

File: 292-30/HTH-2019-93591

September 30, 2019

Re: Request for Access to Records Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Health. You requested:

Any and all correspondence, reports, documents, and emails related to, received by or sent to Medical Services Commission including those sent to Chair, Dr. Robert Halpenny; and/or Dr. Lorne Verhulst, Chair of the Patterns of Practice Committee and/or Shana Ooms and/or Nancy South; and/or Eric Larson which include data, information or discussion about walk-in clinics, funding received by walk-in clinics, and how walk-in clinics tie in with the primary care initiative especially with regards to the physician enhancement program and the working habits of new General Practice grads who worked between 2003 and 2013 including the walk-in clinic list at which these new grads worked and any payment data relating to the new GP grads working at these clinics. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 06/13/2019).

The enclosed CD is password protected due to the sensitive nature of the information contained on it. A password was mailed to you separately, including instructions about how to open your password protected file.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA.

A complete copy of the FOIPPA is available online at the following website:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Boyd at 778 698-2867. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-

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Telephone: 250 387-1321 Fax: 250 387-9843

Website:

7867 and asking to be transferred to 778 698-2867. Please provide the file number at the top right of the first page of this letter in any communications.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the Ministry's response to your request. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager

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Health / Education Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures



How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

Fax: 250 387-9843