

Minister's Meeting

Ministry of Children and Family Development

September 10, 2012 - 9am to Noon

Attendees:

Minister Stephanie Cadieux
Deputy Minister Stephen Brown
Debbie MacLean
Deb Godfrey

Overview

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| 1. Overview of Ministry and Strategic Direction | Steve |
| 2. Families First Agenda (<i>Briefing binder attached</i>) | Steve/Randi |
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| 3. ICM | Steve |
| 4. Residential Redesign
(<i>Executive Summary and Final Report enclosed</i>) | Steve |
| 5. Budget | Steve/Anne |
| 6. Representative Children and Youth | Steve |

Upcoming Commitments

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| 7. Queen's Jubilee | Deb M. |
| 8. UBCM
(<i>30-60-90 information note enclosed</i>) | Steve |
| 9. Legislation/OIC approval
(<i>Summary sheet enclosed</i>) | Steve/Randi |

Meet and Greet

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| 10. Meet Corinna Filion, Director, GCPE, and staff | Corinna |
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Upcoming LRC/OIC's

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1. **Order In Council (Ref: 207458) – Child, Family and Community Service Regulation**

The proposed amendments will bring into force *Child, Family and Community Service Act* amendments passed in 2011, which will allow custody of a vulnerable child to be permanently transferred to his/her caregivers, in specific circumstances. The proposed amendments also outline the required contents of plans of care for children in alternatives to foster care, as per a commitment made to the Representative for Children and Youth.

Timeline:

- *Signed OIC due to Cabinet Operations on Sept. 10*
- *Confirmed for review at Cabinet on Sept. 24*

2. **Order In Council (Ref: 206948) – Child, Family and Community Service Regulation**

The OIC amends the *Child, Family and Community Service Regulation* to expand the scope of ministry decisions and actions that are subject to administrative reviews. For more information, please see the enclosed information note.

Timeline:

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3. **Order In Council (Ref:207443)– Social Workers Regulation**

The OIC amends the *Social Workers Regulation* to remove the exemption from title protection for social workers employed by a Health Authority. For more information please see the enclosed information note

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Proposed Briefings for Minister Cadieux

- Early Childhood Development
Attendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness & ED
- Child Care
Attendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness, Executive Director Lenora Angel
- Children and Youth with Special Needs (Autism)
Attendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness, Executive Director Arif Lalani
- Child and Youth Mental Health
Attendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness
- Child Safety and Children in Care Services
 - Child Protection
 - Family Services
 - Youth Services
 - Alternates to Care
 - Children & Youth in CareAttendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness and Provincial Director of Child Welfare Doug Hughes
- Adoption
Attendees: ADM Randi Mjolsness, Provincial Director of Adoption Anne Clayton
- Youth Justice Services
Attendees: Senior Executive Director Alan Markwart
- Aboriginal Services
Attendees: Provincial Director of Child Welfare Doug Hughes
- Provincial Office of Domestic Violence
Attendees: ADM Cory Heavener
- Representative for Children and Youth
Attendees: Provincial Director of Child Welfare Doug Hughes
- Poverty Strategy
Attendees: DM Steve Brown and Director Jennifer Erickson
- Shared Research Agenda
 - Attendees: DM Steve Brown, ADM Randi Mjolsness, Executive Director Joan Easton
- Regional ADM Overviews
 - Attendees: Regional ADM's

ADVICE TO MINISTER – CONFIDENTIAL OVERVIEW NOTE

Bountiful Hearing

August 11, 2011

Updated Feb 7, 2012, March 26, 2012

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- We welcome the BC Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Criminal Code provisions regarding polygamy.
- Nothing is more important to this ministry, myself and this government than the safety and well-being of the children and youth in British Columbia.
- I am pleased that the judge's decision clearly puts the safety of women and children first.
- The Province has made a decision not to seek a second reference opinion from the B.C. Court of Appeal or Supreme Court of Canada.
- Anytime the ministry receives a complaint of alleged abuse, the ministry reviews the circumstances to determine if an investigation is required and if there is a concern regarding criminal conduct the ministry works in cooperation with police.
- If there are protection concerns, the ministry will always work to assure the safety of a child – and family and community engagement is very important in this process.
- Much work has been done by members of Bountiful and by community and government service providers to ensure that there is access to services (such as transition homes and daycare) when needed and that we are openly addressing any barriers

Cross border marriages:

- The welfare and wellbeing of a child or youth is the responsibility of the child protection services agency in any relevant jurisdiction. The B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development has no jurisdiction outside of its borders.
- However, if the ministry is made aware of a B.C. child or youth in another jurisdiction that may be in need of assistance, we would work with that jurisdiction to confirm that any concerns are being

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addressed.

- **If there are protection concerns, the ministry will always work to assure the safety of a child – and family and community engagement is very important in this process.**

Texas Raid Case:

- **In this case, ministry officials were in contact with child welfare officials in Texas to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth.**
- **The Texas authorities maintained jurisdiction of the youth until she became an adult.**

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

- On November 23, 2011, the B.C. Supreme Court upheld Canada's Criminal Code provisions regarding polygamy.
- The decision states youth 12 to 17 involved in polygamous unions should not be criminalized, but youth 18 and over should be subject to prosecution for acts they commit after they reach 18.
- This case was not a criminal proceeding, but a reference case on the constitutionality of Canada's current laws prohibiting polygamous marriages.
- On March 26th, 2012, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General announced that that the Province would not seek a second reference opinion from the B.C. Court of Appeal or Supreme Court of Canada.

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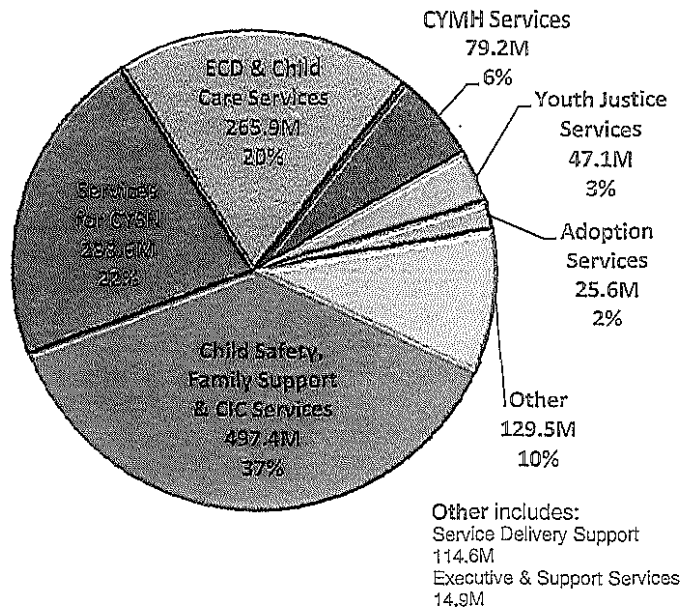
- In May 2008, the ministry was contacted by the Foreign Affairs Department of Canada regarding the possible return of a 17 year old youth to Bountiful - this youth s.22
- The youth was one of 400 children seized by Texas authorities in April, 2008, following a raid on the “yearning for Zion” polygamous sect. The state accused the sect of physically and sexually abusing the children.
- The youth s.22 which complicated matters for the Texas authorities who wanted to send her back to Canada.
- The ministry investigated the concerns and the child was not in need of protection at that time. The youth, s.22
- On August 9th, 2011, Warren Jeffs, President and Prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) was convicted on two counts of sexual assault of a child and sentenced to life in prison.

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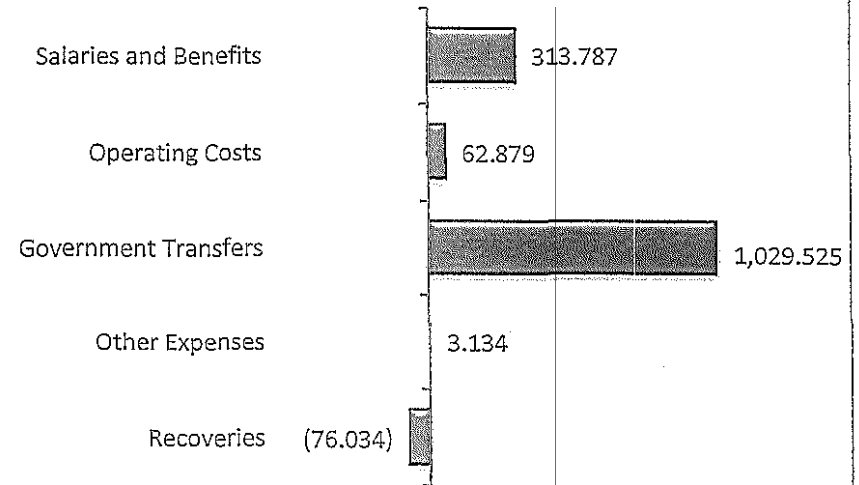
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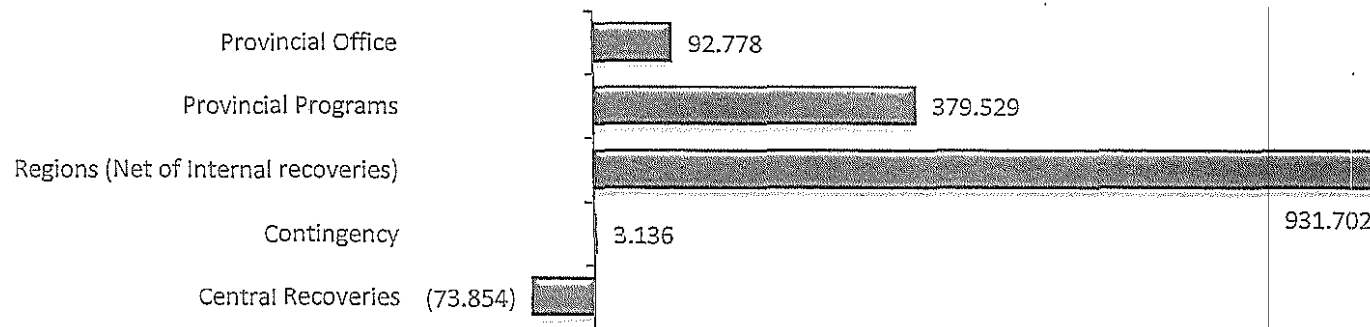
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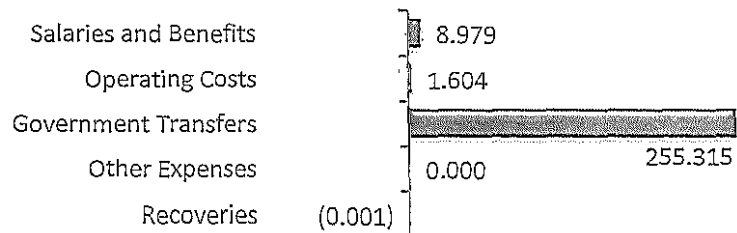


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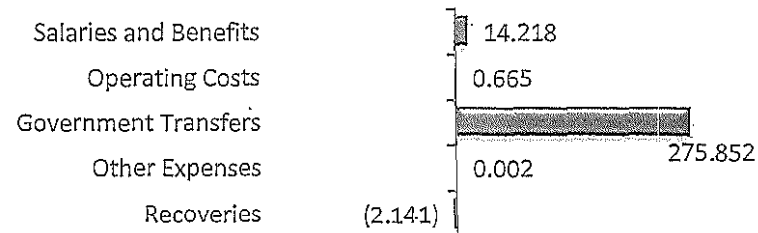
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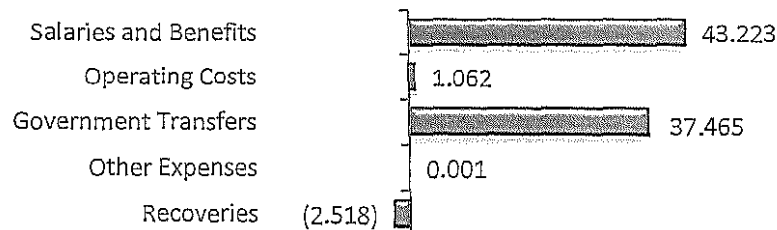
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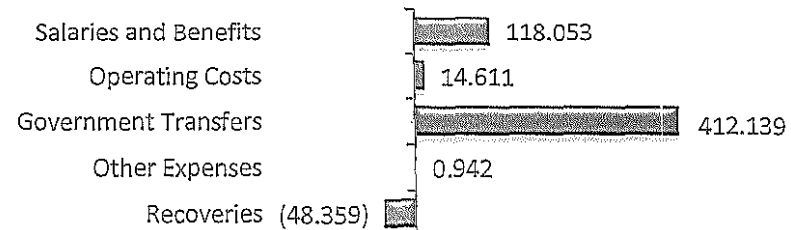
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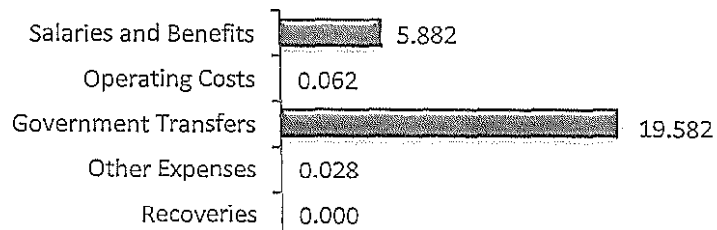
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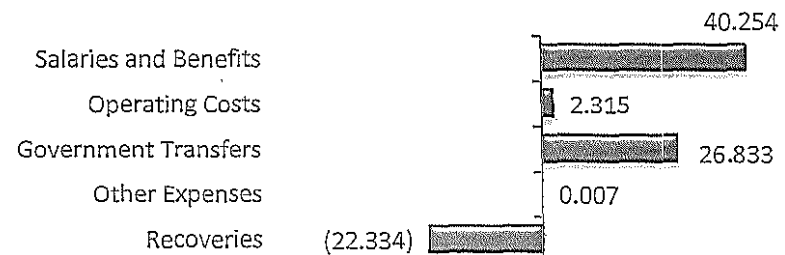
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Adoption Services



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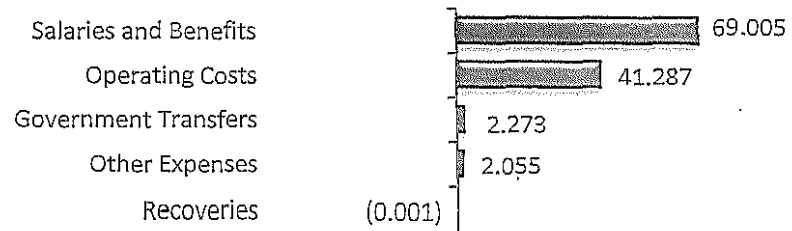


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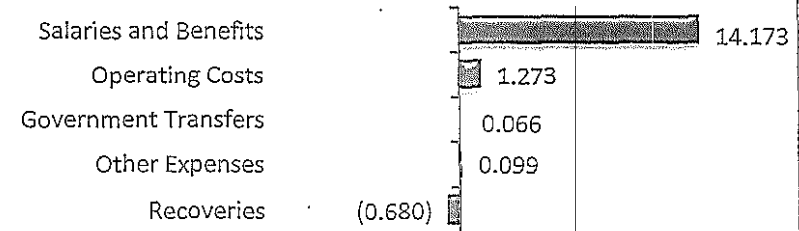
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Executive & Support Services



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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
Capital Allocation
Budget Plan 2012/13 to 2014/15

Budget 2012

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Vehicles	0.047	1.197	1.114
Specialized Equipment	0.202	0.202	0.202
Office Furniture	0.028	0.028	0.028
Information Systems (Data Cleanup ICM)	-	-	-
Total	0.277	1.427	1.344

Surplus/(Deficit) \$millions

June YTD Actuals	% of Forecast	July YTD Actuals	% of Forecast
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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
September 10, 2012

Issue: MCFD Budget Management Action Plan, strategies and next steps

Background: MCFD has had a flat budget since September 2009 but has continued to face growing demand from two case-driven service lines:

- Services to Children and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN):
 - Autism, Nursing and Medical Services are policy driven and have been the dominant drivers in increased costs; demand for other CYSN services also continue to grow with resulting increased wait lists.
- Child Welfare
 - Demand for child welfare services has continued to grow managed in part by increased use of extended family placements but with increased costs associated with managing more complex in-care needs
 - Budget 2011/12 included an internal ministry reallocation of funding to Aboriginal strategies of \$5 million from within its Child Welfare budget and additional costs associated with increasing the use of Delegated Aboriginal Agencies.

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Discussion:

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Stephen Brown

Deputy Minister

Stephen Brown was appointed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Family Development on March 14, 2011. Before being appointed as Deputy Minister, Stephen held the position of Chief Administrative Officer, Ministry of Health Services, since July 22, 2008. Stephen was responsible for the Health System Planning Division, Primary Health Care, Labour Relations, Legislation and Professional Regulation and Corporate Policy, Research and Library Services branches.



Prior to his appointment as Chief Administrative Officer, Stephen was the Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Services Division (formerly Medical and Pharmaceutical Services Division), Ministry of Health Services, from April 15, 2002 to February 2, 2009. In his role, Stephen lead British Columbia's physician negotiations for the Ministry and was responsible for the strategic portfolios of the Medical Services Plan, Primary Health Care and Physician Human Resource Management.

Effective September 2007, Stephen was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Health Leadership and Research at Royal Roads University.

Stephen came to the Ministry of Health from the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Children's Services where he was the Executive Manager for that province's Child Welfare Act Review. Previous to this role, he was Chief Executive Officer of the Ma-mowé Capital Region, Child and Family Service Authority. He has a PhD focusing on the management of strategic change in the public service and holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Organizational Psychology.

Doug Hughes

Provincial Director of Child Welfare

Before becoming the Provincial Director of Child Welfare in March 2011, Doug spent 20 years working in a considerable number of positions within MCFD. After receiving a master's degree in social work from the University of Calgary, Doug began his career in 1986 when he moved to Smithers to become a Social Worker. Since then, Doug has worked in a number of front-line and management positions, including social worker, community development worker, team leader, manager and regional executive director. These positions have given him a broad understanding of the vast range of work done by staff and service providers in the province.

Doug's role as Provincial Director of Child Welfare provides him with an excellent opportunity to be a part of transformation and to build a more responsive system for children and families. Doug's primary responsibility as the Provincial Director of Child Welfare is acting as the central point of contact and accountability for child welfare issues.





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Debra Foxcroft

Assistant Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Strategic Leadership, Aboriginal Liaison and Reconciliation

Debra Foxcroft joined MCFD in 2006 as ADM, Aboriginal Policy and Service Support. Deb ^{s.22} and has worked with First Nations communities for over 25 years in social services and Aboriginal Child Welfare. In 2003 Deb was awarded the Order of BC for Community Services. Prior to joining MCFD Deb was the chair of the Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Team, which supported the transfer of child and family services from government to Aboriginal communities. Playing a key role in Aboriginal transformation, her goal at MCFD is to continue that work and implement the vision of Aboriginal communities reclaiming responsibility for their children - a vision that has been in the hearts of First Nations for many generations.



Randi Mjolsness

Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Provincial Services

Randi began her public service career in 1973 as a Financial Assistance Worker in Dawson Creek. After returning to University and completing her degree in Social Work, she practiced in Powell River (child care and special needs) and Victoria (child welfare and resource worker). Moving into policy in 1987, Randi has held various positions in leadership over the past years including both policy and operations and is currently ADM, Policy and Provincial Services including Children and Youth with Special Needs Provincial Operations.

Randi has a strong commitment to inclusion, diversity and community driven practice. She has a fundamental belief that solutions come from the individuals that know it best, those who experience the outcome. Her dedication is to making a difference for children/youth and their families, and to ensuring that the employment experience for her colleagues is positive, challenging and rewarding.



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Cory Heavener

Head of the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence

As the newly appointed Head of the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence, Cory is responsible for leading the implementation of a permanent, centralized leadership to coordinate and strengthen MCFD's approach to domestic violence.



Cory comes to us from the Representative for Children and Youth Office (RCY) where she was Director of Critical Injury and Death Reviews and Investigations. During her time at the RCY she led two key investigations and reports centered on domestic violence: "No Private Matter: Honouring Christian Lee" and "Honouring Kaitlynne, Max, and Cordon – Make Their Voices Heard Now."

Prior to her appointment at RCY, Cory served as the Associate Provincial Director of Child Welfare at MCFD so this is a return "home" for her. Cory has a lengthy career in child welfare in British Columbia and began her career as a child protection social worker 20 years ago.

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Anne Sandbu

Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services

Anne Sandbu joined the Ministry of Children and Family Development in November, 2011 as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services. Anne is a Chartered Accountant with a degree in Business Administration and more than 15 years' experience in the provincial government, including taxation appeals, audits, policy development and program delivery. Most recently she participated in governance, financial and performance evaluations for several large organizations and led the planning process for the Ministry of Health.



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Jill Kot

Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Case Management

Jill Kot joined MCFD in 2012 as the executive lead responsible for the implementation of the ICM system. This is a joint role for Jill as she remains ADM of Integrated Case Management with Ministry of Social Development.

Prior to joining MSD, Jill held various roles in Shared Services BC, including responsibility for the underlying technology infrastructure for government, as well as the financial system. She has also been responsible for many large transformation projects, and is proud of receiving two consecutive "Being the Best Awards" for employee engagement. Before beginning her career with the BC Public Service

Jill holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Calgary.

When Jill isn't busy implementing new and exciting technology, she spends time



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Alan Markwart

Senior Executive Director, Provincial Services

With over 34 years of experience in youth justice policy, programs and legislation, Alan is recognized nationally and internationally for his extensive knowledge and expertise in Youth Justice. Alan was a recipient of the Corrections Exemplary Service Medal in 2006, was a provincial finalist in the first-ever Premier's Award in 2007 in the Legacy category for exceptional and lasting contributions throughout a public service career, and in 2009 was the recipient of the BC's Representative for Children and Youth's Lifetime Achievement Award of Excellence. Alan has worked in the ministry since its creation in 1997, initially as the Manager of the Justice Services Section and in 2001, as the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Provincial Services. Alan continues to provide leadership in Youth Justice as the Senior Executive Director responsible for Youth Custody Services, Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services and Youth Justice Policy and Program Support as well as other provincial services operations.



Bev Dicks

Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations

Bev has worked in the Child Welfare field for the past 27 years. After working in her home province of Newfoundland as a generalist social worker for five years, she moved to Northern BC, in 1988. Bev worked with Aboriginal and rural communities across the North West for the next twelve years. It is through this work that the power of relationship in moving our work forward was instilled and consistently reinforced for Bev, and it remains a core value for her today.



Bev transferred from the North in 2000 and became Regional Executive Director in Vancouver Coastal in 2006. She is very people-oriented and espouses to the principle of leadership through presence. Engagement with staff is a cornerstone of her leadership practice. Bev is enthusiastic, committed, and actively seeks the way forward.

In 2009, as Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Development Services, Bev assumed leadership responsibility for the oversight and management of Vancouver Coastal and the Fraser Regions. In 2011, these two regions were amalgamated into the Coast Fraser Region. As part of her provincial portfolio, Bev is also the chair of the Practice and Service Standing Committee. In 2012, Bev's role changed to Assistant Deputy Ministry, Regional Operations.

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Mark Armitage

A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services, Vancouver Island and Interior Region

Mark began his public service career in 1989 as a Probation Officer and Family Court Counsellor with the Delta Community Corrections Office, moving on four years later to work in the Nanaimo Probation Office. In 1997, he became an Integrated Youth Services Team Leader in Duncan and has since served as a Contract and Resource Manager, Community Services Manager, Regional Director of Operations, and Regional Executive Director. As Vancouver Island's Regional-Provincial Director of Youth Justice from 2004 to 2008, Mark was responsible for overseeing quality assurance of community probation and contracted services, while also leading practice change. He has also served on the Youth Justice Provincial Advisory Committee, providing leadership in policy development and implementation. Mark was appointed Executive Director of Service for South Vancouver Island in 2011 and is now Acting Assistant Deputy Minister for the Vancouver Island Region.



Mark is a recipient of the Corrections Exemplary Service Award for long and outstanding service in correctional services. His nomination acknowledged him as "a dedicated leader with high standards, guided by his abiding concern for the well-being of the children, families and communities he serves."

Robert Watts

A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services, North Region

Robert has been with MCFD for the past 27 years in a range of roles and responsibilities. Starting out in Vancouver, Robert has spent most of his career in Northern British Columbia beginning in Dawson Creek as a social worker. Over the course of his career, Robert has visited most of the communities in Northern BC and has had the privilege of working with — and for — the people who call this area of the province their home. Through listening to these families, Robert has a good understanding of how services can be best delivered in their communities.



Before becoming the Acting ADM for the North region, Robert spent seven years as the region's designated director. His role allows him the opportunity to ensure the knowledge he has gained from the people in the North, particularly around the uniqueness of service delivery, continues to be heard at provincial tables.

INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: Integrated Case Management System Implementation.

Background:

- The Integrated Case Management (ICM) Project is a partnership between the Ministries of Social Development (MSD), Children and Family Development (CFD), and Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government (LCTZ).
- The goal of ICM is to replace outdated and inflexible information systems used to deliver critical social programs, including:
 - The Child Care Subsidy Program
 - Child and Family Services
 - The BC Employment and Assistance Program
 - The Employment Program of British Columbia
- ICM is being implemented over 5 phases:
 - Phase 1 was introduced in November 2010
 - Phase 2 was implemented on April 2, 2012 for over 4000 MCFD staff (including Delegated Aboriginal Agency staff)
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- The overall budget for the project is \$182 million.

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Summary / Decision Required:

- This is a 30 day issue.
- No decision required; for information purposes only.



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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: Treasury Board has directed the ministries of Social Development and Children and Family Development to provide a report on the Integrated Case Management (ICM) project.

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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: The Minister of Children and Family Development is scheduled to participate in the Community Poverty Reduction Strategy Workshop at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) 2012 Convention.

Background:

- The UBCM 2012 Convention is being held on September 24-28 in Victoria.
- The Convention provides a valuable opportunity for UBCM delegates throughout the province to discuss local concerns with Provincial Government representatives through presentations, workshops, clinics and meetings.
- The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) is hosting a workshop on the Community Poverty reduction Strategy; a joint project on poverty reduction at the individual and community level.
- The workshop session will provide an update on the project and consider the possibility of expansion to other communities.
- The agenda for the workshop is as follows:
 - Introduction by Councillor Murray Krause, UBCM's Healthy Communities Committee
 - Provincial Welcome by the Minister of Children and Family Development
 - Address by the Representative for Children & Youth by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond
 - Presentation by Lynell Anderson, UBC Human Early Learning Partnership
 - Community Updates: Presentations & Panel Discussion followed by a Q & A session. Participants include:
 - Mayor Diane Watts, City of Surrey
 - Mayor Bev Parnham, District of Port Hardy
 - Mayor Galina Stewart, District of Stewart (TBC)
 - Councillor Murry Krause, City of Prince George
 - Wendy Cahill, Consultant
 - Amy Roseborough, Consultant
 - Next Steps by Deputy Minister Stephen Brown
 - Closing and Thanks by Councillor Murry Krause, UBCM Healthy Communities Committee

Summary / Decision Required:

- This is a 30 day issue – September 25, 2012
- No decision is required.
- The Minister is scheduled to provide opening remarks for the workshop.

INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: Decision required on the announcement of the members of the provincial Steering Committee for the Community Poverty Reduction Strategies.

Background:

- In April 2012, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) jointly announced the piloting of Community Poverty Reduction Strategies in seven communities across the province: Port Hardy, New Westminster, Surrey, Kamloops, Cranbrook, Prince George and Stewart.
- During the announcement, government committed to appointing “a provincial steering committee, including representatives from provincial cabinet, the UBCM, the voluntary sector and the business community to guide the project.”
- This project is intended to provide support to families and communities living in poverty by identifying and working to address barriers to leaving poverty at the community and individual levels.
- MCFD has hired part-time staff (Community Poverty Consultants) in each of the communities to work with families and communities.
- To date, in collaboration with community partners, they have completed:
 - community profiles, which provide information on the demographics of the communities and their specific strengths and challenges; and
 - community action plans, which identify some of the barriers to people moving out of poverty in the community and set out action plans for addressing these issues.
- In late August, the Consultants began recruiting individual families to work with directly. Supported by community partners, they will work with the families to understand their individual needs, connect them with supports and to develop personalized paths out of poverty designed by families themselves.
- Once the project has been implemented in seven communities, it will be evaluated and expanded to 20 additional communities per year with the goal of having a site in all 47 local service delivery areas (service delivery areas used by the Ministries of Health and Children and Family Development) by 2014/15.
- As the project grows, measurable data and specific project outcomes will inform policy initiatives at the provincial level and provide comparable information at the individual and community levels.
- In 2009, about 100,000 children (12%) were living in BC families with net incomes below the (Low Income Cut-Off) LICO after tax. The national rate was 9.5%.
- Families below the LICO often spend at least 20 percentage points more of their net income on food, clothing and shelter than the average family.



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Summary / Decision Required:

- **This is a 30 day issue.**
- **Decision Required** – Government has committed to creating a provincial Steering Committee to guide this project. The intention is that the Steering Committee, made up of well-connected British Columbians from across the province, would provide advice and support to the project and promote its success through their networks.
- A session on the Community Poverty Reduction Strategy pilots is being hosted at the UBCM convention on September 25th. The Minister, the Representative for Children and Youth, the Deputy Minister, local mayors and councillors from the seven communities and some of the poverty consultants will be speaking about the project during this session.
- This would be an excellent opportunity to announce the members of the Steering Committee.

INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: Release of “Taking Action on Domestic Violence in British Columbia” and development of provincial domestic violence plan.

Background:

- In March 2012, RCY released, “Honouring Kaitlynnne, Max, and Cordon-Make Their Voices Heard Now”, a report on three children who were killed in April 2008 by their father.
- The report recommended a need for increased coordination and collaboration across government.
- Government accepted the recommendations and acted immediately to establish a permanent Provincial Office of Domestic Violence (PODV) under the Ministry of Children and Family Development in March 2012.
- PODV was established to provide ongoing leadership and accountability for the Province’s domestic violence policies, programs and services and ensure that they are delivered in an unified and effective way to strengthen supports and services to those impacted by domestic violence.
- PODV is tasked with responding to the RCY report and developing a comprehensive domestic violence provincial plan which will be inclusive of an Aboriginal strategy.

Summary / Decision Required:

- No decision required; for information purposes only.

30 day issue:

- “Taking Action on Domestic Violence in British Columbia” which is a response to the RCY report, to be publicly released end of September along with a mapping report that summarises domestic violence policies, programs and services across government. This action plan will set the course towards a coordinated and strengthened approach to domestic violence in BC.

60 day issue:

- PODV is expected to present to the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth on October 15, 2012, an update on the recommendations to the RCY report “*Honouring Kaitlynnne, Max and Cordon-Make Their Voices Heard Now*”, as well as brief the Committee on the work of PODV.

90 day issue:

- In November 2012 key partners and stakeholders will be consulted during a major consultation forum regarding the development of the comprehensive domestic violence provincial plan which will be inclusive of an Aboriginal strategy. The plan is planned for release in December 2012.



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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) has been advised to take its proposed policy options to P&P for advice and direction.

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- In consultation with the Ministry of Finance, MCFD has been advised to take its proposals to P&P for consideration.

Summary / Decision Not Required:

- This is a 30 day issue.
- No decision required; for information purposes only.



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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: Legislative Amendments to the ^{s.12} are scheduled for Legislative Review Committee the week of September 17, 2012.

Background:

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Summary / Decision Required:

- This is a 30 day issue.



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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: An Order in Council has been drafted to remove an exemption from title protection for social workers employed by a Health Authority under the Social Workers Regulation (SWR).

Background:

- The Ministry has publicly stated that in order to provide the best protection for the public, all individuals engaging in the practice of social work ought to be registered with the British Columbia College of Social Workers (BCCSW) or governed in other ways, for example through clear policy and standards or a delegation process as required by the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA).

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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: An Order in Council has been prepared to permit administrative reviews of the exercise of the director's information powers.

Background:

- The director under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA) has unique authority to disclose or withhold information, in addition to his/her powers under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). This is because of the highly sensitive and confidential nature of the ministry's business.

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INFORMATION NOTE

Issue: An Order in Council has been prepared to bring amendments to the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* into force and to amend the *Child, Family and Community Service Regulation*.

Background:

- In June 2011, amendments to the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA) were passed, which will allow custody of a vulnerable child to be permanently transferred to the caregiver with whom he/she resides without him/her having to first come into care, when it is in the child's best interests.
- This promotes stability and permanency for vulnerable children and youth.
- An Order in Council (OIC) has been prepared to bring the CFCSA amendments into force.

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