

Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2013 7:21 PM
To: Population and Public Health HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Ministry of Health Response - 970538

Sorry for that late response

s.22

Thank you so much for the reply Laurie, I really appreciate the information provided as well as the forward to The Honourable Rich Coleman.

I have spoken with our landlords and they are unwilling to do anything to remedy the issue, to compound the problem, now that the weather is getting nicer we can't even have our back sliding door open as the marijuana smoke comes in from the second floor where it is being blown out of one of the rooms.

I have looked over the smoke free BC site and there is alot of useful information.

I will be following up with a higher level of administration with the property management company, specifically to provide the stats on SIDS and second hand smoke.

Have an excellent day

s.22

On 3/20/2013 9:58 AM, Population and Public Health HLTH:EX wrote:

EMAIL RESPONSE

970538

s.22

Thank you for your email dated March 7, 2013, regarding the exposure to second-hand smoke in the hallway of your apartment building from tobacco and marijuana. I have heard stories similar to yours from others and understand the difficulty of the situation. I am sorry to hear that you have been so negatively affected by your neighbour's second-hand smoke and hope the information provided below is useful.

In British Columbia (BC), legislation bans smoking in indoor common areas (e.g. hallways, laundry rooms) of apartments and condominiums but smoking is not banned within the private units of those buildings. Second hand smoke exposure can occur when smoke travels from a smoking unit into hallways such as the situation you describe. This does not mean that

you cannot address the issue or that smoking must be allowed in these units. An owner or landlord in such a building can take steps, over time, to make private units non-smoking. For example, all new rental agreements can state the apartment is smoke-free. As smokers move out of their units, the new tenant's agreement can state that smoking is not allowed and the building gradually moves to smoke-free status.

You may wish to look at the 'tenants' section of the Smoke-Free Housing BC website <http://www.smokefreehousingbc.ca/>. It is an excellent resource for owners, managers and residents wishing to get information about a smoke-free environment. We hear many positive reports as to the usefulness of this site as more landlords, tenants and strata associations find success in increasing their smoke-free units.

The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Housing, has been copied on this email so that he can hear of your experiences in dealing with the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. Your letter ably demonstrates the value of smoke-free housing and I hope that throughout BC, we see owners and managers increasing their smoke-free homes.

Yours truly,

Laurie Woodland

Executive Director

Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Built Environment

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2013 5:40 PM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: smoking laws

Good day,

s.22 and we are wanting to confirm smoking laws.

We are having issues with a tenant in our same complex that smokes pot...evidently they are legally allowed to...our concern is that the smell leaks into the hallway so that it can quite easily be smelled...there is a smoker in the complex as well that we can smell in the hallway as well.

They are not smoking directly in the hallways but as they are common areas and it is leaking into the hallways does this provide any grounds for challenging our landlords on this.

Our biggest concern is taking our s.22 through this and unfortunately we have no other form of keyed access to apartment.

Thanks

s.22

From: Population and Public Health HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 3:06 PM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Ministry of Health Response - 968133

EMAIL RESPONSE

968133

s.22

Thank you for your email dated February 25, 2013, regarding the exposure to second-hand smoke in your home from tobacco and marijuana. I have heard stories similar to yours from others and understand the difficulty of the situation. I am sorry to hear that you have been so negatively affected by your neighbour's second-hand smoke and hope the information provided below is useful.

Persons can be authorized to possess marijuana if it is for medical reasons. Health Canada provides authorization based on the approval of an application from patients with specific medical conditions. A good resource website is <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/marihuana/index-eng.php>. If this is not the situation you can contact your local RCMP officers in s.22 and lodge a complaint. The local detachment is located at s.22

In British Columbia (BC), legislation bans smoking in indoor common areas (e.g. hallways, laundry rooms) of apartments and condominiums but smoking is not banned within the private units of those buildings. At this time, government does not anticipate bringing in a ban on smoking inside private residences. However, this does not mean that smoking must be allowed in these units. An owner or landlord in such a building can take steps, over time, to make private units non-smoking. For example, all new rental agreements can state the apartment is smoke-free. As smokers move out of their units, the new tenant's agreement can state that smoking is not allowed and the building gradually moves to smoke-free status.

It appears from your email description that you have taken this up with the building's management and they attempted to come to some arrangement with the smoker only to have another smoking tenant move into the same apartment. In spite of this, you may raise the issue of new rental agreements containing a smoke-free clause. You may wish to look at the 'tenants' section of the Smoke-Free Housing BC website <http://www.smokefreehousingbc.ca/>. It is an excellent resource for owners, managers and residents wishing to get information about a smoke-free environment. We hear many positive reports as to the usefulness of this site as more landlords, tenants and strata associations find success in increasing their smoke-free units.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with my colleague, the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Housing, so that he can hear of your experiences in dealing with the harmful effects of

second-hand smoke. Your letter ably demonstrates the value of smoke-free housing and I hope that throughout BC, we see owners and managers increasing their smoke-free homes.

Yours truly,

Laurie Woodland

Executive Director

Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Built Environment

From: s.22
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 8:42:04 AM
To: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: My home my sanctuary
Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear Margaret MacDiarmid,

Hi I sure hope I am writing to the right person I do believe you are the minister of health, I am writing you in regards to my living conditions in my building run by the s.22 I'm hoping and praying you can help me in some way or direct me to someone who can. I am s.22 living working quiet tenant never bothering anyone for anything, unfortunately s.22 I have always been a hard s.22 I noticed my health really bothering me after tenants moved in directly below me, there were s.22 both very heavy smokers, which included hookah pipes and heavy pot smoking, but the worst part is it was under my bedroom window where I sleep and there window was always open, even if it had been closed this is a very old building s.22 and it came in through cracks, heating etc.....also neither of them worked or left there suite except to go to the store, yes smoking is allowed, but my point is I asked for months can you please smoke in another room or on the balcony this is making me very ill whenever mine was open it was a very heavy steady stream of it day and night, it was one after another the hacking and coughing from both s.22 was so loud I thought its no wonder both heavy chain smokers. Finally after months of trying to beg them to help me out and compromise in some way and even explained how ill I was. I gave up and spoke to the area manager and explained to her how very sick I am s.22

s.22 I gave her several doctors notes and told her how extremely ill I was so she said I would have to have a RTB hearing which is done over the phone I agreed and it was suppose to be s.22 well the day I called along with my doctor and another witness there was no hearing for me it had been cancelled which I didn't know about until i called RTB and there was another call taking my place so I called her area manager, she told me they were moving s.22 I thought this is good there taking my severe health issue and understanding these s.22 were killing me. I have carefully documented my struggles, well they finally moved out s.22

I thought thank goodness my health was deteriorating everyday with the second hand pipes, dope, and cigarettes also construction started in September surely would of done me in. I thanked her but her attitude was I will not guarantee a new smoker won't be moving in like she had already picked them out I thought doesn't make sense to move out one set for another, but they surely

even if it is they probably will work and it won't be as heavy or out of the hundreds of families on a waiting list needing to get into housing with kids it surely won't be another smoker, and with her knowing my very severe illness she will try to place a non smoker below me, especially when she knows the whole building will be s.22 Well honestly your not going to believe this, that's exactly what she did immediately put another heavy non working smoker under me and I even thought some way perhaps they were related but just could be an extreme coincidence, the people prior were s.22

s.22 and do the exact same thing smoke a lot of dope the only reason I mention it is cause of the heavy smoking and s.22 or I just have bad luck with the heavy dope smokers, all I know is its a family I was told my son went down 3 times to speak to tenant and the 3 time he was invited into his suite, plus I had written him 2 or 3 letters explaining my illness, but not only is he a non working gentleman who is a heavy smoker he is always doing it below my room, plus on top of that issue he is spraying a very heavy duty deodorizers which are also making me sicker, and sicker everyday, his window is always open and it sucks into mv room constantly its very poisonous and extremely toxic for me, and s.22

s.22 there is nowhere for it to even dissipate its extremely hard on me I have been in hospital since for a week with s.22 because of this new hazard, I have also had s.22 s.22

s.22 that I understand and try to avoid as much as possible, but these people poisoning my health daily in my home with no relief is completely ruining my quiet enjoyment mentally, physically and there seems to be know end in sight to this madness is torture. s.22

s.22 anaesthesiologist said I was not well enough and mentioned with my situation s.22 might never improve enough I broke down in tears. I even tried to compromise with tenant asking kindly could he please smoke in another room or living room anywhere else but under my room but no luck and he sprays the chemicals to cover dope smoke and for the sake of his family trying to mask the smell according to my son his family when he went down consisted of s.22 not sure if anyone else lives there. He told my son he was in an accident and didn't work, all I know is he lives in his room below mine smoking dope, cigarettes, sleeping, and repeating and this goes on day and night its no set pattern its so frequent. I also have 3 witnesses one is s.22 I called him yesterday to ask if he could open patio more so I can get some more air flow, its nailed shut for safety precautions, I mentioned migraines cause of sprays and perfumes and asthma, he said yes and told me it was extremely overwhelming the sprays and perfumes, also he said I see they moved out one dope smoker for another. I said to him yes can you believe this its almost like she did it on purpose to watch me suffer powerless against her, its been extremely hard on my son especially watching me deteriorate more and more each day, I hope I make it to his graduation this June.

I am fairly certain s.22 and doesn't have to deal with others except for work of course, and there is no smoking in any building or business, bars, restaurants, bus stops, windows, air intakes even stipulates that on the door by our building, no perfumes or chemicals in the hospital the list goes on but I have to be bombarded daily with his guys dope and cigarette smoke and chemicals, as well as construction yet the laws are clear about protecting workers and non workers from all these lethal chemicals everywhere except apartments. s.22

s.22 say's well the dope he might have card that permits him, or they wouldn't sell deodorizers if they made people ill, I guess cigarettes either but they still sell them, she needs to get off her high horse and protect the very ill, she is discriminating against my illness.

I had a job until I got sick, I miss working very much but I am stuck at home ill and its hard on my s.22 son he has had to take on a lot and he shouldn't, school, grad, and college. s.22

university should be his main focus and being a ^{s.22} old, he is extremely smart he wants to be an engineer an academically he is there but for how long with all the stress, he is retaking physics, to make sure he has top marks.

What I was also told there are very few non smoking units in the lower mainland, but yet she insists or suggests ^{s.22} with no money after losing my job due to illness move to Vancouver away from my sons school where he wants to attend college, where we have resided for over ^{s.22} this is pure discrimination and extremely a violation of my rights as a human being. I didn't realize ^{s.22} housed people with drug issues yet there site goes on about protecting people from all sorts of hazards, I need help and I am at a loss on what to do next sorry for going on but its a harsh reality for me, I have learned that in the ^{s.22} years I have been on this planet, some people like to push pain or authority on other people weaker people and there's always someone weaker its just the circle of life. By the way I am sleeping in my room I consider my room an extreme health hazard.

Sincerely,

^{s.22}

<http://www.toxicsinfo.org/canary/ChemicalSensitivities.htm>

P.S. I have documentation, and witnesses, photo's ect.....

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attached
on +
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(Sharing Information on Toxics in Everyday Life
& Providing Healthier Alternatives)

Chemical Sensitivities and Air Fresheners

The advertisements strive to make us feel that we need "air fresheners" in our homes, in the bathroom, kitchen and all around the house. They come in aerosol sprays or the wick types that send out fumes constantly. These products do not do anything to improve the quality of the air, in fact, they add a number of pollutants, some designed to deaden your sense of smell, others adding various kinds of toxic perfume to drown out whatever smells would offend. A prominent constituent of many of these products is formaldehyde (which EPA says is a carcinogen), and sometimes even pesticides are included. "Clean" does not have to have a "scent." Alternatives? Open windows and air the room/house or simmer lemons in water for a non-toxic fragrance.

("Air Fresheners or Air Poisoners?" - YOU decide! Multiple Chemical Sensitivity website, www.ourlittleplace.com - March 2002)

The name "air fresheners" imply that they improve the quality of the indoor air and make it healthier to breathe. However, the typical air freshener releases volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the air and adds to the chemical mix of indoor air pollution.

("Air Freshener Emissions Cause Toxic Health Effects," Our Toxic Times, a publication of the Chemical Injury Information Network, July 1998).

Don't use air fresheners, scented candles, potpourri, incense and the like. They mask rather than remove odors. Air fresheners actually pollute indoor air with such potential carcinogens as paradichlorobenzene and limonene; scented candles produce polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs, like those produced by charbroiling).

Avoid mothballs. These also produce paradichlorobenzene and naphthalene fumes. Air clothing that has been dry-cleaned outside if possible for 72 hours. Vent bathrooms and don't use "air fresheners" and deodorizers...

("Tips for better indoor air," UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, Feb., 1999)

For more TIPS on healthy alternatives to use of toxic products, contact:
Toxics Information Project (TIP), 401-351-9193, TIP@toxicsinfo.org

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Jack Boomer s.22
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2013 3:34 PM
To: XT:HLTH Tonella, Christina; Bruce, Kim; XT:HLTH Brown, Jami; kelsey.yarmish@northernhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Deegan, Heather; Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX; Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX; 'Tugwell, Andrew'
Cc: 'Sharon Hammond'; mcollison@hsf.bc.ca; mcdonald@bc.lung.ca; 'Garry Curtis'
Subject: FW: CA Smokefree housing bill and update on Smoke-Free Housing in BC

Greetings on Friday afternoon.

As you may be aware from the BCHLA teleconference on smoke-free housing, the Heart and Stroke Association recently received modest funds from the PHSA to support our work in this area. Before June, we hope to contact each health authority to discuss ways to move forward on smoke-free housing in collaboration with you such as enhanced education and support to landlords, property owners and/or stratas. We are doing planning, research and responding to the myriad requests that come our way, however in the midst of all of this, the following list serve article came to us today regarding California and a proposal to ban smoking in multi-unit dwellings. We thought you would be interested in this proposal.

If you or your staff have any questions or suggestions regarding smoke-free multi-unit dwellings, or see opportunities for moving forward, please send them to us (Sharon Hammond and me) and we will do our best to reflect them as we move forward. Please note that the funding we received is modest however there is enough to continue the work to increase smoke-free options in multi-unit dwellings.

Thanks.

Jack

Jack Boomer
Email
Phon s.22
Cell:

From: National Smoke Free Housing List TCSG [mailto:SMOKEFREEHOUSING-TALK@LISTS.TCSG.ORG] **On Behalf Of** Serena Chen

Sent: March-01-13 10:30 AM

To: SMOKEFREEHOUSING-TALK@LISTS.TCSG.ORG

Subject: CA Smokefree housing bill

California bill would ban smoking in multi-unit housing

By [Jim Sanders](#)
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By Jim Sanders The Sacramento Bee

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Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX

From: Jack Boomer s.22
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:11 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Mark Collison'; 'Sharon Hammond'
Subject: RE: connecting around the smoke free housing initiative
Attachments: s.13, s.17

Karen,
As requested, here's the final s.13, s.17

Jack

Jack Boomer
Ema
Phoi s.22
Cell:

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX [<mailto:Karen.Parasram@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: February-19-13 12:17 PM
To: 'Jack Boomer'
Subject: connecting around the smoke free housing initiative

Hi Jack

I had a discussion with Shelley about the smoke-free housing initiative. I think the intent is for us to connect around it. Just maybe walk me through where it's at etc. Let me know when is a gd time and maybe we can have a conversation.

Cheers

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Pages 11 through 14 redacted for the following reasons:

s.13, s.17

Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX

From: Bruce, Kim [Kim.Bruce@viha.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: urgent question

Not that we are specifically focusing on – although we always respond to complaints.

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX [mailto:Karen.Parasram@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Bruce, Kim
Subject: urgent question
Importance: High

Hiya

I have a ministerial letter I am trying to get out the door. My ADM had a question about whether or not VIHA was doing any work with housing providers around prevention of 2nd hand smoke exposure? Any work specifically with Ladysmith? If you could let me know asap. Question just landed on my inbox and needs immediate attn.

Much appreciated Kim

Thanks

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2013 4:03 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Smoke-Free Housing Initiative
Attachments: 121126 s.13, s.17

Karen – I'd like you to connect with BC Lung's work on this – let's discuss next week

From: Jack Boomer s.22
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Gene Chin'; 'Mark Collison'; 'Scott McDonald'; Sharon Hammond
Subject: Smoke-Free Housing Initiative

Shelley,

Further to our discussion, we have bolstered the support to local governments and health authorities in the action plan and increased the budget by s.17

Please send approval for moving forward so we may begin working on the plan as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Jack

Jack Boomer
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Cell:

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Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX

From: Rob Cunningham [rcunning@cancer.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2013 1:19 PM
To: Rob Cunningham
Subject: Northumberland County, Ont to introduce no-smoking policy in social housing

County to introduce no-smoking policy in social housing units ; HEALTH: Social services director plan will be in place by April

Northumberland Today.com

Jan 16, 2013

By: Valerie MacDonald

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Sharon Hammond s.22
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: Jack Boomer
Subject: RE: BC Housing smoke-free sites

Hi Shelley – yes, this is the way we do it now, but some of the public housing providers have indicated that they have no way of knowing who smokes and who doesn't. But they can just estimate and that would be better than nothing.

Thanks for clarifying.

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From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: January-30-13 4:54 PM
To: Sharon Hammond
Cc: Jack Boomer
Subject: RE: BC Housing smoke-free sites

I should have clarified – I sent the email in response to the query this morning if BC Housing had taken any action on SF housing – it was just in reference to that.

Re the buildings in the process of grandfathering – could a section of the site list it as that, as each site would be so different in their progression. One might have 50% of the units still occupied by smokers, others 1% - but the person could check as it may work out for them.....just a thought

From: Sharon Hammond [mailto:] s.22
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: Jack Boomer
Subject: RE: BC Housing smoke-free sites

Thanks Shelley,

This is the big challenge for us with posting these sites on the website. Until a building is totally smoke-free, which takes quite a long time in the social housing complexes, we need to know approximately how many units are currently smoking units. If we can get this information from BC Housing, then we can post on the smokefreehousingbc.ca website to give people a sense of the smoking status of these buildings.

I've referred some people to BC Housing complexes that are in the process of going smoke-free, but if people can't be sure where the smokers are in the vicinity of their unit, then they don't want to move in as they could be moving

next to or under a current smoker. This is the challenge, but at least they have designated a few as transitioning to smoke-free status.

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From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: January-30-13 11:13 AM

To: 'Jack Boomer' s.22 ; Sharon Hammond

Subject: BC Housing smoke-free sites

Jack and Sharon – re the question asked today about BC Housing sites, I believe they have 4 that are smoke-free for new tenants and units will be moved to smoke-free after existing tenants move

- Comox Street townhouses (Vancouver)
- Maclean Park Extension tower (Vancouver)
- Mountain View Manor (Keremeos)
- Evergreen Terrace (Victoria)

Shelley Canitz
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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 12:01 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)

Ok will do

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)

I've made some small edits to this on the LAN – Karen, please view the latest stats on SCP – they are in the revised letter

From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)
Importance: High

Over to you.
Thanks.

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)

Hi

Laura didn't have anything to add. Here you go - 2nd draft. I am sending Shelley Laura's comment.

Cheers

Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: request - review/comments & suggestions re letter attached

FYI here is Laura's response. In case you wanted to see it.

From: Monner, Laura OHCS:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:23 AM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: request - review/comments & suggestions re letter attached

Hello again Karen,

I took a look at the letter and I don't think I need to run it by my supervisor, as the part about landlords and tenants is so brief and simple. What you have in the letter is correct; a landlord and tenant can add a clause to the tenancy agreement that states that smoking is not permitted in the rental unit.

I did notice that the letter contains detailed information about BC Housing, and I assume that you have checked with them to ensure that those details are accurate. If not, and if you need contact information, let me know. ☺

Thanks again,

Laura

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Monner, Laura OHCS:EX
Subject: RE: request - review/comments & suggestions re letter attached

Thanks a mil Laura

From: Monner, Laura OHCS:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: request - review/comments & suggestions re letter attached

Hi Karen,

Thanks for getting in touch. I'm happy to help, and I'll have a look at it today and then run it by my supervisor. She's pretty swamped at the moment, but hopefully I'll be able to get it back to you tomorrow.

Laura Monner
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From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 9:32 AM
To: Monner, Laura OHCS:EX
Subject: request - review/comments & suggestions re letter attached

Hi Laura

We met last year (Shelley Canitz requested the meeting). Shelley is my director and she wondered if you could review the attached letter and offer any comments/suggestions etc. It is a ministerial letter so a quick turn-around would be greatly appreciated. It is primarily around the second paragraph which talks about clause in tenancy agreements. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 10:45 AM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: PPH Documents Report

Can you print out the last version I sent you and print the text below onto a large sticky note?

s.13

Thanks
Shelley

From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 10:36 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: PPH Documents Report

Can you please provide a status update to 951058 – MUD? We are now showing overdue in the ADMO. ☺
Thanks Shelley.

From: Gamble, Christine HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 10:19 AM
To: HLTH PPH Admin Support
Subject: PPH Documents Report

Hi Everyone – Please review documents report and comments attached.

<< File: January 17, 2013 - PPH Documents Report.pdf >>
Thanks,

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Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Ganitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)
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Importance: High

Over to you.
Thanks.

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2013 11:24 AM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: 963271 - s.22 (MUDs - illness cause by 2nd hand smoke exposure)

Hi

Laura didn't have anything to add. Here you go - 2nd draft. I am sending Shelley Laura's comment.

Cheers

s.22

Thank you for your email dated January 23, 2013, to the Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding the exposure to second hand smoke in your home.

In British Columbia, the *Tobacco Control Act* sets a minimum standard for work/public places that all facilities must meet. The Act bans smoking in common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums and dormitories. A municipality, health authority, post secondary institution, or owner of a work or public place may have more restrictive requirements in place if they wish. Owners and landlords can include smoke free clauses in their tenancy agreements. The Smoke-Free Housing BC website is an excellent resource for apartment buildings and for residents wishing to get information about a smoke-free environment. We hear many positive reports as to the usefulness of this site as more landlords, tenants and strata associations find success in increasing their smoke-free units. The provincial legislation has some restrictions on smoking in various public places; private residences fall outside of the above-mentioned restrictions.

While government does not anticipate a ban on smoking inside private residences in the near future, we do encourage and support efforts that increase smoke-free housing. For example, BC Housing has four housing sites that are currently smoke-free or moving to smoke-free as tenants leave, and is looking to increase the number of smoke-free buildings in the future. The HealthyFamiliesBC Communities initiative also encourages local communities to take steps to give their residents greater protection from second-hand smoke. Finally, we have significantly increased our efforts to help existing smokers quit. In the last year, approximately 150,000 BC smokers received smoking cessation medication through the BC Smoking Cessation Program and 11,000 enrolled in QuitNow Services to receive behavioural support to quit smoking. We believe these comprehensive changes will help reduce tobacco use in BC and help all citizens achieve improved health.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Yours truly,

Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister

Enclosure

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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff #: 951058

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Health -
FOR INFORMATION

TITLE: Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings

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DISCUSSION:

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Drafter: Karen Parasram /Shelley Canitz
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Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: please see attached letter
Attachments: SHS.odt

Importance: High

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:58:22 AM
To: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: please see attached letter
Importance: High
Auto forwarded by a Rule

I am dealing with chronic pain and illness. It is difficult for me to get around and deal with paperwork and forms.

January 23, 2013

Dear Margaret MacDiarmid:

I am writing to you for help with a very serious health issue that I have been trying to handle on my own since April, 2012. I have contacted s.22 office and the suggestion is that I forward this letter to you directly.

I am a s.22 health issues and I live in a rental unit run by s.22 s.22. The problem is that a tenant living below me is a chronic smoker and most of her guests (daily) also smoke. She has a "grandfather clause" apparently that permits her to smoke in her unit.

Recently one of my health care team gave me a letter to present to the landlord in charge recommending that the renter in the suite below be instructed not to smoke within her unit due to the medical symptoms I am having that are consistent with second hand smoke. The landlord scoffed at this saying, "Perhaps you should move then." He also said that there are no Federal or BC Provincial laws to protect people from second hand smokers in multi-unit residential homes.

He also said The Landlord and Tenants Act has no laws to protect neighbours in multi-unit dwellings from second hand smoke. There is a nuisance bylaw but he would say that I am a nuisance for having asked my neighbour to please open her doors and let the smoke out many times from s.22 and phoning him numerous times to complain that I cannot breathe in my own home due to this second hand smoke.

I personally bought two air cleaner units, run my bathroom and kitchen fans, and open my windows and doors to get the putrid air out but that has cost me a lot in hydro bills and really does not help when I go to bed at night. I wake up with heart palpitations, coughing, and difficulty breathing. These symptoms are the major ones but there are many other symptoms such as burning eyes, dry throat and nasal passages, dizziness, nausea, loss of appetite, and stress.

All of my belongings smell of second hand smoke.

I cannot have my s.22 come over to stay overnight because they were having headaches, runny nose, dry throat, and cough.

I am too sick to be moving currently, there isn't any other available or suitable housing for me here in s.22, and it would be yet another financial burden for me on a fixed income. I need help. I don't want to develop cancer or die from this situation. If there is any assistance or intervention you can provide, I would gratefully appreciate this in the most timely manner possible.

Yours truly,

s.22

s.22

Thank you for your email of January 23, 2013, regarding the exposure to second-hand smoke in your home. I have heard stories similar to yours from others and understand the difficulty of the situation. I am sorry to hear that you have been so negatively affected by your neighbour's second-hand smoke and hope the information provided below is useful.

In British Columbia, legislation bans smoking in indoor common areas (e.g. hallways, laundry rooms) of apartments and condominiums, but smoking is not banned within the private units of those buildings. At this time, government does not anticipate bringing in a ban on smoking inside private residences. However, this does not mean that smoking must be allowed in these units. An owner or landlord in such a building can take steps, over time, to make private units non-smoking. For example, all new rental agreements can state the apartment is smoke-free. As smokers move out of their units, the new tenant's agreement can state that smoking is not allowed and the building gradually moves to smoke-free status.

You may wish to look at the 'tenants' section of the Smoke-Free Housing BC website at: www.smokefreehousingbc.ca. It is an excellent resource for owners, managers and residents wishing to get information about a smoke-free environment. We hear many positive reports as to the usefulness of this site as more landlords, tenants and strata associations find success in increasing their smoke-free units.

If someone is violating the legislation by smoking in the common areas of your building, you may contact the Vancouver Island Health Authority at their Nanaimo office: 250 755- 6285 to make a complaint.

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I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with my colleague, the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Housing, so that he may be made aware of your experiences in dealing with the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. BC Housing presently has four complexes that are smoke-free or moving to smoke-free as tenants leave. Your letter ably demonstrates the value of smoke-free housing and I hope that throughout BC, we see owners and managers increasing their smoke-free homes.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Yours truly,

Ralph Sultan
Minister of State

pc: Honourable Rich Coleman

Scalzo, Lee G HLTH:EX

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 4:40 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX; Scalzo, Lee G HLTH:EX; Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Millington, Ann-Marie HLTH:EX; Buckland, Arthur HLTH:EX; Sulernana, Eileen HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Heart and Stroke Foundation (BC & Yukon) and BC Lung Association Champions for Tobacco-Free Living Award

From: Jack Boomer [mailto:jack.boomer@bc.ca] s.22
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 4:37 PM
To: Jack Boomer
Subject: Heart and Stroke Foundation (BC & Yukon) and BC Lung Association Champions for Tobacco-Free Living Award

Please circulate.

NEWS RELEASE - January 18, 2013

10 Anti-Tobacco Champions Celebrated During Non-Smoking Week

The Lung Association & Heart and Stroke Foundation recognize community leadership on tobacco issues

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From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2013 1:24 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: 951058 - Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings
Attachments: 951058 - Info BN - Minister Meeting - Tobacco Protection- Increase Smoke-Free Protection rev01 Nov 2012.docx

Okay, done. Would you like to review before it goes to LW? I have attached the newest version.

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 5:00 PM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 951058 - Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings

Raylene – would you please format this version and save it on the LAN? The folder is in your inbox

thanks

From: Nisbet, Corinna HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 3:06 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 951058 - Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings

Shelley,

Could you please see edits and answer Arlene's question on first page. I will bring the folder to you.

Thank you,

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From: Kronick, Ilana HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 2:12 PM
To: Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX; Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Nisbet, Corinna HLTH:EX; Shorthouse, Ashley HLTH:EX
Cc: Gamble, Christine HLTH:EX
Subject: 951058 - Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings

Hi all,

Arlene didn't approve this.. she has comments/ questions on the hard copy, but I've also made some formatting changes, so please have staff make changes to this version of the doc. I'll return folder shortly.

Thanks!

Ilana Kronick * Documents Coordinator * ADM Office, Population and Public Health Division * (250) 952-1447 * 4-2, 1515 Blanshard Street * Victoria BC * V8C 3W8



I'm also a member of the MoH Green Team.

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Health -
FOR INFORMATION

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DISCUSSION:

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Anderson, Leslie E MCF:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 10:23 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: response to MLA regarding information on ban on smoking

Hi Shelley

No problem and thanks very much for your comments. I'll include them in the bullets and sent this on its way.

Leslie

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From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 10:21 AM
To: Anderson, Leslie E MCF:EX
Subject: RE: response to MLA regarding information on ban on smoking

Leslie -- please accept my sincere apologies for not getting back to you earlier, and thank you for contacting me by email. I've added some additional information in red. Please let me know if you need further information -- happy to assist.

From: Anderson, Leslie E MCF:EX
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 9:57 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: response to MLA regarding information on ban on smoking

Hi Shelley

Further to my telephone calls to you, here are the details regarding the request for information from the MLA's office:

A s.22 came into the MLA's office before Christmas to speak to the MLA -- Don McRae. The s.22
s.22 has s.22 who are living with their s.22 The s.22 feels that someone
in the house smokes and is concerned about the affects of this on his s.22 He is aware that there is no law
that forbids adults from smoking in their home.

He was asking the MLA if there are plans for introducing legislation that would ban people from smoking in their home when they have care of s.22 children.

We were asked to provide bullets for the MLA. I contacted Simon Barton as I worked with him when our ministry implemented the smoke free environment for children in care. Simon gave me your name as a contact.

Would you please review the information relating to the Ministry of Health to ensure it is accurate and also determine whether or not you want to be included as a contact as per the last bullet?

Draft Response:

- The Ministry of Health is responsible for health and related concerns including smoking in British Columbia
- There are no proposed legislative changes regarding smoking inside the home but current legislation does restrict second hand smoke in a number of areas s.13
 - It is against the law to smoke in a motor vehicle with anyone under the age of 16 years. Most cars are airtight and the cigarette smoke has no place to escape. Opening a window can change the airflow and cause the smoke to be blown directly back at the people in the car.
 - It is against the law to smoke or use tobacco in schools or on school property.
 - Smoking is banned inside most substantially enclosed public and workplaces in BC.
 - It is against the law to smoke inside or within 3 metres of a doorway, window or air intake of a substantially enclosed public or workplace s.13
- More information about smoking and related concerns in B.C. can be accessed through the Ministry of Health's Tobacco Control Program at: <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco/about-us.html>

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MCFD instituted a smoke free environment policy for all children and youth in care

- The smoke free policy states that smoking does not take place at any time in enclosed spaces where children in care would be exposed to second-hand smoke or the residual toxins from second hand smoke. This includes a foster parent's residence and vehicle. This does not restrict spiritual activities relating to the use of tobacco.
- Health Canada has developed several educational resources for families in its efforts to reduce smoking in family homes. The pamphlet accessible at <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hc-ps/pubs/tobac-tabac/second-guide/index-eng.php> may provide helpful information for the grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren.

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- Many British Columbians are looking for smoke-free housing. There is a website (www.smokefreehousingbc.ca) that is an excellent resource for residents of apartment buildings who wish to go smoke-free. The Clean Air Coalition also has an excellent website at www.cleanaircoalitionbc.com which provides a broader range of information around smoking issues.
- The Healthy Families BC website has some tips on how to move to a smoke-free home - <http://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca/home/blog/smoke-free-home-you-can-do-it>
- The vast majority of smokers in BC want to quit smoking. There are some great tools to help smokers quit – a 12 week supply of smoking cessation medication can be accessed through the BC Smoking Cessation Program - <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/stop-smoking/>. Additional help can be found – free, 24 hours a day – at QuitNow Services www.quitnow.ca

Thanks very much for your help with this.

All the best,

Leslie

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: 951058 smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

Newest version in LW's inbox.

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: missing smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

Can you look for this BN upon your return?

From: Shorthouse, Ashley HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: missing smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

The two most recent entries for that BN:

2012/11/23T11:32 rhooton (PPH-Chronic Disease) new draft received from Shelley. Created new folder (Shelley was not sure of the whereabouts of the previous one) and forwarded to LW for review/approval.

2012/11/23T13:28 rhooton (PPH-Chronic Disease) LW wants Shelley to reweiv and sign before it goes to her. Back to Shelley.

Thanks for everything today Shelley!!! Merry Christmas and enjoy your time off!!

Ashley

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Shorthouse, Ashley HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: missing smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

I did sign it and send it on – can you see if it is at Corinna's desk

From: Shorthouse, Ashley HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: missing smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

Found it!

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Health - **FOR INFORMATION**

TITLE: Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings

PURPOSE: Advise the minister of initiatives that support smoke-free housing

2012/11/23T13:28 rhooton (PPH-Chronic Disease) LW wants Shelley to reveiw and sign before it goes to her. Back to Shelley.

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 3:30 PM
To: Shorthouse, Ashley HLTH:EX
Subject: missing smoke-free multi-use dwelling BN

Ashley – several weeks ago, I finalized a smoke-free multi-use dwelling info BN – I looked on our LAN and couldn't find it – can you check CLIFF if it has any updates?

Shelley Canitz
Director, Tobacco Control Program
Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention and the Built Environment | Population and Public Health | Ministry of Health
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Join the Healthy Families BC community... <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/prevention/>

Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: 121126 Smoke-Free Housing plan FINAL s.17
Attachments: 951058 - Appendix A.doc; 951058 - Info BN - Minister Meeting - Tobacco Protection-Increase Smoke-Free Protection rev01 Nov 2012.docx

Okay. How is this looking? There were two versions on the LAN, so I deleted one.

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, December 31, 2012 2:07 PM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: 121126 Smoke-Free Housing plan FINAL s.17

Please add this as an attachment to BN 951058 – folder is back in your inbox – I've made the edits directly onto the version on the LAN

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