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### TOPIC: Ministry Overview and Mandate

**Issue:** Enquiries and questions have been raised by the media, public, and major mental health and addictions stakeholders in BC about the role of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Providing better access to mental health and addictions care is precisely why we created the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.**
- **By focusing exclusively on mental health and addictions program and service needs, we intend to make sure resources are there for people where and when they are needed.**
- **A comprehensive system will require a comprehensive resource plan — one that touches all agencies and ministries delivering programs and services.**
- **The ministry is leading the transformation of BC’s mental health and addiction system by setting strategic direction through cross-sector planning and driving system-level improvement through research, policy development, and evaluation.**
- **On June 26, 2019, we launched *A Pathway to Hope: A roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people in British Columbia.***
- **We are working across government to improve mental health and addictions services and supports, focused on prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery.**
- ***A Pathway to Hope* was informed by feedback from people from many perspectives, including Indigenous people, people with lived experiences, families, and health care professionals on how to deliver mental health and addictions services and supports more effectively.**
- **We are working with all partners to strengthen social supports and services that impact mental health and well-being.**

**If asked what is the role of the Ministry of Health/Children and Family Development in the context of our ministry:**

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- **Our goal is not to create additional bureaucracy, but to implement a continuum of care for mental health and addictions services that is integrated into our existing health care system.**
- **That's why the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions does not deliver these services. Instead, we utilize the infrastructure in places like the Ministry of Health and Children and Families to deliver life-saving resources and programs to the people who need it.**
  - **The Ministry of Health remains responsible for overseeing the health authorities and their funded agencies. Our health authorities are critical partners in delivering addictions services for people of all ages and mental health services for adults.**
  - **Each health authority is responsible for operational planning and delivering the full range of health services in its region. Government has given them the flexibility and mandate to make decisions about how best to do so.**
  - **The Ministry of Children and Family Development provides mental health services for children and youth across the province.**
  - **The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is working closely with the ministries of Health and Children and Family Development to monitor and evaluate the access and quality of mental health and substance use services to ensure that people are receiving timely access to the services they need.**

### KEY FACTS

#### Background/Status:

- The Minister of Mental Health and Addictions (MMHA) was appointed on July 18, 2017, by Order in Council, stating:
  - The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is established.
  - The duties, powers, and functions of the Minister of Health respecting policy development, program evaluation, and research in relation to mental health and addiction, including in relation to designated facilities within the meaning of the *Mental Health Act*, are transferred to the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.
- The Premier's mandate letter to the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, dated November 26, 2020, identifies the following key deliverables:
  - 1) Given the impact of COVID-19 on people's mental health, continue building a comprehensive system of mental health and addictions care, including by implementing A Pathway to Hope, BC's roadmap for making mental health and

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- addictions care better for people, and by expanding access to counselling, using new e-health and other technologies to bring care to more people in all regions of BC
- 2) Accelerate BC's response to the opioid crisis across the full continuum of care: prevention, harm reduction, safe prescription medications, treatment, and recovery.
  - 3) Explore new ways to help prescribers separate more people from the toxic drug supply through safe prescription alternatives.
  - 4) Work with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to fast track the move toward decriminalization by working with police chiefs to push Ottawa to decriminalize simple possession of small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use. In the absence of prompt federal action, develop a made-in-BC solution that will help save lives.
  - 5) With support from the Minister of Children and Family Development, lead work to continue our government's commitment to addressing mental health problems early by rolling out new mental health and addictions care initiatives for children and youth.
  - 6) Expand the availability of treatment beds for people by building new treatment, recovery, detox, and after-care facilities across the province with some beds specifically for British Columbians under age 24.
  - 7) With support from the Minister of Health, transfer oversight of recovery homes and other private treatment providers to Mental Health and Addictions to ensure quality care, accountability, and value for money.
  - 8) With support from the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing and the Minister of Health, lead work to provide an increased level of support – including more access to nurses and psychiatrists – for BC's most vulnerable who need more intensive care than supportive housing provides by developing Complex Care housing.
  - 9) With support from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, lead work to invest more in community-based mental health and social services so there are more trained front-line workers to help people in crisis, and free up police to focus on more serious crimes.
  - 10) Support communities in addressing street disorder and public safety concerns by expanding mental health intervention teams like the six new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams recently announced for communities experiencing increased challenges with vulnerable residents.
  - 11) Support the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and interested municipalities to expand the successful 'situation table' model that connects front-line workers from different health, safety, and social service sectors to identify and help vulnerable people.
  - 12) Support the work of the Minister of Labour to develop better options for chronic work-related pain, including improving pain management practices for injured workers and providing treatment on demand to those with chronic pain as a result of workplace injuries.

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- 13) Support the work of the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including those living in encampments.
- MMHA has a mandate to develop policies, standards, guidelines, and strategies, and monitor and evaluate programs across the sectors, using a multi-system level, “whole-of-government” approach in relation to mental health and substance use services, working with the Ministry of Health, social ministries, Indigenous peoples and organizations, local and federal levels of government, service delivery partners, researchers, families, youth, advocates, and people with lived experience in supporting the development of a cross-sector approach.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### Approvals:

February 24, 2022 – Tamara Casanova, Director

February 27, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

# Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

## Budget 2022

### TOPIC Ministry FTEs

**Issue:** An overview of the ministry's staffing complement (FTEs)

#### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- The ministry has a total of 92 staff including the Minister's Office
- The ministry has an annual salaries/benefits budget of \$15.24 million in 2022/23, \$15.50 million in 2023/24 and \$15.57 million in 2024/25

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background/Status:

- Last year the Ministry FTE count was 83, with additional Ministry resourcing funding as part of Budget 2022, the Ministry expected FTE count will be 107.
- As of February 1, 2022, the ministry has 92 staff, which includes five staff in the Minister's Office; 10 of these positions are filled through a temporary assignment.
- The ministry has grown on average 16.5% per year over the last four years; the ministry received a budget lift in 2022/23 to address resourcing requirements to progress on its expanded mandate (See BN2022 – Ministry Resourcing).
- Employees in the Child, Youth and Mental Health Policy division are dedicated to priorities such as the development of province-wide integrated child and youth teams, complex care housing, and youth stabilization care.
- Employees in the Substance Use Policy division are focused on priorities like the overdose emergency response, decriminalization, and transfer of oversight of recovery homes.
- Employees who work for Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) are not included in the ministry's staffing count.

	Minister's Office	Deputy Minister's Office	Corporate Services Division	Child, Youth & Mental Health Division	Substance Use Policy Division	Total*
<b>Total 2022 FTE Count</b>	5	6	9	40	32	92

\*As at February 1, 2022

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

##### Budget/Expenditures:

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# Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

## Budget 2022

### Salary and Benefits Estimates Details (\$000):

	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Planned	2024/25 Planned
Minister Office	\$529	\$538	\$538
Deputy Minister Office	\$684	\$684	\$684
Corporate Services	\$1,360	\$1,360	\$1,360
Children, Youth & Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Divisions	\$12,670	\$12,922	\$12,989
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,243</b>	<b>\$15,504</b>	<b>\$15,571</b>

#### Approvals:

February 16, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

February 27, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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## TOPIC MMHA Service Plan

**Issue:** The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions 2022/23 – 2024/25 Service Plan makes public the Ministry’s goals, objectives, strategies and performance measures for the period, and also includes the Ministry’s financial information, as required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*.

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Providing better access to mental health and addictions services is a key priority for our government, and this is precisely why we created the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions.**
- **Through this ministry, we are addressing important gaps that have led to the fragmented mental health and addictions system we have today.**
- **The ministry is leading the transformation of BC’s mental health and addiction system by setting strategic direction through cross-sector planning and driving system-level improvement through targeted investments supported by research, policy and evaluation.**
- **On June 26, 2019, we launched *A Pathway to Hope: A roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people in British Columbia*.**
- **This strategy was informed by feedback from people from many perspectives, including Indigenous Peoples, people with lived and living experiences, families, and health care professionals on how to deliver mental health and addictions services and supports more effectively.**
- **We are working across government to build systems of care in mental health and addictions focused on prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery.**
- **Transforming the system will take time and the impact of some of these efforts may not be seen until well after the initiatives have been implemented.**

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- The 2022/23 Service Plan aligns with the strategic priorities embedded in the *Pathway to Hope* and the Minister's mandate letter, updated in November 2020 and establishes a series of performance and monitoring measures to ensure we are effectively and efficiently improving the mental health and addictions systems of care.

If asked about the changes to Performance Measures:

### Foundry:

- There has been no change to our implementation plan for Foundry centres – only a change to the language in the service plan.
- We are continuing to open new Foundry centres in communities across BC.
- Comparing the 2021 Performance Measure with this year's plan, the key change is:
  - Last year measured the number of centres operating or in implementation.
  - This year measures the number of centres operating – those with doors open and helping children and youth.
- The centres being perceived as missing are those that would be in the planning and implementation stages.
- 11 centres are open now. Eight more are in the works with four centres set to open this year.
- We are committed to opening as many Foundry centres as we can as quickly as possible.
- We have also funded the development of Foundry Online and the Foundry app, so children and youth can access these important services no matter where they live in BC.

### ICY Teams:

- We have committed \$40 million to create integrated child and youth teams in 15 more communities around B.C.
- There has been no change to the funding, the work is happening on the ground as quickly as possible.
- We will be announcing the locations of the next five teams later this year.
- We know that there is much more to do to respond to the need for supports in communities across BC.
- That's why we continue to make historic investments in mental health and addictions – like the \$53 million in early psychosis intervention

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supports, which includes adding 100 new full-time care providers into the system.

- **This past year we have:**
  - **opened 30 youth substance use treatment beds,**
  - **provided millions for mental health in schools programs,**
  - **launched the Foundry app,**
  - **and more to support youth mental health.**
- **The mental health & wellbeing of children and youth is a priority for our government, and we will continue to do what it takes to expand vital services across BC.**

### KEY FACTS

#### Background/Status:

- The service plan is intended to provide a high-level overview of the ministry's direction. It clearly identifies and communicates to the public and other stakeholders the purpose of the ministry, key priorities, and the results it expects to achieve with the use of its financial resources.
- The 2022/23 service plan was tabled in the Legislature and released publicly on Budget Day, February 22, 2022.
- The Plan outlines that the Province will continue its whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on protecting the health, social and economic well-being. Building on our economic, environmental, and social strengths while looking to seize opportunities to improve outcomes is an important aspect of each ministry's work to respond to COVID-19 and recover from devastating floods and wildfires.
- The 2022/23 Service Plan goals reflect government's broader five foundational principles: putting people first, lasting and meaningful reconciliation, equity and anti-racism, a better future through fighting climate change and meeting our greenhouse gas reduction commitments, and a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.
- The Service Plan confirms the ministry's top priorities as outlined in the Minister's mandate letter of November 26, 2020, to:
  - **Goal 1:** Accelerate BC's response to the overdose crisis across a full continuum of substance use care that keeps people safe and improves the health and well-being of British Columbians.
  - **Goal 2:** Create a seamless, accessible, and culturally safe mental health and addictions system of care.
- MMHA is transforming BC's mental health and addictions system through the development and implementation of the priority actions and initiatives detailed in *A Pathway to Hope*. These priorities establish a three-year plan to begin transforming mental health and substance use care for children, youth, young adults, and their families and outline four immediate areas of focus, including improved wellness for children, youth, and young adults; supporting Indigenous-led solutions; improving substance use care; and improving access and quality of care.
- MMHA is working with Indigenous peoples, people with lived and living experience, direct service providers including physicians, social workers, and first responders, and with federal, provincial and local governments, including the education, justice, employment and

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housing systems to provide more culturally-safe and effective mental health and addictions services that better meet the needs of all British Columbians.

- The 2022-23 Service Plan includes performance measures related to the overdose emergency and *A Pathway to Hope*:
  - **Overdose emergency performance measures:**
    - 1) Projections for the number of naloxone kits to be shipped to Take Home Naloxone distribution sites.
    - 2) Increasing the percentage of people on opioid agonist treatment who have been retained for 12 months.
    - 3) Median number of days between client referral and service initiation for bed-based treatment and recovery services.
  - ***A Pathway to Hope* performance measures:**
    - 1) The number of communities (school districts) with Integrated Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Teams operating or in implementation.
    - 2) Establishing target numbers for the expansion of the number of Foundry centres across the province.
- Highlights on changes to Performance Measures:
  - Foundry: The Budget 2022 Ministry Service Plan indicates that by the end of the 2024/25 fiscal year there will be 19 Foundry centres operating in the province. Due to a change in language regarding the performance measure (removing “in implementation”) as compared to previous service plans, this appears to be 4 sites short of the Budget 2021 commitment. However, ministry numbers show that when accounting for those centres in implementation, the Ministry is on track to meet commitments.
  - ICY Teams: The Budget 2022 Ministry Service Plan indicates that by the end of the 2024/25 fiscal year there will be 15 integrated children and youth teams operational or in implementation – this is 5 teams short of the Budget 2021 commitment.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- The Ministry’s restated operating budget is \$21.38 million in 2021/22, \$24.60 million in 2022/23, \$25.15 million in 2023/24 and 25.22 million in 2024/25 – over 62% is for salaries/benefits for ministry staff.
- The Ministry’s operating budget in Budget 2022 compared to Budget 2021 has increased by \$11.87 million due to new staff and operations resources and budget transfers (see Ministry Operating Budget EN or Ministry FTE EN for further details).
- Much of the budget for mental health and addictions programs or services is in the budgets of ministries delivering the programs or services.

#### Approvals:

March 2, 2022 – Tamara Casanova, Director, Operations

February 16, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

March 3, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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## TOPIC Budget 2022

**Issue:** Budget 2022 investments for Complex Care Housing

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Complex care housing is a ground-breaking approach to address the needs of our communities' most vulnerable people – those with significant mental health, substance use and other complex challenges who need a level of support that goes beyond what the current model of supportive housing can provide.**
- **Budget 2022 investments of \$164M over the next three years will support new complex care housing services and sites in the lower mainland, Vancouver Island, and the Interior with plans underway to support approximately 500 individuals.**

Advice/Recommendations

- ***Not yet announced* - Budget 2022 funding is in addition to investments of \$4.6M being made in 2021/22 to kickstart complex care housing services in communities including Surrey, Abbotsford and Vancouver, as well**

Advice/Recommendations

### KEY FACTS

#### Background/Status:

- Complex care housing is an early component of the forthcoming provincial homelessness strategy.
- With provincial leadership and oversight from MMHA, services are being implemented by health authorities and the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) in partnership with BC Housing, non-profit housing operators, and communities.
- Budget 2022 commits \$164M over three years to implement complex care housing across BC, with plans for additional funding for projects that are in the final stages of planning.
- The \$164M in Budget 2022 for the Ministry of Health (HLTH) will fund:

Advice/Recommendations

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Advice/Recommendations

plus ongoing funding for 2 projects

announced on January 20, 2022.

- 2 projects in Island Health (Victoria)

Advice/Recommendations

- Not included in Budget 2022, are additional projects in the planning phase, including:

Advice/Recommendations

- Interior Health services and sites (Kelowna, Kamloops)

Advice/Recommendations

- CMHA's civilian-led crisis response pilot funding

Advice/Recommendations

- Program funding will flow through HLTH to the health authorities and AHMA for implementation of services. MMHA is responsible for guiding implementation.
- An additional \$2.74M (within the \$164M) over three years will be added to MMHA's base budget for new FTEs to lead provincial coordination and oversight of complex care housing.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- The total approved Budget 2022 investment in complex care housing is \$163.62.

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
HLTH	53.96	53.46	53.46	<b>160.87</b>
MMHA	0.90	0.91	0.93	<b>2.74</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54.86</b>	<b>54.37</b>	<b>54.39</b>	<b>163.62</b>

#### Approvals:

February 24, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

March 8, 2022 – Peter Klotz obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Financial and Corporate Services

March 9, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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**TOPIC:** Federal Funding – Mental Health and Addictions Services Agreement

**Issue:** How is government spending the targeted federal funding for mental health and addictions services?

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- Using funding from the bilateral federal agreement for mental health and addictions services signed in 2018, the Ministry worked with its partner ministries to design initiatives to begin improving the mental health and addictions system of care for everyone in BC.
- The initial focus was on addressing the needs of Indigenous peoples, children and youth, and vulnerable populations through prevention, early intervention and improving access to evidence-informed and culturally-safe services and supports.
- These initiatives align with *A Pathway to Hope* announced in June 2019 and investments in Budget 2021.
- It is expected this agreement will be renewed for the remaining five years of the 10-year commitment.
- A few examples of initiatives being funded with this federal funding are:
  1. Improving mental health in schools
  2. Expanding Indigenous land-based cultural and healing services
  3. Integrating mental health and substance use professionals into team-based primary care
  4. Support for the Confident Parents Thriving Kids and BounceBack programs

### KEY FACTS

#### Background/Status:

- As part of the federal budget in 2017, the Government of Canada committed \$11 billion<sup>i</sup> over 10 years in new funding for provinces and territories to improve access to home care and mental-health services for Canadians.
- In 2018, the Province and Federal Government signed the Canada-British Columbia Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addictions Services Funding Agreement which committed \$270 million of funding from the Federal Government through 2021/22.



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- The total federal funding of \$270.02 million provided to the Province for mental health and addiction services as part of the Canada-British Columbia Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addictions Services Funding Agreement from 2017/18 to 2021/22 are as follows:
  - 2017/18 - \$13.09 million
  - 2018/19 - \$33.67 million
  - 2019/20 - \$60.71 million
  - 2020/21 - \$81.27 million
  - 2021/22 - \$81.27 million (notional amounts subject to change due to census adjustments)
- At this time the final 5 years of funding is not confirmed.
- This funding is held by the Ministry of Health.

### Approvals:

March 8, 2022 – Peter Klotz obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Finance and Corporate Services Division, Ministry of Health

March 9, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

March 9, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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<sup>i</sup> <https://budget.gc.ca/2017/docs/themes/strong-canada-fort-en.html>

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**TOPIC:** Federal Agreement — Emergency Treatment Fund

**Issue:** How is BC improving access to treatment services through the Emergency Treatment Fund?

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- In 2018, the federal government announced an Emergency Treatment Fund to provide funding to the provinces to assist in their responses to the overdose emergency.
- BC was allocated approximately \$33.98 million from the Emergency Treatment Fund to support expanded access to youth treatment, residential treatment beds, community-level linkage to care, enhanced treatment & therapy services, and supportive recovery standards. Examples include:
  - Hope Initiatives — designed to provide multidisciplinary resources to regional health authorities to establish and/or expand local-level capacity to provide connections to care and system navigation support to help people link to services that are relevant, accessible and appropriate to their unique needs.
  - Enhance treatment services across all health authorities — a portion of this funding was used to support each regional health authority to work with First Nations Health Authority to enhance and expand targeted regional plans for treatment access.
  - As part of Budget 2021, the BC Government committed ongoing funding to support initiatives after the funding from the Emergency Treatment Fund agreement is used.

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background:

- In Budget 2018, the Government of Canada committed \$150 million in one-time emergency funding for provinces and territories to support multi-year projects that improve access to evidence-based treatment services for opioid use disorder.
- Eligible services must fall into one of three categories:

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- support initiatives that will establish, build on, or enhance existing treatment approaches;
  - encourage further implementation of innovative treatment solutions;
- recognize the importance of broader strategies to support access to treatment services by enhancing health care providers' knowledge of best practices. Funds were allocated to provinces and territories based on a weighted formula that accounted for the severity of the overdose emergency and the population of the jurisdiction.
- Funding provided under the agreement will cover the period from April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2023.
- In Budget 2021, Government committed ongoing funding to support HOPE initiatives - local level support to expand connections to care and system navigation, Enhancing Treatment Services - First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) access to Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) and injectable OAT, and training/education for existing primary care providers.

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#### Budget/Expenditures:

- The total funding being provided to the Ministry of Health through the Canada – British Columbia Emergency Treatment Fund Bilateral Agreement (the Agreement) by Health Canada over the term of the Agreement is \$33.98 million. This funding is to be fully spent by March 31, 2023.
- The federal government requires provinces and territories to match the ETF funding received beyond the first \$0.250 million: BC met this requirement with the \$322 million of funding announced in Budget Update 2017 in response to the overdose emergency<sup>1</sup>.
- Budget 2022 continues funding to support substance use services including HOPE initiatives, FNHA access to OAT and iOAT, and primary care providers training and education, allocating \$35.55 million over the fiscal plan.

#### Approvals:

March 8, 2022 – Peter Klotz obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Finance and Corporate Services Division, Ministry of Health

March 9, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

DATE, 2021 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2017\\_Sept\\_Update/newsrelease/2017\\_Sept\\_Update\\_NewsRelease.pdf](https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2017_Sept_Update/newsrelease/2017_Sept_Update_NewsRelease.pdf)

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## TOPIC MMHA Grants

**Issue:** What grants did the Ministry issue in 2021/22

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **The Ministry issued \$4.94 million in grants in 2021/22 to Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division and Senior Services Society of BC to support community counselling granting program and SHINE program through March 2023.**
- **Since its inception in 2017, the ministry has issued 55 grants totaling \$37.34 million in support of mental health and addictions services.**

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background/Status:

- Grant funding issued in the Fall of 2021 to support the following:
  - Community Counselling Grant program administered by CMHA-BC and Community Action Initiatives, supporting existing 49 community counselling providers through March 2023.
  - SHINE program administered by Senior Services Society of BC through March 2023.
- Grant funding discussed in this note do not include COVID-19 funding measures (see COVID spending note).
- All funding proposals are assessed across several criteria (i.e., one time versus annualized funding, value for money, meeting community and/or client need, indigenous perspective, organizational capacity etc.) to ensure strategic alignment to the ministry's mandate.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
<i>Grants Issued</i>	9	18	11	15	2	<b>55</b>
<i>Total Amount</i>	\$7.93	\$4.85	\$14.42	\$5.20	\$4.94	<b>\$37.34</b>

##### Approvals:

February 17, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

February 28, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

# ESTIMATES NOTE

## TOPIC Ministry Operations Budget

**Issue:** What is the operating budget for the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions?

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- The Ministry has an annual operating budget of \$24.60 million in 2022/23, \$25.15 million in 2023/24 and \$25.22 million in 2024/25.
- The Minister's Office has an annual operating budget of \$0.64 million in 2022/23, \$0.65 million in 2023/24 and \$0.65 million in 2024/25.
- The Ministry has an annual salaries/benefits budget of \$15.24 million in 2022/23, \$15.50 million in 2023/24 and \$15.57 million in 2024/25.
- The Ministry budget increases by \$11.87 million in 2022/23, \$12.31 million in 2023/24 and \$12.46 million in 2024/25
- Much of the budget for mental health and addictions programs or services is in the budgets of ministries delivering the programs or services.
- The budget increase over past years represents:
  - Transfers to the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions from other Ministries to enable timely issuance of grant funding and streamline administration between ministries.
  - New resource funding to hire permanent staff.

### KEY FACTS

#### Background/Status:

- The Ministry's operating budget in Budget 2022 compared to Budget 2021 has increased by \$11.87 million due to the following:
  - New Resources:
    - \$3.22 million – Budget 2022 funding to support Ministry resourcing to address mandate priorities such as Complex Care Housing, Decriminalization, and Youth Stabilization Care. Funding supports staffing and other operational requirements such as travel, legal services, and office expenses.
  - Budget Transfers to MMHA (\$8.65 million):
    - \$8.37 million – Budget transfer from Ministry of Health. This is overdose emergency response funding to support the Stop the Stigma media campaign and administration of the Community Initiatives Fund.

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- \$0.28 million – Budget transfer from Ministry of Children and Family Development. Funding supports Provincial Support Office for Integrated Children and Youth Teams expansion.

The Ministry currently has 92 FTEs including the Minister’s Office (5) and Deputy Minister’s Office (6) staff. The FTE count does not include secondments, or Government Communications & Public Engagement (GCPE) staff.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

#### Budget 2022 change summary

Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions 3 yr. Allocation	Operating Expenses (millions)		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Estimate	Plan	Plan
<b>Budget 2021 Total</b>	<b>\$12.743</b>	<b>\$12.752</b>	<b>\$12.752</b>
<i>Legal Services (Resourcing)</i>	\$0.019	\$0.019	\$0.019
<i>MMHA Operations (Resourcing)</i>	\$2.299	\$2.345	\$2.392
<i>Complex Care Housing – MMHA Operations (Resourcing)</i>	\$0.895	\$0.914	\$0.934
<i>Provincial Support Office (Transfer)</i>	\$0.276	\$0.750	\$0.750
<i>Stop the Stigma (Transfer)</i>	\$2.370	\$2.370	\$2.370
<i>Community Innovation Fund (Transfer)</i>	\$6.000	\$6.000	\$6.000
<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>\$24.602</b>	<b>\$25.150</b>	<b>\$25.217</b>

#### Ministry operations budget by major expense category (millions):

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Salaries/benefits	\$15.243	\$15.504	\$15.571
Operating Expenditures	\$3.637	\$3.637	\$3.637
Government Transfers	\$6.000	\$6.000	\$6.000
Other Expenses	\$0.011	\$0.011	\$0.011
Internal Recoveries	-\$0.001	-\$0.001	-\$0.001
External Recoveries	-\$0.288	-\$0.001	-\$0.001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24.602</b>	<b>\$25.150</b>	<b>\$25.217</b>

#### Minister’s Office budget by major expense category (millions):

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Salaries/benefits	\$0.529	\$0.538	\$0.538
Travel	\$0.075	\$0.075	\$0.075
Information Systems	\$0.010	\$0.010	\$0.010
Office & Business Expenses	\$0.015	\$0.015	\$0.015
Legislative Assembly	\$0.010	\$0.010	\$0.010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.639</b>	<b>\$0.648</b>	<b>\$0.648</b>

Approvals:

# ESTIMATES NOTE

February 17, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division  
February 28, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

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## TOPIC Overdose – Financial Overview

**Issue:** What funding has Government provided in response to the Overdose Emergency?

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Budget 2022 allocates \$430 million over the fiscal plan to support initiatives that save lives, end stigma, provide treatment and recovery, advance prevention, and improve public safety. This investment is a continuation of investments made as part of Budget 2017, Budget 2019 and the historic investment in mental health and addictions services as part of Budget 2021.**
- **Since Budget 2017 and through this fiscal plan, this government will have committed more than \$1 billion towards the overdose emergency.**

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background/Status:

- Budget 2022 continues previously announced funding of approximately \$143.20 million per year:
  - Saving Lives - \$41.97 million
    - Overdose prevention, drug checking, Naloxone kits, psychosocial supports, BC Health Services.
  - Ending Stigma - \$2.37 million
    - Communications and public engagement.
  - Treatment and Recovery - \$67.79 million
    - Various treatment services including suboxone, methadone, opioid agnostic treatment, hospital services, and professional education and training.
  - Advancing Prevention - \$3.59 million
    - Data analysis and enhanced prescription monitoring.
  - Improving Public Safety - \$12.81 million
    - Via Public Safety and Solicitor General.
  - Initiatives that address all goals - \$14.68 million
    - Indigenous health and culturally based services, community crisis fund, and regional Health Authority Lead supports.
- Through the Federal Canada-British Columbia Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addictions Services Funding Agreement the Province has been able to expand access to evidence-based treatments and recovery options for vulnerable populations including:
  - Mother/Baby Substance Use Program



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- Increased access to iOAT services and tablet iOAT
- BC Centre Substance Use Cost Pressures
- Needs Based Gap Analysis
- Adult Surge Substance Use Treatment Beds
- Social Emotional Development in the Early Years
- Through the Federal Emergency Treatment Fund, the Province has undertaken the following priority interventions:
  - Support the expansion of Foundry, which will provide youth with problematic opioid use with supports and services across all Foundry sites;
  - Expand injectable opioid agonist treatment (iOAT);
  - Operate and evaluate the impact of adult residential treatment beds;
  - Support HOPE initiatives, which provide robust post-overdose support by facilitating community-level linkage to care in high priority communities;
  - Enhance and improve treatment service where gaps exist;
  - Enhance treatment services across all health authorities; and
  - Enhance supportive recovery services.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Budget 2022 allocates \$430 million over the fiscal plan to support initiatives that save lives, end stigma, provide treatment and recovery, advance prevention, and improve public safety.
- This investment is a continuation of investments made as part of Budget 2017, Budget 2019 and the historic investment in mental health and addictions services as part of Budget 2021.
- The Federal Government has provided \$270 million over 5 years (2017/18 to 2021/22) through the Canada-British Columbia Home and Community Care and Mental Health and Addictions Services agreement. The Council of the Federation is leading discussions with the federal government on future health funding transfer payments.
- The Federal Government has provided approximately \$34 million over 5 years (2018/19 to 2022/23) through the Emergency Treatment Fund agreement.

#### Approvals:

March 8, 2022 - Peter Klotz obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Finance and Corporate Services Division, HLTH

March 9, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

March 9, 2022– Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

# BUDGET NOTE

## TOPIC Pathway to Hope

**Issue:** Pathway to Hope Financial Summary

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- **Budget 2022 continues to leverage federal funding partnerships and previous investments through Budget 2017, 2019, and Budget 2021's historic \$500 million commitment to continue the transformation of mental health and addictions services into a comprehensive, seamless system of care.**
- **Budget 2022 builds on the initial investment in 4 complex care housing sites funded through Budget 2021, by providing \$164 million for at least 20 additional sites across B.C. with plans underway to support approximately 500 individuals.**
- **Budget 2022 includes \$430 million in support of ending the toxic drug crisis.**
- **All together, the fiscal plan will see government invest \$1.46 billion over the next three years to continue the transformation of mental health and addictions services into a comprehensive, seamless system of care.**

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background/Status:

- Since Budget 2017 this government has committed over \$1.1 billion in response to the overdose emergency and implementation of the Pathway to Hope:
  - Budget 2017 - \$0.33 billion
  - Budget 2019 - \$0.10 billion
  - Budget 2021 - \$0.50 billion
  - Budget 2022 - \$0.17 billion
- The Federal Mental Health and Addictions Services Agreement has provided the province an additional \$0.27 billion to support mental health and addictions services.
- Cross government investment in mental health and addictions services has grown to \$2.8 billion in 2022/23 from \$2.7 billion in 2020/21.

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- Budget 2022 commits \$1.46 billion to supporting *A Pathway to Hope* over the next three years:

(\$billions)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Complex Care Housing	\$0.055	\$0.055	\$0.054	\$0.164
Overdose	\$0.143	\$0.143	\$0.144	\$0.430
Other Pathway*	\$0.192	\$0.216	\$0.216	\$0.624
<b>Total Provincial</b>	<b>\$0.390</b>	<b>\$0.414</b>	<b>\$0.414</b>	<b>\$1.218</b>
Federal Funding**	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.243
<b>Total Pathway to Hope</b>	<b>\$0.471</b>	<b>\$0.495</b>	<b>\$0.495</b>	<b>\$1.461</b>

\* MMHA Operating Budget is allocated across all initiatives. See BN 2022 Minister 'Operating Budget' for details

\*\* Subject to agreement renewal

### Approvals:

February 17, 2022 – Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services Division

February 27, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

# ESTIMATES NOTE

## TOPIC A Pathway to Hope

**Issue:** An overview of *A Pathway to Hope*: A roadmap for making mental health and substance use care better for people in British Columbia

### Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- ***A Pathway to Hope*, released in 2019, lays out government’s 10-year vision for improved mental health and wellness and the establishment of an effective and culturally safe system of mental health care and substance use treatment and recovery.**
- **An emphasis on prevention, promotion, early intervention and integrated services, builds on existing initiatives and implements new, innovative approaches.**
- **We are continuing to implement *A Pathway to Hope* and with additional action and investments to improve the wellness of children, youth, young adults and their families, support Indigenous-led solutions, and improve access and quality of care.**
- **In addition, we will continue the ongoing work to address the toxic drug crisis and establish systems of treatment and recovery for substance use.**
- **Our government is taking action to give British Columbians what they so desperately need and deserve: a seamless system of mental health and substance use care where people get the help they need when and where they need it.**
- **Budget 2022 commits a total of \$1.46 billion over the fiscal plan across all pillars of the *Pathway to Hope* allowing real progress on true systems of care that offer coordinated services for mental health and substance use as well as accelerating the response to the toxic drug crisis.**

#### KEY FACTS

##### Background/Status:

- *A Pathway to Hope* actions work together to improve access to culturally safe, effective, seamless and integrated services and supports, and focus on prevention and early intervention. It sets the direction to create a coordinated and comprehensive mental health and substance use system for all people living in British Columbia with an initial focus on First Nations, Métis people and other Indigenous peoples and children, youth, and young adults.

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- Government’s 10-year vision for mental health and substance use care gets people the services they need to tackle problems early on and support their well-being.
- Through *A Pathway to Hope*, and key investments, we are continuing to implement priority actions across four pillars
  - Improving Wellness for Children, Youth and Young Adults;
  - Supporting Indigenous-Led Solutions;
  - Substance Use: Better Care, Saving Lives; and
  - Improved Access, Better Quality.
- The Ministry is partnering with Indigenous governments and organizations as well as other provincial ministries, local and federal governments, education, justice, employment, and housing sectors, advocates, community organizations, and people with lived experience to advance this work.
- Government is monitoring progress on *A Pathway to Hope* through a performance monitoring and evaluation framework. Internal monitoring reports are produced twice per year, and government is committed to reporting publicly on progress. The first public report on progress, *A Pathway to Hope Progress Report* was released in September 2021.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

#### Budget/Expenditures:

- There is \$1.46 billion committed to supporting A Pathway to Hope over the next three years:

(\$billions)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Complex Care Housing	\$0.055	\$0.055	\$0.054	\$0.164
Toxic Drug Crisis Response	\$0.143	\$0.143	\$0.144	\$0.430
Other Pathway*	\$0.192	\$0.216	\$0.216	\$0.624
<b>Total Provincial</b>	<b>\$0.390</b>	<b>\$0.414</b>	<b>\$0.414</b>	<b>\$1.218</b>
Federal Funding**	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.081	\$0.243
<b>Total Pathway to Hope</b>	<b>\$0.471</b>	<b>\$0.495</b>	<b>\$0.495</b>	<b>\$1.461</b>

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#### Approvals:

February 16, 2022 –Francesca Wheler, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child, Youth and Mental Health Policy

February 24, 2022 - Tracee Schmidt, Executive Lead, Corporate Services

March 8, 2022 - Peter Klotz obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Financial and Corporate Services

March 10, 2022 – Christine Massey, Deputy Minister

## ESTIMATES NOTE

### TOPIC Children, Youth and Young Adults Mental Health and Addictions - Overview

**Issue:** Improving Wellness for Children, Youth, and Young Adults

#### **Key Messaging and Recommended Response:**

- We are committed to ensuring children, youth and young adults receive the supports they need so they have the greatest chance for success and wellbeing.
- Through government investments made in *A Pathway to Hope* we are continuing to build an integrated network of services to support children, youth, young adults and their families by promoting mental wellness, preventing the onset of mental health and substance use challenges, and identifying those who are struggling with mental illness or addiction early and connecting them to effective and culturally safe services and supports.
- This government is currently implementing multi-disciplinary Integrated Child and Youth Teams in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows, Comox Valley, Richmond, Coast Mountains, and Okanagan-Similkameen School Districts, and will expand to another 15 school district communities in phases.
- Budget 2022 continues our investment in Foundry Virtual and Foundry site expansion.
- Ministry of Education has implemented the Mental Health in Schools Strategy (MHIS), embedding positive mental health and wellness programs and services for students in all school districts. Young people aged 12 to 24 and their families will benefit from 123 new beds for youth substance-use treatment and withdrawal-management, helping fill a long-standing gap in treatment services.
- Government is also making an historic investment in youth substance use services, ranging across the spectrum of care from prevention and early intervention to crisis and crisis intervention and stabilization services.

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## KEY FACTS

### Background/Status:

- At any given time, an estimated 12.7% (nearly 95,000) children and youth in BC between the ages of 4 to 18 experience mental health issues that warrant intervention and only 44.2% of these youth receive services.<sup>i</sup>
- Between 2009/10 and 2019/20, inpatient hospital episodes for children and youth ages 0-24 with MHSU concerns increased by 91% across BC.<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2020, 66.6% of youth (ages 12-17) in BC self-rated their mental health as very good or excellent, which is a decrease from 74% in 2019 and 79.3% in 2016.<sup>iii</sup>
- An estimated 26.5% of children (ages 4-18) with mental health disorders have two or more disorders concurrently.<sup>iv</sup>
- Indigenous children and youth are at higher risk for mental health and substance use challenges due to systemic inequities and the historical and ongoing impacts of colonialism.
- Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH), offered through the Ministry of Children and Family Development, provides services to over 25,000 individual children and youth between the ages of 0-18 each year who experience moderate to severe mental health challenges.

### Priority Actions

- Through *A Pathway to Hope*, and key investments in Budget 2021, we are implementing the following priority actions for children, youth, young adults, and families:
  - Implementation of Integrated Child and Youth Teams
  - Expanding Foundry for a total of 23 province-wide
  - Expanding Foundry Virtual
  - Launched the Foundry BC App
  - Mental Health in Schools Strategy (MHIS), embedding positive mental health and wellness programs and services for students in all school districts Adding 123 new youth substance use beds across the province and investing in youth substance use services
  - Enhancing support for pregnant and parenting individuals with substance use challenges
  - Promotion of early childhood social emotional development
  - Expansion of early childhood services
  - Expansion of Confident Parents: Thriving Kids which supports parents with children aged 3-12 experiencing behavioural or anxiety challenges
  - Implementation of Step up/Step down specialized support programs including high-intensity outreach and bed-based services
  - Enhancing and expanding Early Psychosis Intervention services
  - Launched Here2Talk, a 24/7 mental-health counselling and referral service for post-secondary students
  - Launched Wellbeing Site ([www.wellbeing.gov.bc.ca](http://www.wellbeing.gov.bc.ca)) which includes resources for children, youth, young adults and families
- The emphasis on prevention and early intervention with investments in services for children, youth, and young adults is critical because we know that 70% of mental health challenges have their onset during childhood or adolescence.<sup>v</sup> Intervening early can prevent problems from becoming more severe or developing into lifelong conditions.

