

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING NOTE**

DATE: July 26, 2022

DATE OF PREVIOUS NOTE (if applicable): December 10, 2021, April 19, 2022

CLIFF#: 270736

PREVIOUS CLIFF # (if applicable): 265684, 268832

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING: August 4, 2022, 1:00 – 2:00 via Microsoft Teams

ISSUE(S): Quarterly meeting with First Nations Leadership Council

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) and then Minister of Children and Family Development Katrine Conroy agreed to establish a forum to discuss matters regarding children and families at the political level. It was agreed that a regular schedule of meetings would be established on a quarterly basis.

In January 2021, Minister Mitzi Dean, along with Minister Marc Miller from Indigenous Services Canada, met with the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) for an introductory meeting. The focus of the agenda was s.16

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On August 25, 2021, Minister Mitzi Dean, along with Minister of State Katrina Chen met with the FNLC. The key items that were discussed were s.16

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The quarterly meeting set for November 8th, 2021, was cancelled s.16

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Since then, there have been quarterly meetings on December 14th, 2021, and April 22, 2022. At the April 22, 2022, meeting, s.16

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DISCUSSION:

MCFD and the FNLC have been meeting regularly since the workshop style meetings occurred in February 2022. The key areas of collaboration to date between MCFD and FNLC have included the work on the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* (CFCSA) amendments to support jurisdiction, development of a fiscal framework and more recently representation on the CYSN Indigenous Advisory Circle.

The Tripartite Working Group meetings have also been calendarized to create greater consistency and the TWG has been meeting regularly since February 2022. The TWG meetings are in addition to the working groups noted above and any other ad hoc meetings. The most

recent TWG meeting was held on July 28th, 2022, where the topics for discussion included a
s.16 The next TWG is
scheduled for August 25th, 2022.

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

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ATTACHMENTS:

A. Appendix A –s.16

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**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
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PREPARED FOR: Hon. Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING: August 4, 2022 @ 11:30 am via MST

ISSUE(S): Occupational Therapist's concerns with upcoming CYSN transformation.

BACKGROUND:

The Hon. George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change recently met with s.22
s.22, a constituent and s.22
s.22 who has concerns about the impacts of CYSN transformation on
s.22 Minister Heyman has asked Minister Dean to meet with s.22
s.22 to address her concerns.

In the meeting with Minister Heyman on May 27, 2022, s.22 shared the following concerns:

- There is not enough funding for children and youth with complex needs; this gets worse when they age out of pediatric care.
- Family connection centres will not be able to hire enough qualified pediatric therapists due to workforce shortages.
- Senior therapists will be forced into administrative roles, limiting their ability to provide direct service to children and youth, and mentor and educate younger therapists.
- Learnings from the early implementation areas may not be transferrable to a large urban area such as the Lower Mainland.
- The new CYSN model will have adverse effects on children, youth and families by:
 - Forcing them to leave the care of their current therapists - especially difficult for families who have limited emotional capacity or other resources.
 - Requiring medically fragile children and youth who do not handle assessments easily to be reassessed.
 - Pushing children and youth into group therapy, removing necessary one-to-one intervention for children and youth with complex needs.

DISCUSSION:

Christine Bradstock, CEO of the Physiotherapy Association of BC (PABC) provided an endorsement of the new CYSN service delivery model when it was announced in October 2021.

On April 22, 2022, the Inclusion Policy team met with PABC, the BC branch of the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT-BC), and Speech and Hearing BC (SHBC) to provide information about the new CYSN model and listen to their concerns. These professional

associations represent mostly private therapists, with some public representation. Their concerns include potential gaps in service, family and therapist autonomy, and therapist recruitment and retention. Representatives were eager to engage with government to find solutions; a commitment was made for further discussion.

In June 2022 Inclusion Policy attended the regular quarterly meetings of the BC Pediatric Occupational Therapy Council (POTC) and the Pediatric Physiotherapy Council of BC (PPCBC). The councils represent publicly employed therapists who shared similar concerns to those of the professional associations (see Appendix A).

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

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ATTACHMENTS:

A. Questions from Pediatric OT and PT Councils

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