

Income Assistance Processes - Centre Scan – June 2014

Centre	Support Resources	Support Process
ACCW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One dedicated Employment Assistance Worker (EAW) through the Integrated Offender Management (IOM)/Homelessness Intervention Program (HIP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IOM/HIP inmates are given priority access to the EAW. The EAW will see other inmates where time and resources permit. - All inmates are made aware of the income assistance application process through the handbook, sentence management staff, and the community integration worker. - Corrections staff will assist to scan documents.
FMCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One EAW in Chilliwack is available by phone. Any inmate with at least 30 days left to serve is made aware of this service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any inmate with 30 days or more remaining is advised of the process by their case manager. Corrections staff provides assistance as necessary to assist with communication between the inmates and the Chilliwack EAW. - A Correctional officer at FMCC used to be an EAW and educates inmates about the application process. - Inmates who are unable to complete the phone application (due to mental health needs or a disability) are provided staff assistance to complete the online application.
FRCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two dedicated EAW workers who are available by phone. - A dedicated Correctional Supervisor who assists the EAWs and inmates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EAW and Correctional Supervisor work together to prioritize applications. IOM Inmates and Inmates with Mental Health Needs (MHN) applicants are usually given priority. - The Correctional Supervisor assists the inmates to complete/submit the application package. - Application packages and a step by step guide are made available to inmates
KRCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dedicated off-site EAW point of contact (has other responsibilities) - Corrections Staff share an outlook calendar with the EAW and book appointments with the EAW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case managers, Mental Health Liaison Officers (MHLO), and release coordinators provide assistance and advice to Inmates - Corrections staff arrange for appointments with the EAW and assist with faxing
NCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A dedicated onsite EAW is available for inmates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EAW offers outreach to inmates to assist with applications - Corrections Staff do not need to assist with applications, as the EAW is available for this.
NFPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No dedicated EAW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inmates use the phone system to contact EAW to initiate and update applications.

PGRCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An EAW attends the centre every Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inmates are made aware of the application process through the inmate guide and information on the unit. - Corrections staff assist by ensuring inmates have phone access - Corrections staff inform the EAW of inmates who have submitted a special request to see the EAW. - Corrections staff facilitate signing and faxing of the application packages.
SPSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dedicated off-site EAW who can take 2-4 appointments per week (no appointments on cheque issue week). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where an applicant cannot get an appointment with the EAW, Corrections staff assist to connect with community support workers upon release. - Income assistance is discussed as part of the release planning process.
VIRCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EAW at NCC is available by phone for VIRCC inmates. - A Victoria EAW is available for Integrated Offender Management and Homelessness Intervention Program inmates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inmates with identified financial needs are advised of the application process and a phone appointment is booked with the Nanaimo EAW. - Corrections staff assist with faxing and mailing of applications.

Bordua, Karine JAG:EX

From: Young, Bill JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2014 12:26 PM
To: 'Throness, Laurie'
Cc: Gress, Carmen JAG:EX; Clark, Elenore JAG:EX; Merchant, Brent JAG:EX; McKinnon, Sarah JAG:EX; Tadla, Dana JAG:EX; Macpherson, Stephanie JAG:EX; Small, Bill R JAG:EX; Green, Dina I JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Questions = Methadone

Good morning MLA Throness,

Here is clarification on the release numbers we talked about to help you illustrate workload. These numbers for Community and Custody were derived for FY 12/13

1. There were 15,998 custody releases in FY 2012/2013. These releases represent 10,721 unique people.
2. There were 20,726 community releases in FY 2012/2013. These releases represent 20,173 unique people.

From: Throness, Laurie [<mailto:L.Throness@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: June 5, 2014 1:36 PM

To: Young, Bill JAG:EX

Cc: Gress, Carmen JAG:EX; Clark, Elenore JAG:EX; Merchant, Brent JAG:EX; McKinnon, Sarah JAG:EX; Tadla, Dana JAG:EX; Macpherson, Stephanie JAG:EX

Subject: RE: Questions = Methadone

Lovely, thanks

Laurie

From: Young, Bill JAG:EX [Bill.Young@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: June 5, 2014 11:33 AM

To: Throness, Laurie

Cc: Gress, Carmen JAG:EX; Clark, Elenore JAG:EX; Merchant, Brent JAG:EX; McKinnon, Sarah JAG:EX; Tadla, Dana JAG:EX; Macpherson, Stephanie JAG:EX

Subject: Questions = Methadone

Further to our phone conversation this morning, we have taken another snapshot of inmates receiving methadone for yesterday June 4th 2014. I have wrapped the two snapshots into one table. Please note that FMCC does not provide the Methadone Maintenance Program so I have now removed that count from the overall total count. This results in an average of 9% of inmates receiving methadone in the Centres that provide the program.

Inmates on the Methadone Maintenance Program - Snapshots						
	Dec 10 2013			June 4th 2014		
Centre	Inmates Receiving Methadone	Count	% Count	Inmates Receiving Methadone	Count	% Count
ACCW	26	141	18.4%	29	153	19.0%
FRCC	40	449	8.9%	42	419	10.0%
KRCC	14	296	4.7%	22	280	7.9%

NCC	13	165	7.9%	11	134	8.2%
NFPC	48	438	11.0%	41	386	10.6%
PGRCC	9	243	3.7%	11	299	3.7%
SPSC	32	254	12.6%	31	371	8.4%
VIRCC	23	290	7.9%	27	303	8.9%
Totals	205	2276	9.0%	214	2345	9.1%
FMCC	Does not provide methadone maintenance program					

I will be following up with the number of persons released from custody and community in 2013 and a synopsis of our discussion concerning new tools to improve how we use and share our information for risk and case management purposes.

Thanks for the opportunity to assist.

Bill Young
Director, Strategic Technology & Corporate Programs
BC Corrections Branch

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From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 11:55 AM
To: 'Throness, Laurie <L.Throness@leg.bc.ca> (L.Throness@leg.bc.ca)'
Cc: Lalonde, Jarett JAG:EX; Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: Report
Attachments: StandingAgainstVoilence_Booklet_LR_enabled.pdf

Here is the revised edition of your report now that we have gone through the fact checking, formatting and graphic design. There have been a number of changes but it's still in draft so look forward to discussing once you have had a chance to review.

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From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 1:46 PM
To: 'Throness, Laurie'
Subject: RE: s.13

Will do

From: Throness, Laurie [<mailto:L.Throness@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 1:44 PM
To: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: RE: s.13

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Thanks for passing this along
Laurie

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX [<mailto:Brent.Merchant@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: September 18, 2014 1:42 PM
To: Throness, Laurie
Subject: RE: s.13

Thanks.

From: Throness, Laurie [<mailto:L.Throness@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 1:33 PM
To: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: RE: s.13

I learned that you are right –
sentence out of the report.

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We will have to cut that

Glad you pointed this out!

Thanks
Laurie

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX [<mailto:Brent.Merchant@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: September 18, 2014 6:21 AM
To: Throness, Laurie
Subject: s.13

Were you able to get an answer from your college contact regarding the

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Bordua, Karine JAG:EX

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:45 AM
To: 'Throness, Laurie <L.Throness@leg.bc.ca> (L.Throness@leg.bc.ca)'
Subject: Update # 2

We have just received the Ministry of Health's comments but they did not apply the wording with those comments. My staff will work with them to narrow this down and have it incorporated into the report. That should be done, subject the Health's ability to meet with us, next week. Once we get that finalized we can send the report back to the graphics personnel and then provide you with a copy for review. Am hoping that within the next two weeks or so we can get things to the point of having you move this to the Minister. FYI.

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Bordua, Karine JAG:EX

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 10:34 PM
To: Throness, Laurie
Subject: Re: Report

I know how hectic your schedule is and unfortunately evening and weekends cease to be yours so sorry for adding to your load. Take care.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Throness, Laurie
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 22:26
To: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: Re: Report

I'll be working on the weekend on it, Brent, I've been working on another big project that was finished tonight.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 10:11 PM
To: Throness, Laurie
Cc: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: Report

Given the deadlines with bringing your report through to the DMCST (Nov 25) and the CCST. (Dec 5) I need to prepare a number of documents in advance of those meetings. Before doing that I wanted to check with you regarding any changes you have or if you approve the last iteration that I had sent you. If you could provide me some direction in this regard it would be greatly appreciated .

I'll be in s.22 but will be responding to emails and cell - FYI

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Bordua, Karine JAG:EX

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 6:48 PM
To: Rose, Cindy JAG:EX
Subject: Fw: Final comments on corrections report
Attachments: Final changes to Corrections Report.docx

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Throness, Laurie
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 19:09
To: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: Final comments on corrections report

Hi Brent, after consulting with Carmen, attached find the completed final comments document. There is only one change to the former one: to remove a sentence on page 24 of the report.

Thanks
Laurie

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Bordua, Karine JAG:EX

From: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:52 AM
To: Rose, Cindy JAG:EX
Subject: RE: Page 18 - LT's suggested change to para on hospitals.

Fine with me.

From: Rose, Cindy JAG:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:51 AM
To: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Page 18 - LT's suggested change to para on hospitals.

This looks good to me. Any concerns on your end?

From: Throness, Laurie [<mailto:L.Throness@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 5:22 PM
To: Rose, Cindy JAG:EX
Cc: Merchant, Brent JAG:EX
Subject: Page 18

Hi Cindy, it was nice to talk to you today.

How about replacing the paragraph we discussed (and the first sentence of the following paragraph) with the following. Does that seem okay to you?

Thanks
Laurie

I toured the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addiction, the only facility in BC for those with concurrent disorders involving mental health and addiction. This 100-bed semi-secure treatment facility cannot provide care for those who display violence, or those on probation. On the other hand, the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital is a highly-secure 190-bed treatment facility for those in conflict with the law and deemed to be not criminally responsible for their actions. It also serves individuals transferred temporarily from correctional facilities to be assessed or receive treatment for a mental illness under the Mental Health Act. However, on a regular basis, managing inmates with mental health needs falls to BC Corrections within our institutions.

There is an ongoing discussion about what arm of government should be responsible for BC Corrections clients with special mental health needs – people who often fall between the cracks...