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Relevant parties

- s.22 young man living with autism
- s.22

Background

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The main issue: Rotating respite not working for s.2

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Effect of rotating respite on s.22 family

This option caused a great deal of concern to s.22 family. Because he lives with autism, s.2 is intensely dependent on routine, structure, and predictability and would have a very difficult time

maintaining emotional and behavioural stability under a rotating respite care arrangement. s.22
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Potential solutions to rotating respite offered in June

s.22 family were given two options to consider as alternatives to the rotating respite
possibility: s.22
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Billing and capacity issue

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Letter of Support

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The request
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From: [Jasmin Cheung](#)
To: [Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#); [Wendy Cocchia](#)
Subject: Follow Up from Pacific Autism Family Network
Date: December 13, 2018 2:42:43 PM

Hi Alisma,

I am reaching out on behalf of Sergio and Wendy Cocchia from the Pacific Autism Family Network (PAFN).

We were directed to your office earlier in the fall by Robyn Spilker, as seen below. I am following up on a meeting request that was made to you at this time. **We would greatly appreciate the chance to speak with you -- either in person or over the phone -- about the work that PAFN is doing to support British Columbians affected by autism.**

Understanding that this is a very busy time for you and your office, perhaps we can schedule a brief phone meeting for some time in the new year, before the Legislature resumes?

PAFN has been pleased to partner with the Premier, Minister James and Minister Simpson over the past year, and we are looking forward to working with you and Minister Conroy.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Jasmin Cheung

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From: Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 3, 2018 2:51 PM
To: Sergio Cocchia <scocchia@crewmanagement.com>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Hi Sergio,

Thank you for sharing PAFN's business case – apologies for my slow reply **s.22**

I was able to confirm that the Ministry of Children and Families would be your best contact. I've shared your proposal with MA Alisma Perry. She is familiar with PAFN and said there is a meeting request already in the works.

Hope that information is helpful. Thank you again for reaching out.

Best,
Robyn

Robyn Spilker

Senior Ministerial Assistant
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From: Sergio Cocchia <scocchia@crewmanagement.com>
Sent: September 4, 2018 9:35 AM
To: Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow up

Hi Robyn
Can you please confirm receipt and that you are able to access dropbox
Thanks
Sergio

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5w1f55wd12uq9v4/AAAXVUuS4XqOnnA49Gqk9t7xa?dl=0>

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Dear Ms. Spilker

Thank you so much for your time and interest in the Pacific Autism Family Network. Our hope is that the government could consider how it might support our work and help us accomplish our mission per the Grant Agreement between us.

We are confident that PAFN's work with the autism community aligns with your government's commitments around:

1. Building an innovative economy that is open to all British Columbians;
2. Promoting equality of opportunity and inclusion of British Columbians with disabilities;
3. Ensuring equitable access to supports for British Columbians across the province.

Unfortunately, British Columbian families and individuals living with autism confront systemic barriers and regional fragmentation in their pursuit of information, care and resources. These folks face the unique challenge of navigating an interdisciplinary and multijurisdictional environment in search of resources that help support interventions, foster independence and place and keep British Columbians in the workforce.

By way of background, PAFN offers resources and support to British Columbians through our Hub-and-Spoke model of service offerings. We launched our Autism Family Hub, a 60,000-sq.ft. facility, in Richmond in 2016. Since then, we are proud to have opened our northern Spoke in Prince George and we'll soon be opening our Spoke in Kelowna, where we'll serve families from across British Columbia.

Under the previous provincial government, PAFN reached a funding grant agreement with the Ministry of Housing. We received financial commitment from the Government of British Columbia to support the long-term operations of state-of-the-art provincial knowledge and resource centres (i.e., "Spokes") across the province to complement the services being provided by our main "Hub" in Richmond. These spokes will (as defined in our Grant Agreement):

1. Offer a centralized "one-stop-shop" for families to easily access resources, care and information to Autism Spectrum Disorder,
2. Encourage the development of innovative, collaborative and effective best practices in research, assessment, treatment, information, resources and support services across the lifespan of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and
3. Become the cornerstone in advancing assessment and treatment techniques for addressing the lifespan needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families across British Columbia.

It is critical that we receive this funding in order to continue to offer a real and meaningful solution to British Columbian families who are struggling day-to-day to support their loved ones with autism.

We continue to engage with national, provincial and local autism organizations. We know that PAFN's work reflects the needs and desires of the broader autism community.

Included with this letter (by email) is a "Dropbox link" to the following documents which we hope might provide the background required. We are at your disposal if any other information is required anytime.

Kind Regards



Sergio Cocchia O.B.C. LLD(Hon)
Chair
Pacific Autism Family Network

Attached:

1. Termination and Grant Agreement – between PAFN and Government of B.C.
See “Project Purpose”
2. Business Plan
Table 8 was the approved plan which included government support
3. Addendum
May provide historical context
4. Case for Support
Describes our mission (note \$13.5 million in philanthropic dollars received or committed to date)
5. Go Group overview
One of several new initiatives undertaken by PAFN
6. 2016 Annual Report
7. AIDE – Autism and Intellectual Disabilities Exchange
The federal initiative that has been funded to \$10.975million

From: [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)
To: [White, Emily MCF:EX](#)
Subject: For Call for Records CFD-2019-91033 Due March 7, 2019
Date: February 22, 2019 3:25:36 PM

From: White, Emily MCF:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX <Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

No, I emailed Wendy last but never received a response. Should I follow up?

Emily White

Administrative Coordinator

The Hon. Katrine Conroy

Minister of Children and Family Development

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From: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2018 8:02 PM
To: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX
Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Did we ever find a date for this visit?

From: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 2:03 PM
To: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX
Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Good idea!

From: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; White, Emily MCF:EX
Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

FYI that we met Wendy at the Order of BC event today. She also invited MKC to attend a grand opening of their Kelowna location. She said that they can choose a date around MKC's availability. So let's discuss that at our calendar meeting as well!

From: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 11:58 AM
To: White, Emily MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX
Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Looping in Alisma as it's her file. Let's set up a calendar meeting and do all invites you have at once, easier I think – and agree would be good to coordinate with MSKC too.

From: White, Emily MCF:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Cc: Wilson, Cherie MCF:EX
Subject: FW: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Hi Paula –

Don't know where this one ended up, but sending your way for consideration. We won't be able to fit this in before session, but perhaps during that break week in October when she is in town (if we send her to Van)?

Let me know!

CC'ing you Cherie as this may also be something MSKC is interested in (per Krista's note below).

Thank you,

Emily White

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From: Cain, Krista A MCF:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:32 PM
To: White, Emily MCF:EX

Subject: RE: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Hi Emily

ADM Massey recommends this one, in part because MCFD has an office on site (AIS-BC). She would also be pleased to attend with MKC as scheduling allows. Also, there is a child care on site, so MSKC may also be interested in joining.

KRista

From: White, Emily MCF:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Cain, Krista A MCF:EX
Subject: STAFF ADVICE - FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Hi Krista –

Can you please provide staff advice on this request?

Thank you,

Emily White

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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:22 PM
To: White, Emily MCF:EX
Cc: Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX
Subject: FW: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Emily please ask for staff advice on this.

From: Wendy Cocchia [<mailto:Wendy@crewmanagement.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:15 PM
To: Minister, MCF MCF:EX

Cc: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Brown, Edena MCF:EX; Jasmin Cheung
Subject: Invitation to Tour Pacific Autism Family Hub

Dear Minister Conroy,

I am reaching out on behalf of Pacific Autism Family Network to invite you to tour our family resource facility in Richmond before the Legislature resumes this Fall.
Please see your attached invitation for your consideration.

Best regards,

Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia O.B.C., LL.D(Hon)

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From: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX
To: s.22
Subject: Note from Selina Robinson
Date: November 21, 2018 6:02:18 PM

Dear s.22

I work for Katrine Conroy, the Minister for Children and Family Development. Minister Selina Robinson asked us to check in with you regarding an issue with respite services for a child with autism. While the Minister is not allowed to get involved in cases herself, our client relations branch can work with you to answer any questions you have. The best course of action would be to send an email outlining your questions or concerns to: MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca. Feel free to copy me on this email.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,
Alisma

Alisma Perry
Ministerial Assistant
Children and Family Development
778-677-4408

From: [Carol Riviere](#)
To: [Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Gunn, Paula MCF:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Services for children with special needs
Date: December 14, 2018 11:05:19 AM

Thanks for the call-in info Alisma. FYI, HSA's Director of Communications, & EA to HSA's president, Miriam Sobrino will be joining us on the call.

I thought it might be useful to send you an outline of how HSA members fit into the provision of services for CYSN in BC:

HSA represents about 20,000 members working in health care and community social services. Approximately 15,000 work in one of about 75 health science professions/disciplines. Some of the health science professions commonly providing specialized services for CYSN, include audiologists, behavioural consultants, child and youth mental health counsellors, child life specialists, dietitians, early childhood educators, family services workers, infant development consultants, key workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, preschool teachers, psychologists, social workers, speech language pathologists, and supported child development consultants.

HSA represents all health science professionals delivering CYSN services at acute care sites around the province (such as hospitals) and at specialized sites operated by health authorities, but funded in part by MCFD, that provide CYSN services (examples include Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health in Victoria and Sunny Hill Health Centre in Vancouver).

HSA also represents most of the health science professionals and a smaller proportion of other staff providing specialized services to CYSN at a variety of sites in the community. **Non-health professional staff** represented by HSA who provide CYSN services in the community include clerical and maintenance support workers, as well as autism interventionists, various types of therapy assistants or aides, and a large number of staff funded through SCD funding to work directly with CYSN to enable them to participate in child care and preschool programs (these staff have a variety of job titles, such as ECE assistants, supported child care assistants, supported child care workers, child care assistants).

HSA is the union representing staff at most of the unionized CDCs in BC (including all the largest CDCs, such as The Centre for Child Development in Surrey, Centre for Ability in Vancouver, Fraser Valley CDC, Starbright, Nanaimo CDC, Thompson Nicola Family Resource Society, Prince George CDC and others). HSA also represents staff at a few of the non-CDC community service agencies providing CYSN services (including SHARE, Deltassist, Cameray Counselling and Campbell River Family Services).

Looking forward to speaking with you and Paula on Monday.

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To: Carol Riviere <CRiviere@hsabc.org>
Cc: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Services for children with special needs

Hi Carol,
Please call in to: Dial: 1-877-353-9184; Participant ID:s.17
We'll talk to you Monday!
Alisma

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From: Carol Riviere <CRiviere@hsabc.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 5:59 PM
To: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX <Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Services for children with special needs

Perfect. Can you send me the number to call?

Thanks
Carol

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2018, at 5:32 PM, Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX <Alisma.Perry@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Carol,
Would Monday at 2pm work for you?
Thanks!
Alisma

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Subject: RE: Services for children with special needs
Date: December 13, 2018 5:09:22 PM
Attachments: [181116 CL facts about CDCs FV Revised.docx](#)
[181115 EIT EYMH services FV Revised.docx](#)

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Child Development Centres: Essential for children with disabilities

Child development centres (CDCs) provide services to children with a wide range of physical, neurological and developmental disabilities (such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder), as well as mental health and behavioural issues. Approximately 30 CDCs in British Columbia provide multidisciplinary therapy and integrated services to more than 15,000 children and their families throughout the province.

CDCs specialize in providing services to children from birth to school entry (usually age 5). Some CDCs also serve school age children.

HSA health science professions commonly providing services for children at CDCs include audiologists, behavioural consultants, child and youth mental health counsellors, child life specialists, dietitians, early childhood educators, family support workers, infant development consultants, key workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, preschool teachers, psychologists, social workers, speech language pathologists, and supported child development consultants.

Each child has a care plan tailored to their needs, and ideally receives all the supports they require from a CDC team made up of different professionals working together in an integrated way.

Many of the children supported by CDCs come from vulnerable families who are already struggling to cope with a range of issues, including mental illness, addictions, poverty or the impact of trauma. Their children's mental health problems are often due, at least in part, to their family's struggles.

Family support professionals, such as infant development consultants, social workers and supported child development consultants, are required to help these families develop the special skills required, and cope with the additional stresses of caring for a child with a disability.

CDC services are essential to enable children with special needs to participate in child care and preschool programs, as well as to make a successful transition into the K-12 school system.

Traditionally, most CDCs have focused on addressing the physical and behavioural needs of children with disabilities, but the need to provide emotional, social and psychological supports for these children and their families is growing.

Children with disabilities who do not receive necessary services are less likely to succeed in school, and more likely to require additional ongoing services from MCFD, and the health care and education systems. They are also more likely as adults to require social assistance or to end up in the criminal justice system. The human and economic costs of failing to provide CDC services to children with disabilities are staggering.

Early Intervention Therapies: Ensuring every child with special needs has timely access

The ask

Double the funding for MCFD's *Early Intervention Therapy* program to \$70 million annually, so that Child Development Centres (CDCs) can ensure timely access to children who require speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and physiotherapy.

The problem

Children with special needs rely on CDCs for early intervention therapies that enable them to participate in activities many families take for granted. *Speech language therapy* helps develop the ability to communicate, *physiotherapy* improves mobility and coordination, and *occupational therapy* enables these children to manage daily living activities that come naturally to able-bodied children.

MCFD funds these therapies for children from birth to age five. There are critical developmental stages where children benefit most from therapy, but because of inadequate funding there are long waits for treatment. This means many children don't receive therapy at the optimal stage, and in some cases "age out" of the program before receiving therapy.

By the end of 2016, after 10 years with no increased funding for early intervention therapy, there were hundreds of children on wait lists at CDCs around the province. A 2017/18 funding increase has allowed CDCs to begin addressing these wait lists, but CDCs report that early intervention therapies still have the longest wait times of all the services they deliver. This problem has also been recognized by the BC Association of Child Development and Intervention, Speech and Hearing BC, and the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

More funding is needed to ensure every child has timely access to early intervention therapies.

Early Years Mental Health Services: Addressing the critical gap in mental health care in BC

The ask

Provide a \$50 million annual investment to ensure that all children and families in BC can access publicly funded *Early Years Mental Health Services* at their local Child Development Centre.

The problem

The foundation for sound mental health is built in the earliest years of life, when a child develops capacities for learning and relating to others. Anxiety, depression, hyperactivity and aggression in the pre-school years can have a significant negative effect on social and psychological development. In very young children, these mental health issues often manifest as severe problems with eating, sleeping, toileting or speaking, as well as tantrums, biting, throwing toys and hitting other children.

These types of mental health issues in the early years are on the rise, and are often linked to the struggles that a child's parents are having with such things as mental illness, substance use, poverty and the after effects of trauma. Such cases require support from behaviour specialists, mental health clinicians and family support workers.

Mental health services are most effective when provided early, and when integrated with other services provided to children with special needs, such as the multidisciplinary, team-based care that CDCs provide. CDCs currently do not have the resources to provide the full range of mental health supports required by children and their families.

We're asking our MLAs to:

1) ask the Minister of Children and Family Development to increase funding for the Early Intervention Therapy program (occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech-language therapy); and

2) ask the Minister of Children and Family Development and Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, to fund CDCs to provide *Early Years Mental Health Services*.

From: s.22
To: [Minister, MCF MCF:EX](#)
Cc: [Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX](#); [Heyman, MLA, George LASS:EX](#); s.22
Subject: Respite Changes for our son with Autism
Date: November 24, 2018 5:41:33 PM
Attachments: [Summary for MLA for s.22](#) [Respite Changes.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[Summary of Effects of Respite Changes.docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

To whom it may concern:

I was given this email by Alisma Perry to express our concerns regarding changes in our son's respite care. I copy her and Nadja Komnenic, our MLA's Assistance who has been our contact person. I also copy s.22

I attach two summaries, one regarding the process of how these changes came to be and one regarding the effects of these changes.

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And I also am copying and pasting an email response from s.22 MCFD Director of operations who did not return my calls in the spring when I tried to contact him. I believe he returned my email 3 weeks ago due to the support from our MLA office. s.22
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Sincerely

Sent from my iPhone

Our biggest question is why and who decides that a respite bed is no longer available.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter,
s.22

239572 – Bullets – 09/10/18

Incoming:

From: "Sangha, Jasmeet LASS:EX" <Jasmeet.Sangha@leg.bc.ca>

Date: September 10, 2018 at 11:57:09 AM PDT

To: "Brown, Edena MCF:EX" <Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Constituent Inquiry

Hello Edena,

I hope this finds you well!

Please find attached consent form from s.22

s.22 has waited 15 months to be assessed – now that he has been assessed there has been a further delay to get the autism funding signed.

s.22 is unable to hire anybody until the funding is in place. s.22
s.22 needs is for her social worker to communicate and work on this with her.

Please let me know if you can help our constituent.

Warmly,

Jasmeet Sangha

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Bullets:

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
MLA BULLETS**

DATE: September 12, 2018

CLIFF: 239572

Prepared for MLA Harry Bains, Surrey-Newton

ISSUE: s.22

noted that she had experienced difficulty in getting in touch with her social worker to receive autism funding for her son s.22

RESPONSE:

s.22

240102 – Reply Direct - 10/15/2018

Incoming:

From: Smith, Heather [mailto:Heather.Smith@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 1:23 PM

To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX

Subject: Community Connections South East BC Society

Good Afternoon Edena

Kim Levie, Assistant Executive Director and Gwen Noble, Executive Director were in the office on Friday voicing their concerns on the length of time it takes to receive reimbursement from the Autism Funding Unit.

Kim and Gwen are concerned that their organization is running a 40,0000.00 -80,0000 debt load each month as they provide service to 78 children in the East Kootenay. The billing system is a nightmare and take 2 staff 3 full days to enter all the relevant information.

Community Connections are hoping to have your office look into their concerns and to receive payment sooner. Will you please advise our office if we should be dealing with another organization.

Thank you for taking the time to look into our constituents concerns.



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240247 – Bullets - 10/25/18

Incoming:

From: Khan, Ayesha [<mailto:Ayesha.Khan@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX
Subject: Re: Surrey-Guildford Constituent

Hi Edena,

Hoping this email finds you well! I am writing to you today on behalf of s.22 a
Surrey-Guildford constituent, and the father to s.22 i, a child with autism.
s.22 i came into our office seeking aid for his son, and other children with autism, who
are not receiving equitable funding to offset the care services needed for their children.
Do you folks have any messaging on this?

Regards,
Ayesha



Ayesha Khan
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To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX
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Hi Edena,

Hoping this email finds you well! I am writing to you today on behalf of s.22, a Surrey-Guildford constituent, and the father to s.22, a child with autism. s.22 came into our office seeking aid for his son, and other children with autism, who are not receiving equitable funding to offset the care services needed for their children. Do you folks have any messaging on this?

Regards,
Ayesha

240754 – Reply Direct – 11/26/2018

Incoming:

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, November 24, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Minister, MCF MCF:EX
Cc: Perry, Alisma, MCF:EX; Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX; s.22
Subject: Respite Changes for our son with Autism

To whom it may concern:

I was given this email by Alisma Perry to express our concerns regarding changes in our son's respite care. I copy her and Nadja Komnenic, our MLA's Assistance who has been our contact person. I also copy s.22

I attach two summaries, one regarding the process of how these changes came to be and one regarding the effects of these changes.

Attached Summary #1

Summary for MLA for s.22 Respite Changes
s.22

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241184 – Reply Direct – 12/18/18

Incoming:

From: Sims.MLA, Jinny

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 12:14 PM

To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX <Edena.Brown@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MLA Sims Office

Hi Edena,

I hope this email finds you well. The above is a consent form for our constituent. I have added a brief explanation above.s.22

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I have also added 2 other forms because I was unsure who to contact so you can ignore those (they have DOB and PHN).

Best,

Preet Sangha

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240081 – Bullets – 10/15/18

Incoming:

From: Komnenic, Nadja

Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 3:51 PM

To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX

Subject: Respite Care at Pathway Community Services

Dear Edena,

Please find attached a consent form for our constituent, s.22

The issue s.2 and her family are facing is relatively complicated, but I've tried to summarize it in the attached pdf. When is a good time for you to chat on the phone about this? I am available any time this week except Friday.

Warm regards,

Nadja Komnenic

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s.22

Background

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The issue

s.22

Effect on s.22 and his family

- This option caused a great deal of concern to s.22 and his family. Because he lives with autism, he is intensely dependent on routine, structure, predictability and would have a very difficult time maintaining emotional and behavioural stability
- s.22

Potential solution to rotating respite offered s.22

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PDF mentioned attached in e-mail

Bullets:

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
MLA BULLETS**

DATE: October 16, 2018

CLIFF: 240081

Prepared for George Heyman, MLA Vancouver-Fairview

ISSUE: Parents of a s.22 youth with Autism are concerned changes to his respite schedule are negatively impacting him and the family. They want the schedule to return to what it was s.22

RESPONSE:

s.22

240182 – Bullets – 10/19/18

Incoming:

From: Khan, Ayesha [mailto:Ayesha.Khan@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX
Subject: Re: Constituent Casework

Hi Edena,

Hoping this email finds you well.

I am writing on behalf of a constituent, s.22, who is looking to inquire the status of her children's respite.
s.22 - all who have autism.

s.22 mentioned that she has attempted contact with her CYSW SW but has not received any service.

Please see attached for her MCFD consent form.

Regards,
Ayesha



Ayesha Khan

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
MLA BULLETS**

DATE: October 25, 2018

CLIFF: 240182

Prepared for the Honourable Garry Begg, MLA Surrey-Guildford

ISSUE:

s.22 has been unable to meet with a Children and Youth with Special Needs
(CYSN) social worker to sign respite agreements for her s.22

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s.22 was concerned about a privacy breach s.22

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RESPONSE:

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240262 – Bullets – 10/24/18

Incoming:

From: Hill, Amelia [<mailto:Amelia.Hill@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Brown, Edena MCF:EX
Subject: Childcare Question

Hello again,

I have a constituent that by her description it sounds as if your department has worked with before that goes by s.22 is looking for increased childcare options, therapy, and support workers for her son. s.22
s.22

Thank you for any and all help,



Amelia Hill

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Bullets:

MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT MLA BULLETS

DATE: October 30, 2018
CLIFF: #240262

Prepared for Honourable George Chow, MLA, Vancouver-Fraserview

ISSUE: s.22 , parent of an Autistic child, is requesting support to access additional support services for her child. These include child care, therapy and family support.

RESPONSE:

s.22