Sanctuary Health, BC Health Coalition and Ministry of Health Meeting Working Group

Minutes

May 22, 2019 9:00am to 10:00am

Attendees:

Sanctuary Health	BC Heath Coalition	Ministry of Health (MoH)	
Omar Chu	Nadine Nakagawa	Isobel Ross	
Byron Cruz	Adam Lynes-Ford	Aparna Ramesh	
	Ayendri Riddell	Dawn Macleod	
Regrets: Stephanie Power, Beverlee Sealey, Nesa Tousi, ingrid mendez			

Objectives	Discussion/ Action Items
Review	Discussion:
minutes and	Members approved April 24, 2019 minutes.
Work Plan	 Members reviewed the Work Plan and provided comments on the various areas.
	Action Items:
	 BSSP to add Indre to the Working Group distribution list and send material from previous meetings.
	BSSP to update Work Plan to reflect comments.
	 BSSP to continue working with legal team to explore action items regarding the wait period.
	 BSSP internally reviewing draft communication plan for communicating information to parents with precarious immigration status.
Newborn	Discussion:
Enrolment Process	 BSSP outlined limitations to verifying MSP eligibility for baby's born to parents with precarious immigration status through the Vital Stats Online Birth Registration
	Action Items:
	 BSSP to explore collecting additional information through the Vital Stats Online Birth Registration to provide HIBC adequate information to automatically complete MSP enrolment (through the Birth Feed) for babies born to parents with precarious immigration status.
	 BSSP to explore adding information to the Vital Stats Online Birth Registration MSP webpage to clarify the process for enrolling a baby when the mother does not have an active MSP account.
Unattended	Discussion:
Birth Checklist	 BSSP explained Vital Stats requirements for collecting information on the Unattended Birth Checklist.
HIBC Letter	Discussion:
Revisions	 Members discussed proposed changes to HIBC letter sent to parents when their child's application for enrolment cannot be processed due to missing parental information
	Action Items:
	 BSSP to update draft HIBC letter sent to parents when their child's application for enrolment cannot be processed due to missing parental information and circulate to Working Group members by May 24, 2019.
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 Sanctuary Health and BC Health Coalition Working Group members to summarize concerns regarding requesting parents with precarious immigration status to submit a letter with their child's MSP enrolment application.
Discussion:
 Members discussed the requirements to keep the disclosure statement on the MSP application form and possible options to alter it to alleviate concerns of this population. Action Items:
 Sanctuary Health and BC Health Coalition Working Group members to provide feedback on clarifying the disclosure statement on the MSP application form to specify the disclosure statement only pertains to individuals who are applying for MSP.

DM Notes for May 8, 2019 meeting:

Agenda Item:

2. Action Items from the Sanctuary Health, BC Health and MoH meeting was for BSSP to work Vital Stats to explore options for verifying a newborn's eligibly for enrolment in MSP through the Online Birth Registration to prevent them from being 'bumped' out of the Vital Stats Birth Feed.

For discussion:

Vital Stats Online Birth Registration (eBR) can not verify these babies because:

- Purpose is to do birth registration
- One-way feed, eBR does not verify eligibility
- · Collection purpose, with minimal validation i.e. starts with a nine and nine digits
- All services negotiated the same way:
 - What information to collect and forward to HIBC
 - o Ask parents if they want to authorize
 - Never in a position to verify or 'police' information
 - MSP takes over after baby feed is processed, as such verification happens at HIBC

Could look at the content 'wording' that is on the MSP eBR screen. Currently, states:

- [mom] "have active MSP coverage at the time the child is born"
- Could say " if you are not eligible for enrolment in MSP please phone...." instead of submitting a request that will ultimately be 'bumped out')
- 3. Wording in the Unattended Birth Checklist

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Re legal:

Compliance and MPA and FOIPPA require statement bc MoH is tasked with responsibility to ensure eligibility of beneficiaries. FOIPPA gives MoH authority to contact US immigration, to a certain level.

Sanctuary Health (SH), BC Health Coalition (BCHC) and Ministry of Health (MoH) Work Plan

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MoH Website	Working Group members to develop clarifying information for the Ministry of Health website.	BSSP/ SH		June 2019	On hold, as language for letter and HIBC scripting in developed.
Awareness Campaign	 Working Group members to start developing a communication planidentifying methods and possible material for communicating information to parents with precarious immigration status. BSSP to identify key stakeholders and methods. 	BSSP/ SH	April 10, 2019	June 2019	

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Digital Experience Online Enrolment Form	Explore limitations of the Digital Experience online enrolment form for this group.	BSSP	March 27, 2019	Completed

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Sanctuary Health, BC Health Coalition and Ministry of Health Meeting Working Group Agenda

June 19, 2019 9:00am to 10:00am

Join by Phone

Local - Victoria: +1 (250) 952-9304 Local - Vancouver: +1 (604) 398-9304

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Conference ID: 802361

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Meeting Objectives	Attachment				
Review and Approve May 22, 2019 Minutes	May 22, 2019 Minutes				
Provide and update on the status of HIBC proposed letter					
Discuss Verification of Eligibility through Vital Stats					
Discuss disclosure statement					
Summarize Work Performed by the Eligibility, Enforcement and					
Compliance and Unit					
Review Work Plan	Work Plan				

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	information and subsequent work underway at HIBC to explore the downstream impacts of proposed policy and procedure changes.
	Action Items:
	BSSP to provide an updated draft letter to Sanctuary Health and BC Health
	Coalition to obtain feed back form their Parent Group.
	 Sanctuary Health and BC Health Coalition to confirm date of the next Parent Group meeting.
	Ayendri Riddel invited to email Dawn Macleod to set up a separate meeting to
	review procedures for enrolling newborns in the Medical Services Plan if desired.
Newborn	Discussion:
Enrolment	BSSP outlined limitations to verifying MSP eligibility for baby's born to parents
Process	with precarious immigration status through the Vital Stats Online Birth
	Registration. Members agreed to close item.
Disclosure	Discussion:
Statement	Members discussed the requirements to keep the disclosure statement on the
	MSP application. Members agreed to close item.
Eligibility,	Discussion:
Enforcement	BSSP summarized work performed by the Eligibility, Enforcement and
and	Compliance and Unit.
Compliance	Action Item:
Unit	Sanctuary Health and BC Health Coalition to email questions regarding the
	Eligibility, Compliance and Enforcement Unit to Dawn Macleod.
Drafter: Dawn	

Drafter: Dawn Macleod Date: June 20, 2019

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Compliance and Audit Unit	Summarize Work Performed by the Compliance and Audit Unit	BSSP	May 30, 2019	June 19, 2019	Completed.

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MSP enrollment form feedback

Context:

The application form that Sanctuary Health uses when applying for MSP coverage for babies with support from MOH is the <u>Application for Enrolment</u>, <u>HLTH102</u>.

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Date

File:

Canada Border Service Agency Pacific Region - ATIP Program 525 Hamilton Street Vancouver, BC V6B 2R1

Attention: Manager of Administration & Material Management

The *B.C. Ministry of Health* is currently conducting an investigation of **person(s)** (**DOB**,) under *The Medicare Protection Act section* 5(1)(f) and the Hospital Insurance Act section 7(1).

To be eligible for Medical Services Plan (MSP) a person must be a resident as defined in the *Medicare Protection Act*. A resident means:

- (a) is a citizen of Canada or is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence,
- (b) makes his or her home in British Columbia, and
- (c) is physically present in British Columbia at least 6 months in a calendar year, and includes a person who is deemed under the regulations to be a resident but does not include a tourist or visitor to British Columbia.

As part of this investigation, we would like to request the following information from Canada Border Services Agency under section 8(2)(f) of the *Privacy Act* regarding NAME,DOB:

- 1. Current Immigration Status
- 2. Date Status in Canada was lost
- 3. Deportation Date

This information will be used for the purposes of a lawful investigation to determine if the individual met the definition of a resident under the *Medicare Protection Act*. I understand that this information is the property of the Canada Border Services Agency and cannot be divulged to a third party without the prior consent of Canada Border Services Agency.

Yours truly,

Eligibility Investigator
Eligibility, Compliance & Enforcement Unit

Personal information obtained during the course of a residency or an identity review is collected under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information is used to determine eligibility for publicly funded health care benefits and for BC Services Card eligibility. Personal information is protected from unauthorized use and disclosure in accordance with the *Medicare Protection Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and may be disclosed only as provided by these statutes. If you have any questions regarding this collection of personal information, please contact: [Freedom of Information Request, PO Box 9569, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9K1 Phone 250-387-1321 Fax 250-387-9843 Email: FOI.Requests@gov.bc.ca]

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