to the 2013 estimates in the Canadian Cancer Society's statistics of Canadian cancer, we have the best overall cancer survival rates in Canada.
- By following the Triple Aim approach, we are ensuring that we continue to provide outstanding care to patients right across the province.
- Over the next year, we will continue to develop plans to help us achieve the priorities outlined in this plan – to build on our success and maintain our health care system long into the future.
- And we want to keep finding new and innovative ways to improve patient care.

CONCLUSION

- Our government wants to preserve a strong health care system for British Columbians now and into the future.
- That means taking the proper steps now for a sustainable system down the road.
- Again, thank for having me here to say a few words and enjoy the rest of the conference.

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