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From: Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX
Sent: 9 Dec 2020 23:56:51 +0000
To: Hammond, Danika S MCF:EX
Subject: RE: Improved Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

I should have caught that Danika my apologies! If I miss another one again just fwd to me and ill make sure to flag for Sarah/ashley – Invites/meeting requests should not be put in your folder to begin with 😊

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From: Minister, MCF MCF:EX <MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 9, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; Gunn, Paula MCF:EX <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>; McKay, Ashley MCF:EX <Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Morton, Kaitlin MCF:EX <Kaitlin.Morton@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Improved Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

This is a meeting request.

Thanks!

Danika

From: Robert Fraser <rob.fraser@molecularyou.com>
Sent: December 9, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Minister, MCF MCF:EX <MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Kingsford, Douglas HLTH:EX <Douglas.Kingsford@gov.bc.ca>; Lewis, Suzanne <suzanne.lewis@ubc.ca>
Subject: Improved Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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Dear Minister Dean

For many years scientists and physicians have been searching for methods that would provide for the early detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) so that interventions could start earlier, be monitored and have a greater impact on ameliorating the symptoms of ASD. Recently, Molecular You, a Vancouver-based Health Intelligence Company (molecularyou.com) in collaboration with Dr. Suzanne Lewis, a global leader in the treatment and research of ASD, has developed an accurate blood and urine based detection method for ASD. Importantly, the blood and urine - based markers indicating ASD

provide actionable insights and the ability to monitor outcomes longitudinally towards real improvement. If started early enough, there is the potential to reverse the course of the disease, giving affected children and families a chance to a normal life and enormous savings to government education and health programming. Made all the more critical during this COVID-19 pandemic, when resources are scarce and hard to access. Dr. Lewis and her colleagues at the Pacific Autism Family Network and AIMS clinic have expressed confidence in the methods developed by Molecular You and are implementing this approach into their standard of care for children. This will also include in earlier detection of infants in affected families so interventions can be made sooner to better effect positive outcomes.

In order for us to deliver on this promising solution we have shared our plan to move forward with Dr. Douglas Kingsford, CMIO for the Ministry of Health. Dr. Kingsford is very supportive and agreed that the best way to rapidly implement would be to provide an allowance of the Autism Funding Unit (AFU) to be applied to the Molecular You service. This would provide children with precision health and behaviour management (especially for the most challenging cases for whom behaviour interventions fail), early detection for prospective infant/ toddler cases where there is an autistic parent or sibling and as a component for ASD diagnostic assessment going forward. Essentially we are not requesting new funding, but advocating for AFU approval for parents who wish to use this funding for Molecular You biomedical testing to inform best-fit functional, behavioural and biomedical management and treatment options for their child that focuses not only on symptoms, but their cause. Biomedical testing helps support earlier diagnostic and management innovations based on functional need and cause rather than solely on the autism diagnostic label itself.

In following the American College of Medical Genetics lead on recommending biomedical genetic/metabolome testing for all persons with autism, there will soon be similar recommendations coming from the CCMG (Canadian College of Medical Geneticists) on which Dr. Lewis serves as a committee member. We can reference such change as part of a rapidly growing shift in the autism field toward earlier diagnosis and treatments to occur within the narrow window of opportunity for maximal impact. This is before age 6 years, which reduces more invasive and unnecessary testing costs, can predict best-fit therapies, and lessen long term socio-economic costs, as well as those experienced personally by children and their families. Working together with globally leading BC based industry, science and medical care, the Government of BC can be at the vanguard of improved care for children with ASD.

We would welcome the opportunity to present and discuss this in greater detail at your earliest convenience. We urge you to act soon as the current COVID-19 pandemic conditions have made the need that much more apparent for these children and families challenged to access the right resources and personalized care.

Sincerely,

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To: Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX
Subject: FW: Autism Funding and COVID

Reply Direct please Rhea!

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From: Jerri Briggs s.22
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Subject: Autism Funding and COVID

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Dear Honourable Mitzi Dean
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As you are the Minister of MCFD, I am reaching out to you for information, support and guidance in reference to the “current year” Autism funding during COVID restrictions.

My questions are:

1. Will there be an extension on the time frame to utilize Autism Funding, much like there was at the onset of COVID?
2. How much discussion and what outcomes have taken place in reference to the “unused portion” of Autism Funding being carried forward to the next funding cycle?
3. Is the unused portion of individual. Autism funding, which is not being carried forward, clawed back and placed into general revenue?

(The unused portion being carried forward to the next funding cycle would greatly impact how much more intervention children could access in future. Even permitting a cap on time to use up carry forward amounts would be beneficial).

Thank you for you time and attention to these matters.
I am hopeful for changes in Autism Funding await your response.

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From: Dean, Mitzi MCF:EX
Sent: 23 Jan 2021 01:13:29 +0000
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Cc: McKay, Ashley MCF:EX
Subject: Re: CYSN Sub and PPT
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I've put some comments in this attachment.

thanks.

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From: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Sent: January 22, 2021 4:14:45 PM
To: Dean, Mitzi MCFD:EX
Cc: McKay, Ashley MCF:EX
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For your review Minister, Paula

From: Cain, Krista A MCF:EX <Krista.Cain@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>; McKay, Ashley MCF:EX

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Subject: CYSN Sub and PPT

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From: Dean, Mitzi MCF:EX
Sent: 26 Jan 2021 16:10:55 +0000
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Subject: Final comments on CYSN sub in attachment -att- Jan 26
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Sent: 30 Jan 2021 15:51:11 +0000
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Cc: Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX
Subject: CYSN SN
Attachments: s.12

Hi Paula

here are my edited SNs formatted for printing for ease of reading and reference to the slides. Please do any extra editing and ask Sarah to print for me for Tuesday thanks. M

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To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Subject: CYSN
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Hi Paula

I put my initial thoughts on Allison's CYSN paper in track changes in this version.

We will discuss this week I'm sure!

M

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