

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
DECISION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff # 1229736

PREPARED FOR: Adrian Dix, Minister of Health - **FOR DECISION**

TITLE: **Leased Surgical Clinics – Designation Under the *Hospital Act***

PURPOSE: To obtain direction regarding regulatory oversight of two surgical clinics leased, as of June 14, 2022, by Island Health Authority and minimize service disruptions.

BACKGROUND:

The View Royal Surgical Centre (VRSC) and the Seafeld Surgical Centre (SSC) are private surgical centres owned by Surgical Centres Incorporated (SCI) and accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (the College) under the Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program¹. Island Health Authority (VIHA) has contracted with SCI to provide day surgery and ambulatory procedures at the two sites. On April 28, 2022, the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) announced that VIHA would assume, on or before June 14, 2022, the two SCI leases and buy assets to expand surgical services.

Once VIHA assumes the leases, the College can no longer accredit the sites. Hospital Services Branch was asked to provide information, and options for decision regarding regulatory oversight of the two leased surgical clinics. Any direction/decision may be seen as a precedent for other sites seeking designation under the *Hospital Act* (the Act).

DISCUSSION:

The Act has not been significantly revised in many years. The current fundamental requirements of a hospital in B.C. are that it is non-profit, aligns with the *Canada Health Act*, and fits the definition of a hospital in s.1 of the Act (see Appendix A). Although various types of health care facilities might fit the above description, most do not align with the general perception of a hospital. Future revision to the Act could provide a more detailed definition of a hospital.

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¹The *Health Professions Act* authorizes the College of Physician and Surgeons of BC to accredit privately owned facilities at which surgical and medical procedures are performed.

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OPTIONS:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- FCS has already approved the transaction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Option 2



Approved/Not Approved
Adrian Dix
Minister of Health

June 3, 2022

Date Signed

Program ADM/Division: Kristy Anderson, Hospital and Provincial Health Services Division

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Program Contact (for content): Leann Cairns, A/Director Hospital Services Branch

Drafter: Shelley Greenaway

Date: May 31, 2022

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June 3, 2022

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Via email: leah.hollins@islandhealth.ca

Leah Hollins
Board Chair
Island Health Authority
1952 Bay St
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Dear Leah Hollins:

As you know, our government is committed to delivering surgical care for British Columbians when they need it, including recovering from the surgical impacts of the pandemic. The addition of View Royal Surgical Centre (VRSC) in Victoria and Seafeld Surgical Centre (SSC) in Nanaimo into the public health care system will help all of us achieve this goal.

The two surgical facilities are currently accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC under the Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program. With the upcoming change resulting in the two facilities becoming part of Island Health Authority, a change to the regulatory structure is also required.

In order to minimize service disruption, this letter grants VRSC and SSC temporarily status as "satellite" sites of the nearby facilities already designated as hospitals under the *Hospital Act* (i.e., Victoria General Hospital for VRSC and Nanaimo Regional General Hospital for SSC), as requested by the Island Health Board. This will take effect on Island Health Authority's formal acquisition of the assets and lease of the VRSC and SSC, presently set for June 14, 2022.

More work is required before any permanent designation is made by the Ministry of Health. This work will include additional research on the appropriate regulatory structure and, if "satellite" status is found to be the best option, new policy development for consistency and accountability, etc. will be completed before any permanent designation is made by the Minister.

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Health care services are always evolving, and I appreciate the efforts by Island Health Authority to come up with creative options and to be willing to assist the Ministry of Health in the work ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Adrian Dix', written over a horizontal line.

Adrian Dix
Minister

pc: Kathy MacNeil, President and Chief Executive Officer, Island Health Authority

EMAIL RESPONSE

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Leased Surgical Clinics – Designation Under the Hospital Act

Kim Kerrone
Chief Financial Officer and VP Support Services
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Hello Kim:

I wish to provide you with an update regarding Island Health Authority's (VIHA) request for Ministry of Health (the Ministry) endorsement of an approach to designate the View Royal Surgical Centre (VRSC) in Victoria and Seafeld Surgical Centre (SSC) in Nanaimo.

Hospital and Provincial Health Services Division has drafted a decision briefing note for the Deputy Minister with options for the go-forward for VRSC and SSC. I understand the VIHA Board will meet on Friday, June 3rd where the Board will endorse the two sites as part of Victoria General Hospital and Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.

As you may be aware, the *Hospital Act* delegates authority for designation of hospitals to the Minister. Satellite sites are not defined in legislation or Ministry hospital policy at present.

In order to minimize service disruption, a letter has been drafted granting VRSC and SSC temporary status as "satellite" sites of the nearby facilities already designated as hospitals under the *Hospital Act* (i.e., Victoria General Hospital for VRSC and Nanaimo Regional General Hospital for SSC), as endorsed by the VIHA Board. It is recommended that this will take effect on VIHA's formal acquisition of VRSC and SCC assets and leases, presently set for June 14, 2022.

More work is required before any permanent designation is made by the Ministry. This work will include additional research on the appropriate regulatory structure and, if "satellite" status is found to be the best option, new policy development for consistency and accountability, etc., will be completed before any permanent designation is made by the Minister.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions regarding this approach.

Sincerely,

Stephen Brown
Deputy Minister

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH— INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE—Cliff #1230166

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health – **FOR INFORMATION**

TITLE: New *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA)

PURPOSE: Current State of the Draft Legislation and Work Required

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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff # 1226711

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
Mable Elmore, Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long Term Care
Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and
Tara Richards, Deputy Minister, Emergency Management BC
- **FOR INFORMATION**

TITLE: Silver Alert Mandate Commitment

PURPOSE: To provide an update on the status of the implementation of the Silver Alert mandate commitment.

BACKGROUND:

The number of people expected to be experiencing dementia by 2024 is over 87,000¹ and 26 percent of BC's population will be comprised of seniors by 2041.² Six in ten people with dementia will wander³ and many will get lost. If not found within 24 hours many suffer injuries and sometimes death.

Alert systems, such as Silver Alert assist in locating missing persons. These programs are designed to support first responders in locating vulnerable people who wander from home and return them quickly and safely. With the support from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Minister of Health and the Parliamentary Secretary to Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care are leading the work and will be engaging with community groups and the B.C. Seniors Advocate to develop a made-in-BC Silver Alert system to help assist first responders in locating missing seniors, particularly those with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. This can be reflected in both Minister and Parliamentary Secretary Mandate letters (2020).

DISCUSSION:

The Seniors Services Branch conducted a jurisdictional review on Canadian and international sources to identify alerting systems or programs that exist for people with dementia who are missing. The results of the jurisdictional scan showed the greatest development of "silver alert" systems were international, including broad state-specific systems and programs in the United States. Most alert systems expanded the population beyond seniors with a dementia diagnosis to include individuals with cognitive impairments who have gone missing, and who may or may not be seniors (individuals with other diagnoses that may result in disorientation and getting lost) but would fall within a category of vulnerable adult. Most alert systems employed technologies such as geo-targeted phone alerts, individualized GPS tracking devices and public cellphone apps. All programs included the option to engage media to inform the public about a missing adult. In all cases the decision to engage media was determined by law enforcement.

¹ Population Health Surveillance and Epidemiology, Ministry of Health, Dementia (age 40+ years), data extracted December 2015

² Wister, O'Dea, Fyffe, & Wagner. (2019). Fact Book on Aging in BC and Canada. Retrieved from: <https://cnpea.ca/images/september-15-factbook.pdf>.

³ <https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/stages-behaviors/wandering>

The initial review by Ministry of Health staff favours development of a BC framework for response when vulnerable adults are missing, with a focussed social-alert system, as opposed to a wider national alerting system such as the Amber Alert system for missing children. Validation of this approach will occur through stakeholder engagement and further analysis of existing approaches in other jurisdictions.

Emergency Management BC staff from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General recently shared information on a newly developed silver alert program being piloted in Quebec and Ministry of Health staff are reviewing.

The COVID-19 pandemic required a significant focus from the Seniors Services Branch over the past two plus years, and as a result, further work on a made-in-BC “silver alert” strategy was deferred.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff in the Seniors Services Branch have resumed work on the silver alert mandate commitment, focussing on the need for a made-in-BC strategy. Initial work will include looking at strategies currently in place in BC for vulnerable adults who may become lost. Work over the spring and summer 2022 will include:

- Develop a project plan that is inclusive of stakeholder identification and engagement, key milestones and activities;
- Briefing for PS Elmore, Office of the Seniors Advocate, and others;
- Engaging key internal and external stakeholders to inform the work, and obtain input and feedback;
- Recommendation for the Minister and PS Elmore; and,
- Pending approval, draft implementation strategy.

Program ADM/Division: Ross Hayward, A/ ADM, Seniors' Services Division
Program Contact (for content): Heather Cook
Drafter: Alexandra Hatry
Date: May 31, 2022

ID: 60273, Title: MO BN Request re: Financial support for community health networks - \$40K funding - as background information to enable discussion with MLA Furstenau.

Full Name:

Approval Route:

PPH Generic > Tamara Codner > Andrea Godfreyson > Disha Panchal - Andrea Godfreyson . Tamara Codner/Rhonda Metcalfe > Jonathan Robinson > Tamara Codner/Rhonda Metcalfe > PPH Generic > Bernard Achampong > PPH Generic > FCS > Corp Ops > DMO > MO

Assigned To: Rose, Sylvia HLTH:EX Rush: No Briefing Note - Information Note Signature: Health - Minister

Branch: PPH-ADM Other Number: 1228507

Link: N/A

Due Date: 6/20/2022 Date Completed: 6/23/2022 Date Initiated: 5/17/2022 N/A

Item History

6/23/2022 08:54 AM

Rose, Sylvia HLTH:EX [Colleague of Corporate Operations - Documents] has closed this item for the following reason: Completed.

6/21/2022 11:35 AM

Andrachuk, Andrea HLTH:EX [Colleague of DMO Operations HLTH:EX] forwarded an eApprovals item to Corporate Operations - Documents for action

Sent to MO. returning for closing. thank you

6/14/2022 02:54 PM

Simonson, Kathy HLTH:EX made some changes to this item's details

6/14/2022 12:53 PM

Sheppard, Jenifer A HLTH:EX [Colleague of DMO Operations HLTH:EX] added a comment
printed for DM review

6/14/2022 12:39 PM

Simonson, Kathy HLTH:EX [Colleague of Corporate Operations - Documents] forwarded an eApprovals item to DMO Operations HLTH:EX for action
For review.

6/14/2022 12:15 PM

Watkins, Emily HLTH:EX [Colleague of PPH Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Corporate Operations - Documents for action
No changes or updates by PPH. As A/ADM PPH and FCS ADM have previously approved, returning to Corp Ops for DM approval. Thanks.

6/14/2022 12:03 PM

Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to PPH Generic for action
Emily - we have considered Phillip's suggestion and will leave as is for now, based on his approval this should be ready to go to corp ops thanks!

6/13/2022 08:21 AM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX for action
Jonathan - Pls see comments from FCS for consideration of inclusion.

6/8/2022 08:41 AM

Workman, Nicholas HLTH:EX [Colleague of FCS Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action
Please note FCS' comments below.

6/7/2022 02:39 PM

Twyford, Philip HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to FCS Generic for action
Inflationary cost pressures continue to increase. Could consider year end funding adjustment or one-time in-year adjustment if desired.

6/6/2022 02:49 PM

Workman, Nicholas HLTH:EX [Colleague of FCS Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Twyford, Philip HLTH:EX for action
For review, please.

6/6/2022 02:34 PM

Kelly, Samantha J HLTH [Colleague of PPH Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to FCS Generic for action Page 1 of 18 HTH-2022-23054

For review and approval. Thank you!

6/6/2022 02:31 PM

Achampong, Bernard [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to PPH Generic for action

Approved - pls advance for FCS review as well.

6/6/2022 02:29 PM

Achampong, Bernard added a document: 1228507 - MO IBN - Re MLA Furnsteau - Financial Support for CHN - \$40 K Funding.docx

6/6/2022 02:26 PM

Achampong, Bernard added a document: 1228507 - MO IBN - Re MLA Furnsteau - Financial Support for CHN - \$40 K Funding.docx

6/6/2022 09:51 AM

Kelly, Samantha J HLTH [Colleague of PPH Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Achampong, Bernard for action

For your review and approval. Jonathan has made his updates per your request. Thank you!

6/6/2022 09:44 AM

Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to PPH Generic for action

Updated.

6/5/2022 08:26 PM

Achampong, Bernard [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX for action

Could you please review to include brief financial implications and also with an eye overall to make note more succinct. Some suggestions (track changes) included. Thanks

6/3/2022 09:48 AM

Watkins, Emily HLTH:EX made some changes to this item's details

5/30/2022 02:06 PM

Kelly, Samantha J HLTH [Colleague of PPH Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Achampong, Bernard for action

For review and approval. Thank you!

5/30/2022 02:04 PM

Rhonda Metcalfe [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to PPH Generic for action

Hello, for next steps. Cheers, Rhonda

5/30/2022 11:13 AM

Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Rhonda Metcalfe for action

Approved.

5/30/2022 10:51 AM

Rhonda Metcalfe [Colleague of Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action

Hello, as per your email request. Cheers, Rhonda

5/27/2022 05:36 PM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX for action

Jonathan - I have made significant edits to meet the formatting requirements. Ready for your re-review/approval. Thanks.

5/27/2022 02:42 PM

Rhonda Metcalfe made some changes to this item's details

5/27/2022 02:35 PM

Rhonda Metcalfe [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action

Hi Andrea, I'm sending this back because all briefing notes need be only 2 pages and this includes the contact information. Cheers and many thanks

5/27/2022 01:23 PM

Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Rhonda Metcalfe for action

Approved.

5/26/2022 08:27 PM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX for action

Back to you Jonathan for review and approval. Thanks.

5/26/2022 01:19 PM

Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action

As discussed thanks!

5/26/2022 08:33 AM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Robinson, Jonathan M HLTH:EX for action
Jonathan - over to you for review and approval. Thanks, Andrea

5/25/2022 09:42 AM

Panchal, Disha HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action
Hi Andrea! Here's the draft IBN for review. Thanks.

5/24/2022 02:52 PM

Panchal, Disha HLTH:EX added a document: 1228507 - MO IBN - Re MLA Furnsteau - Financial Support for CHN - \$40 K Funding.docx

5/19/2022 08:23 AM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Panchal, Disha HLTH:EX for action

5/19/2022 08:22 AM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] added a comment
Hi Disha, back over to you to adjust once we connect.

5/18/2022 05:36 PM

Panchal, Disha HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action
Hi Andrea,

Please review the BN and let me know what you think. I am still working on preparing the Appendix 1 and 2. Will be sending them to you for review by tomorrow.

Thanks
Disha

5/17/2022 11:59 AM

Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Panchal, Disha HLTH:EX for action

5/17/2022 11:45 AM

Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX made some changes to this item's details

5/17/2022 11:23 AM

Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Godfreyson, Andrea HLTH:EX for action
Please assign drafter for IBN. Please follow approved routing.

5/17/2022 10:14 AM

Watkins, Emily HLTH:EX [Colleague of PPH Generic] forwarded an eApprovals item to Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX for action
Sending to branch to assign to Andrea Godfreyson to draft MO IBN. Please follow ADMO entered routing (/Tamara please review branch-level portion of the routing). Due to ADMO EOD May 26, 2022, as this IBN will need FCS approval. Thanks.

5/17/2022 10:11 AM

Watkins, Emily HLTH:EX made some changes to this item's details

5/17/2022 09:57 AM

Watkins, Emily HLTH:EX added a document: Information Bullets Template.docx

5/17/2022 09:54 AM

Rose, Sylvia HLTH:EX added a document: 1228507 - BN for Minister re estimates and community health networks in Island Health .msg

5/17/2022 09:54 AM

Rose, Sylvia HLTH:EX has created a new eApprovals item and assigned it to PPH Generic

5/17/2022 09:54 AM

Rose, Sylvia HLTH:EX created this item
Please assign for MO Briefing Note.

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

Cliff #1228507

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister – **FOR INFORMATION**

TITLE: Island Health Community Health Networks

PURPOSE: Provide funding info on Island Health Community Health Networks

BACKGROUND:

During the Estimates debate on May 16, 2022, Green Party leader, Sonia Furstenau, MLA – Cowichan Valley, asked whether additional funding for Island Health's (IH) Community Health Networks (CHNs) would be considered. This question included reference to a request from the *Our Cowichan Communities Health Network* (OCCHN) for a \$40,000 per year uplift.

The CHNs within IH work in partnership with the health authority and community stakeholders to identify locally relevant priorities and take collective action to address the social determinants of health and modifiable risk factors. The CHN model convenes community partners in a single working group to synergize their actions and collaboratively contribute to healthy communities.

IH provides \$80,000 in annual funding to each regional district geographical area, to support the nine CHNs across the IH region¹. In most cases, funding is administered by the regional district or hospital district on behalf of the CHN. Total annual funding from IH for CHNs is \$560,000 per year. Over the past 12 to 18 months, IH has received either formal or informal expressions of need for increased funding from all CHNs. Both *Oceanside Health and Wellness Network* and OCCHN have formally requested additional funding from IH. CHN coordinators have collectively expressed a need for an uplift to offset (1) cost of living increases and support coordinator retention and recruitment; (2) increased costs associated with addressing heightened community needs due to the pandemic and recovery response planning; and (3) dissipated one-time supplementary grant funds received by some CHNs in 2015/16.

As an example, OCCHN, of which MLA Sonia Furstenau is a member, received a one-time grant of \$320,000 from IH in 2015/16, in addition to the annual allocation of \$80,000 to carry out actions over the past 6 years.^{s.21}

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IH has informed CHNs that funding decisions are being deferred until the CHN program is reviewed as part of the IH Population and Public Health strategic planning in the fall/winter of 2022. IH's Community Wellness Grant Program has provided one-time funding of \$36,258 in 2021/2022 to each regional district to support CHNs.

Ministry of Health – funded supports

The Ministry provides \$1M annually in funds to the BC Healthy Communities Society (BCHCS) to support PlanH, which provides grants, workshops, webinars, training tools and resources to local governments and First Nations communities to enhance capacity, healthy community planning and develop partnerships. PlanH Healthy Community grants are awarded to up to 30 communities annually. Communities in the IH region can apply to BCHCS to receive funding through PlanH. The Ministry does not currently provide direct funding for CHNs.

DISCUSSION:

The work being carried out in IH CHNs contributes to the development of Healthy Living Strategic Plans (HLSPs), which are a Ministry priority with health authority targets set out in the Ministry Service Plan. The Ministry supports the model used by IH and recognizes it as a key factor in increasing the number of HLSPs within the region. To date, CHNs have been relying on their one-time 2015/16 grant funds to supplement their annual funding. All CHNs have indicated that a funding increase is needed as the original grant funding has now been fully utilized

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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Program Contact (for content): Andrea Godfreyson, A/Director, Injury Prevention and Healthy Settings

Drafter: Disha Panchal, Provincial Lead, Healthy Living and Health Promotion

Date: June 14, 2022

ⁱ The Capital Regional District and Sooke split the funding at \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively. Oceanside and Nanaimo split the funding at \$30,000 and \$50,000, respectively.