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From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 11:48 AM
To: HLTH, MMM HLTH:EX
Cc: Manning, John HLTH:EX; O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX; Briggs, Taylor HLTH:EX
Subject: Media Request: Burnaby News Leader

Hi,

Another media request for you. This time they're looking for you to comment on Mayor Corrigan's comments on the Burnaby Hospital Committee and about using surplus land at the Willingdon site for the hospital (Citizen's Services and Finance lead).

I'm looking to get comment from the minister or ministry about a couple things:

1. I understand the province is looking to sell its property at Willingdon Ave. and Canada Way in Burnaby, where the City of Burnaby has expressed interest in moving Burnaby Hospital to. Can you confirm this and provide an comment on where the province is at with this?
2. Could the minister comment on the allegations of political interference with the Burnaby Hospital Community Consultation Committee, particularly the use of her personal email address, which critics have suggested was a way to avoid it being subject to FOI requests?

Deadline would be today or Monday morning at the latest.

Reporter is Wanda Chow: S. 22

Background:

The Willingdon site is currently earmarked for sale by SSBC (as noted below) and really is Citizen's Services/Finances lead. I can direct the reporter that way, but she may ask the minister anyway.

Here are our bullets on that.

- The Willingdon site is considered surplus to the government's needs. Rather than letting it sit there costing taxpayers money, we intend to sell it and let the private sector use it to generate new economic activity.
- There are no plans to relocate Burnaby Hospital at this time.

Here are Corrigan's comments re email and the Committee:

Corrigan: It is impossible to be able to email a minister to find out what they are doing if they are running two sets of books that they have got in essence. Their regular emails that can be recorded and are available to staff when they do an FOI request, and then there's another set of books that are kept through her home email in which she has the political machinations going on.

The report was written by former Liberal party president Sonya Sangnineti

Corrigan: I think the report is absolutely useless. I think that it's clear that politics motivated the report and politics designed the report.

And I think it is embarrassing for Sonia Sangninetti, a retired lawyer, who is apparently the person who has been assigned to sanitize this report for the provincial government. An ex Liberal party president who obviously is still prepared to toe the line.

Johal: In one email Pamela Gardner praises the termination of Cheryl Boseley as a very positive move. Boseley was the president of the Burnaby Hospital Foundation. Gardner's official title with the committee is citizens' chair.

She's also a former Liberal party constituency president and has donated money to the party.

Corrigan: It is clear that she was not exercising any kind of chairmanship in a way we would normally imagine. She was purely a political hack.

She continued to be Christy Clark's grade school friend, instead of being someone that was reacting on behalf of our community. And I think she should be embarrassed.

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From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 10:45 PM
To: HLTH, MMM
Subject: Re: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

My understanding is that we knew about it, but didn't take part in the decision making process. We encouraged these types of decisions, however, in order to avoid surgeries being cancelled completely. I'll find out more.

From: HLTH, MMM
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 10:37 PM
To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Thanks, Lindsay. He asks the question I'd like an answer to, but it's not an emergency. Here it is:

"However, as I told you on the phone Wednesday, this is being 'sold' to Burnaby Hospital as being 'mandated' by the Ministry. Now, I guess, our question is whether the Province/Ministry is involved or not."

Hope you are having an ok weekend!

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From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 10:31 PM
To: HLTH, MMM
Cc: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Subject: Fw: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Here is another I've been asked to forward re Burnaby Hospital.

From: S. 22
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 09:39 PM
To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX; Pamela Gardner <pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com>
Subject: RE: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Hi Lindsay

I read your reply with interest. I would have thought, as well, that this decision to do some of VGH's retinal surgery at Burnaby Hospital would have been made at the HA level - as the Oct 16, 2012 letter of Judith Hockney indicates.

However, as I told you on the phone Wednesday, this is being 'sold' to Burnaby Hospital as being 'mandated' by the Ministry. Now, I guess, our question is whether the Province/Ministry is involved or not.
As I said, if the Ministry is being 'blamed', the Ministry should at least know that and be ready for any reaction that may be generated.

You should know that both the Depts of Surgery and Anaesthesia reacted very negatively to the whole idea at their monthly meetings on Oct 17, 2012.

I find FHA to be most disrespectful of Burnaby Hospital in this matter. For FHA to be this far down the road without including the Site Director and the Medical Staff leadership is appalling. But, then again, FHA has not cared about

Burnaby
Hospital ever since the Authorities were formed.

I would ask that these emails be shared with the Minister and Deputy Minister to prepare them if this gets to the media. I have no intention of 'going public', but I can't control the anger generated in the physicians at Burnaby Hospital that this idea has provoked - especially as they deal, on a daily basis, with their patients facing some of the longest, if not the longest, waiting lists for their care (not just surgery) in FHA and probably the Province.

S. 22

From: Lindsay.Coburn@gov.bc.ca
To: pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com
CC: S. 22
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2012 08:39:12 -0700
Subject: Re: Fwd: FW: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Hi Pamela,

Yesterday when I read your email, I asked our deputy to call FH about this. However, this is the HA's decision to manage, and the Province doesn't typically get involved.

Thanks a lot,
Lindsay

From: Pamela Gardner [mailto:pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 01:29 PM
To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Cc: S. 22
Subject: Fwd: FW: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Hi Lindsay

I realize you have spoken with S. 22 about this issue and I thank you very much for getting him in contact with the correct people.

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do the same thing and Surrey refused them. That probably wasn't a big deal because they knew they could just shove the situation down Burnaby's Hospital throat because they've been neglecting BH for a very long time.

Please let me know how the Ministry can help us put this situation on hold until our resource problems have been dealt with.

Thank you for reading. Pamela

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Date: Thu, Oct 18, 2012 at 1:29 PM
Subject: FW: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today
To: Pamela Gardner S. 22 Pamela Gardner <pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com>

FYI

From: Vaillant, Pamela
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2012 04:32 PM
To: S. 22
Cc: Hockney, Judith
Subject: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

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From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 5:28 PM
To: HLTH, MMM
Subject: Re: Fwd: FW: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Shoot, must just be an annoying bb thing.

Here it is:

October 16, 2012

Steven Kabanuk, MSc
Director, VA Perioperative Services
Vancouver Coastal Health
855 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Z 1M9

Dear Steve,

FHA is pleased to be able to offer VGH 8 Fridays at BGH for Retinal surgery. This will assist you in decreasing the amount of surgical postponements due to OR Nursing vacancies. The operational lead on this will be Linda Lemke, Director Surgical Services.

The Physician leads have been engaged at BGH, as well as the Director and Manager. At this time I have asked if our Anesthesia group at BGH if they can provide support. The assumption is that if they cannot provide support the VGH Anesthesia group will provide an Anesthetist.

The following assumptions will guide the planning for the slates to occur:

1. VGH will engage in the planning of the end to end process from PAC to Discharge with the FHA team led by Linda Lemke.
2. The equipment which is currently available will be used and no other equipment will be purchased by FHA to support the VGH Surgeon.
3. This will be cost neutral to FHA (details to be worked out).
4. That the VGH Surgeons visit the site prior to the OR date to become familiar with the setup.
5. All communication with FHA staff, physicians, and management will go through Linda Lemke regarding clinical operations.
6. Any identified areas of concern will be addressed immediately.
7. Physicians will adhere to the FHA respectful workplace policy.

Please contact Linda Lemke at your earliest convenience at 604.412.6614.

Sincerely

Judith Hockney, Interim Executive Director
Clinical Programs and Operations

From: HLTH, MMM
Sent: Saturday, October 20, 2012 05:01 PM
To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Fwd: FW: Sending on behalf of Judith Hockney per phone conversation today

Hi Lindsay,

Thank you for forwarding this and for letting Pamela know that I would generally not get involved at this micro level. There is no content in the very last email which seems to be from FHA. Was there any content in the material that was sent to you?

The BH people are saying that FH has said this happening as "an edict" from the ministry. That's us. So I need to know whether FHA and VC are managing an urgent situation as health authorities, and that it is NOT an edict from us. If the ministry has directed this then I need more info. If the health authorities are saying the ministry directed this and that is not true, that's a problem.

Having BH come directly to the minister's office for issues is not a workable situation. There is a system in place- I believe that doctors work through the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee (HAMAC) or perhaps through the leader of the hospital site. If the system is not working or they don't understand it, that can be something that is addressed through the consultant. Hopefully.

Meanwhile, I will let Pamela know that we can't function in this way. For Monday, would you like me to talk with Graham, or perhaps Barbara K., to clear up whether there has been any ministry involvement or direction, or is that something that you can try to find out?

Thanks Lindsay,

Margaret

From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: October 20, 2012 12:14 PM
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Minister, this is the same issue that was raised with me on the phone when I was with you in Vancouver re Burnaby Hospital.

I emailed Graham about it, and he basically told me not to engage - we have no say over this.

Pamela asked that I send this to you, and said she will raise it with you tomorrow.

From: S. 22
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To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
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I realize she is really busy and isn't able to micro manage any facility but I would really appreciate if you could send this to her.

I spoke to her briefly on Thursday am and told her that the HA were blaming the Ministry for this move and she'd said it

was the first time she'd heard of it.

If you don't have time to send it I will be seeing her tomorrow and can pass it on.

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Pamela
Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

From: "Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX" <Lindsay.Coburn@gov.bc.ca>
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To: 'pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com' <pamela@burnabyorthopaedic.com>
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I can if you'd like. I sent it to our DM. Our Minister had a very busy day yesterday.

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