

From: Cruickshank, Ainslie
To: [Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing
Date: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 1:10:55 PM

Hi Laura,

Hope you're having a good day! Just checking in again on this request? Any chance I can get a response today?

Thanks,

Ainslie

From: Cruickshank, Ainslie
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 1:43 PM
To: 'Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX' <Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Hi Laura,

Hope you had a great weekend. Wondering if you can please provide me a statement today about the results of the environmental health advisory committee meeting and whether it has recommended that daycares regularly test drinking water for lead, like schools are required to?

Thanks,

Ainslie

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From: Cruickshank, Ainslie
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 10:27 AM
To: 'Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX' <Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Hi Laura,

Hope your day's going well. Is it possible to get that update on the environmental health advisory meeting today?

Thanks,

Ainslie

From: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX [<mailto:Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:48 PM

To: Cruickshank, Ainslie <ainslie.cruickshank@metronews.ca>

Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Shoot, sorry, I think it will likely be tomorrow – the day really got away from me!

From: Cruickshank, Ainslie [<mailto:ainslie.cruickshank@metronews.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:47 PM

To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Hi Laura,

Hope you had a good day! Just checking in to see if you'll have a comment for me today?

Thanks,

Ainslie

From: Cruickshank, Ainslie

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 12:31 PM

To: 'Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX' <Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Ha awesome! Thanks Laura!

From: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX [<mailto:Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 11:58 AM

To: Cruickshank, Ainslie <ainslie.cruickshank@metronews.ca>

Subject: RE: Daycare lead testing

Hi Ainslie,

I knew you'd be coming back with that question today, so have already asked for an update! However, I have not yet heard back. I will let you know as soon as I can ;)

Tx
Laura

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Cc: [Booth, Kristen GCPE:EX](#); [Forbes, Brooke GCPE:EX](#); [Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX](#); [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#); [Lawrie, Hannah GCPE:EX](#); [Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX](#); [May, Stephen GCPE:EX](#); [Peaker, Alex GCPE:EX](#); [Shepherd, Brent GCPE:EX](#); [Shewchuk, Chris GCPE:EX](#); [Thistle-Walker, Carlene GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Media roll up
Date: Wednesday, July 4, 2018 12:38:17 PM

Here are the outstanding requests (not Dawson Creek related):

- CTV – Would like to speak to Minister today for tonight's broadcast on shortage of family physicians
 - CBC Victoria – would like Minister on Friday AM to speak about a local physician's concerns about model of family practice moving forward
 - Star Metro looking for comment on recent working group meeting on lead in daycare water
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Reporter

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Deadline Wednesday, July 4, 2018 4:00 PM

Request

Doing a story today on a clinic in Coquitlam who holds monthly clinic access for ptns who are looking for a family physician. Today there were more than 100 people in line, so looking to speak to the Health Minister on the need for family docs and what is being done to improve the situation.

Background

Tri-Cities LHA (formerly Coquitlam), the 2016/17 attachment info is:

- Attached to group GP/NP practice: 78.9%
- Not attached to group GP/NP practice: 13.4% (32,400 people)
- Remainder unknown.

The clinic is the Foothills Medical Clinic in Coquitlam. They reached out to CTV to pitch the story, but essentially on the first of each month they invite unattached patients to come and wait in line for a limited number of spots to become a regular patient of theirs.

The Clinic is run by a Dr. Darryl Abelman, who has practiced in the Tri-Cities and Burnaby for about 25 years, since emigrating from South Africa. This clinic opened in 2015 – though I think

it essentially used to be Able Care Medical Clinic before it moved locations and became Foothills.

Their website is: <http://foothillmedicalclinic.com/>

Recommendation

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

Request

We are hoping Minister Dix might be available for an interview on our On the Island program with Gregor Craigie.

We had an interview with a Victoria family physician (Stephen Roome) on our On the Island who's circulating a letter warning of the impending collapse of the family practice model of medicine because of the hours and economics of it (including low fee for service rates that make family practice unattractive to younger doctors).

I think it would be good to hear from the minister about where family practice fits in the government's visioning for ensuring British Columbians' access to medical care.

A few details from the interview:

He says about 50,000 in Victoria now without a family doctor (will soon be up to 120,000 because of pending physician retirements.)

He says the community health centre model proposed by the government has proven in the past to be massively expensive and inefficient compared to family practice.

"collective negligence is what happens frequently...basically your health care will be run by a committee that's subsidized by the government."

He says British Columbians should be consulted on whether they want treatment centres, nothing but treatment-centre care.

At this point Friday's wide open: 7:10, 7:40, or 8:20 are all good options.

I haven't tried Doctors of B.C. and Roome was speaking as an individual physician, not on behalf of any group.

He reflects a lot of what we've heard in the aggregate over many years - but we rarely hear the individual doctor's perspective. It's the first serious questioning we've heard about the future for family practice and what is lost if it does not survive as a model of care.

Background

The transcript of the interview hasn't come in yet, but I had a listen and the main points that he makes are:

- It's way more expensive for family doctors to set up practice than GPs who graduate and then get hired with clinics such as the Vancouver Island Sexual Health clinic or other similar and are paid higher "sessional" rates and who don't have to deal with overhead, etc.
- The fees paid to GPs for fee for service have not kept pace with inflation or the cost of living
- Refers to walk in clinics frequently as "treatment centres" and criticizes their model – says they are solely in it for the \$\$ and spend only a few minutes with each patient so can just pump them through (doesn't mention or seem aware of the daily cap on patients).
- Criticizes the move that the NDP has made recently to set up multi-disciplinary clinics as "nothing new" and as having been demonstrated previously as being far more inefficient and expensive than fee for service – even, he says, if FFS rates were increased (which seems to be his main goal).
- Criticizes DoBC for not having done anything to negotiate different rates, etc, for physicians who work in walk in clinics vs regular GPs – as he clearly thinks regular GPs should be receiving higher rates.
- His prediction is that in the future we will have nothing but "treatment centres" and health care clinics that are run by the government and so are vastly less efficient.
- Thinks that the public should be consulted on what they want to see with their health care moving forward.

Recommendation

Reporter

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Request

Hope your week is going well. I wondered if the Environmental Health Policy Advisory Committee has met already this week and if you can tell me whether there was any advice given regarding regular lead testing requirements for daycare drinking water?

Background**Recommendation**

The policy advisory group did meet on Monday, and the issue was discussed, but there are no specific recommendations at this time – the conversation is ongoing and members are working on options to move forward in a coordinated way.

Laura Heinze

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From: [Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX](#); [Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media request: Star Vancouver- Daycare testing for lead in water
Date: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:29:31 PM

Jessica,

Sorry for the delay... This is fine with the addition of one word. Just add "public" in front of schools.

Thanks,
Craig

From: Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:15 PM
To: Leslie, Sean GCPE:EX; Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media request: Star Vancouver- Daycare testing for lead in water

Hi Sean and Craig, just want to follow up with you on this one :)

Do you have any concern with our response? If we don't hear from you, we'll assume it's ok with you and will con't to loop you in if there's a school angle.

Thank you!
Jess

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From: Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX
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Cc: Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX
Subject: Media request: Star Vancouver- Daycare testing for lead in water

Hi everyone,

Just want to give you an update on our media request re. daycares testing for lead in water daycare. We've worked with our different program folks and revised our draft response.

Sean & Craig: there is a high level reference to daycares in schools ("Child care facilities that operate out of public schools are already captured within the testing"), please see below. Can you let us know if you have any concern?

Kirsten/Shawn, FYI for you because of the daycare connection.

Just want to check with you first before we send it up to our MO. Please let me know if you have any question/concern.

FYI: She's printed her first story on Friday, she's indicated she may do a follow up story this week.

Thank you!
Jess

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Reporter
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Deadline Thursday, June 21, 2018 4:00 PM

Request
Why weren't daycares included in 2016 when the government brought in regulations for schools?

Background

Recommendation

Why weren't daycares included in 2016 when the government brought in regulations for schools?

- * Child care facilities operate out of various building types. Majority of the child care programs are in single family dwellings where lead in water is a low risk due to the frequency of water usage/flushing.
- * Child care facilities that operate out of a schools are already captured within the testing.
- * Lead in water is not prevalent in all parts of BC. Some areas of the province (such as Interior Heath), have tested child care facilities and a very low percentage were found to have any level of lead; those that did test positive had a low risk of harmful impacts.
- * The environmental health program and environmental health officers at each health authority work closely with their licensing programs to assess any potential risks and implement mitigation plans.

From: [Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX](#)
To: [Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX](#); [Edwards, Joanne HLTH:EX](#); [Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Fishwick, David HLTH:EX](#); [Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX](#); [Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX](#); [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: article on lead testing for daycares. It came out on Friday.
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 3:10:35 PM

That works. I think we need to let her know this is a policy Advisory group that meets regularly and this is one of the many issues they are dealing with.

Bonnie

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Thx Bonnie,

The reporter has indeed followed up to ask how the meeting went. Are you ok with something along these lines?

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Let me know your thoughts!

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Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:01 PM

To: Li, Jessica P GCPE:EX; Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX

Cc: Fishwick, David HLTH:EX; Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX; Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX

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<https://www.thestar.com/vancouver/2018/06/21/drinking-water-in-bcs-daycares-still-not-regularly-tested-for-lead.html>

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Cc: [Fishwick, David HLTH:EX](#); [Zemanek, Michael HLTH:EX](#); [Lambert, Tim HLTH:EX](#); [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: article on lead testing for daycares. It came out on Friday.
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 2:41:01 PM

I think that looks OK but please wait for Bonnie's final approval.

Cheers,

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Subject: HLTH Media Request: Lead in water in daycares
Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 1:51:49 PM

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP**Request**

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