

Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX

From: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2012 4:04 PM
To: hlth All MOH Employees
Subject: Ministry Investigation

The ministry is in the news today further to steps it has taken in response to an internal investigation underway since May 2012.

The investigation has been looking into allegations of inappropriate conduct and practices in areas including data management / access and contract management involving ministry employees.

This is a very serious matter, and I want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to ensure a full investigation. The ministry has notified the RCMP of this matter, and will cooperate with the RCMP in its investigation.

We have strong internal policies and practices in place to prevent incidents of this nature from occurring, but it's very important that these be followed.

This is a very disappointing situation for the ministry and for me personally. A foundation for our ministry is our reputation for ethical conduct, integrity and fairness. Each of us, through our daily decisions and actions, helps shape the culture of our workplace. And, we have a shared responsibility for protecting the ministry's reputation and assets.

While this is, of course, an issue of considerable concern, I would not want you to think it negates the excellent and ethical work that goes on here at the ministry.

Our next Town Hall meeting is Monday, September 10, and the executive team and I will be there to answer your questions on this and other topics.

The ministry's news release on the investigation is [available here](#).

Graham Whitmarsh
Deputy Minister

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From: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 7:37 AM
To: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: TI - letter requesting meeting with minister

Thank you

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

From: Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 7:36 AM
To: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Cc: Manning, John HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: TI - letter requesting meeting with minister

Will do - haven't seen it yet.

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

From: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 07:31 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Kislock, Lindsay M HLTH:EX; Walman, Barbara J. HLTH:EX; Taylor, Wendy E LCTZ:EX; Carroll, Sandra HLTH:EX; Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX; Manning, John HLTH:EX
Cc: Hagerman, Shannon GCPE:EX; Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: TI - letter requesting meeting with minister

Lindsay, John please get me a copy of this immediately it comes in. Likely completely inappropriate to meet given the investigation, but I will get some advise. We will probably want to craft a carefully worded letter back. I cannot share the reasons for this by email.

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

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 7:09 AM
To: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX; Kislock, Lindsay M HLTH:EX; Walman, Barbara J. HLTH:EX; Taylor, Wendy E LCTZ:EX; Carroll, Sandra HLTH:EX
Cc: Hagerman, Shannon GCPE:EX; Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
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The last line of this says TI has written to us and requested a meeting with the minister. Has this happened?

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From: O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 12:09 PM
To: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX; Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
Cc: Manning, John HLTH:EX; Briggs, Taylor HLTH:EX; Coburn, Lindsay HLTH:EX
Subject: Therapeutics Initiative Letter
Attachments: 20120914120538.pdf

Hi Graham –

Attached is the TI letter which has made it to us today.

Thanks,
Kellie

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Minister of Health
Province of British Columbia

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Butcher, Lynette HLTH:EX

From: Ciprian Jauca [jauca@ti.ubc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 1:37 PM
To: MacDiarmid.MLA, Margaret LASS:EX
Subject: congratulations & briefing re:TI
Attachments: DOC.PDF

Dear Dr. MacDiarmid,

Please find attached a letter from Dr. Wright, Co-Director of the UBC Therapeutics Initiative, which was mailed today. On behalf of my colleagues, allow me to congratulate you on your appointment to the challenging position as Minister of Health. We appreciate that this is one of the most difficult assignments in government, and wish you well in this important role.

Over the last two years, we have briefed a number of your legislative colleagues from both major parties (and independent MLAs) about our work as an internationally recognized centre of excellence in evidence based drug therapy. We would be delighted to offer you a similar briefing, or one tailored to any issues you might like to review, at a time or place of your convenience.

Sincerely,
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Dear Minister MacDiarmid,

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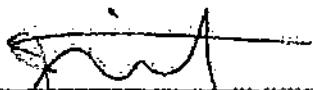
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As you will know, the relationship between the Ministry of Health and the UBC Therapeutics Initiative was challenged by the Pharmaceutical Task Force of 2007-2008. We continue to believe that we can offer significant assistance to your Ministry in achieving its objectives of improving the health of British Columbians, while ensuring greater value for taxpayers and financial sustainability for the public health system.

You are likely also aware that recent Ministry decisions have resulted in the suspension of our data access and thus of our ability to study the effects of drug prescribing at the population level in B.C. Our group has developed internationally recognized expertise in this field, and we hope that you will endeavour to re-instate our scientific access to anonymized data so that this important work can continue to benefit British Columbians.

My colleagues and I would be pleased to brief you and to answer any of your questions at a time or place of your convenience.

Sincerely,



Dr. James M Wright, MD, PhD
Co-Director and Chair, UBC Therapeutics Initiative
Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics
and Department of Medicine, UBC Faculty of Medicine
Clinical Pharmacologist, VHHSC

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From: Samsonoff, Dale J HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 1:49 PM
To: Whitmarsh, Graham HLTH:EX
Cc: Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
Subject: Update re: Training/Awareness

We are pulling together a number of training/refreshers opportunities for staff and hope to produce a calendar of the same soon. Working in collaboration with the BCPSA, HSIMIT (and OCIO), and FCS, we are looking at applied (vs. simply subject matter 101's) training/awareness sessions in the following:

- Conflict of Interest/Standards of Conduct/Ethics
- Contract Management Practice
- Data Access/Privacy and Stewardship

As part of the process, we will incorporate LEAN 101 training and a more focused approach to Aboriginal Cultural Competency training as per discussions at Executive.

I should have an email drafted for you to send out towards the end of next week announcing the above.

Dale

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