

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

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Generic Pivots

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Bureaucracy Duplication – Story

Young Women Sexually Assaulted

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Meeting with People

- I have met with hundreds of people and families living with Mental Health and Addictions issues.
- I have also met with the heroic people on the frontlines of this devastating crisis, asking them what is working and what needs to change.
- I continue to hear the same thing – people with mental health and addictions issues have been neglected for far too long.

Advice to Minister

Bureaucracy Duplication

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Bureaucracy Duplication

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Decriminalization – Story

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Advice to Minister

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Drug Decriminalization

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Overdose Deaths – Story

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Overdose Deaths

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Background:

- In August alone, 113 families lost a loved one, and there have been more than 1000 overdoses this year alone.
- On April 14, 2016, provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall declared a public health emergency as a result of data from the BC Coroners Service on overdose deaths.
- On July 27, 2016, a Joint Task Force on Overdose Response was formed, co-chaired by Dr. Kendall and ADM and Director of Police Services Clayton Pecknold. The joint task force provides leadership and advice from both the health and public safety sectors on actions to prevent and respond to overdoses in B.C.
- Six task groups work under a health system steering committee: surveillance, naloxone, treatment, supervised consumption services and drug checking, public engagement, and logistics.
- Health authorities submitted eight applications to Health Canada from October 2016 to June 2017 for new supervised consumption sites in Vancouver (2), Surrey (2), Victoria (2), Kamloops and Kelowna. Two in Surrey, one in Vancouver, one in Victoria, one mobile unit in Kamloops and one mobile unit in Kelowna. Two outstanding applications remain for services in Vancouver and Victoria.
- The Budget 2017 Update includes \$322 million in additional funding over the next three years to address the overdose crisis – with a focus on saving lives now, ending stigma, building access to services, including for children and youth, and getting better information to help target our actions.
- The recent budget update included \$31.3 million over three years to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to target drug traffickers and organized crime.
- On October 25, 2017, social assistance was issued (the first in 5 weeks) which may have contributed to the increase in overdoses.
- Health Authorities increase support for BC Ambulance, outreach workers and supervised consumption sites during the week when social assistance cheques are issued.
- Island Health issued alerts for both Victoria and Campbell River.
- Interior Health issued alerts for Kelowna and Kamloops.

Wait Times for Services – Story

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Wait Times for Mental Health and Addictions Services

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Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions – Story

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Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions

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Key Messages – Chilliwack Overdose Prevention Site

Nov. 8, 2017

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- Riverstone Home and Mobile Detox/Daytox, is a medically supervised service which provides outreach detox, daytox, and engagement services to an average of 40 clients per week.
- The Chilliwack Mental Health Centre continues to provide a full service community based mental health program to adults in the community, including assessment, treatment (individual and group therapy), and outreach at the street level in collaboration with Chilliwack RCMP.
- From July 8 to September 22, a contracted provider reports collecting 1605 inappropriately discarded syringes.
- Fraser Health has also increased clinical capacity in our Early Psychosis Treatment program to provide better care to patients in the eastern part of the Fraser Valley, and we have recruited a new Psychiatrist to Chilliwack with a particular focus on increased emergency room psychiatric consultation capacity.

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First Responders - Story

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Key Messages – First Responders

Oct. 13, 2017

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Casework Issues

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Key Messages – Budget Update

September 13, 2017

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Actions Announced

September 29, 2017

As part of a government-wide effort to combat the crisis that was allocated \$322 million in new funding in the recent budget update. Additional measures will be implemented in the coming months, as actions plans are finalized. The new measures announced today include:

- **Community crisis innovation fund:** To support nimble, innovative, community-based actions with an immediate impact on the ground, the government will introduce a new community crisis innovation fund. The fund will be available to introduce measures, such as targeted community-based prevention or early-intervention programs, or innovative harm-reduction and treatment approaches to keep people safe and support people seeking help.
New funding: \$3 million in 2017-18 and \$6 million each year in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- **Scaling up rapid access community treatment:** To make sure that help is available when people are ready to start on a path to recovery, health authorities are scaling up rapid access to medication treatments for opioid addiction. They are expanding the hours of and opening new addictions clinics in Vancouver, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Mission and Langley. Clinics in Surrey and Maple Ridge are now also offering faster, easier access.
New funding: additional funding details are still being finalized on expanded access to opioid addiction treatment under the \$322 million investment, including rapid-access addictions clinics and specialized substance use hubs in the regions most affected.
- **Broader access to no-cost naloxone kits:** To make kits more widely available than ever, the Take Home Naloxone Program is working with the B.C. Pharmacy Association to establish new distribution sites at community pharmacies throughout the province. British Columbians who use opioids or are likely to respond to an overdose will be able to get free kits at pharmacies by the end of the year. More naloxone training opportunities and additional new distribution locations around the province are also being planned.
New funding: \$2 million each year in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- **Support for those on the front lines:** To provide ongoing support for first responders and people working to save lives, the government has allocated sustainable annual funding to support the work of the newly established Mobile Response Team. The team provides training, education and crisis response to support the mental and emotional health of staff and volunteers of community-based organizations responding to multiple overdoses.
New funding: \$1.7 million each year in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- **Public awareness campaign:** To expand the reach of a new public awareness campaign, the government is establishing partnerships with WorkSafeBC, B.C. Restaurant & Food Services Association and BC Building Trades Council and others to come on board in the near future. The campaign will be launched in the coming weeks, with a particular focus on reaching men aged 30 to 60, the group most at risk of overdose, and reducing stigma about addiction. The partnerships are designed to create new, targeted avenues for building awareness on how to stay safe and where to reach out for support.
New funding: \$2 million in 2017-18 and \$2.37 million in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

HUBS
increased
funding

Action is also being taken to protect public safety and cut off illegal fentanyl supplies. \$31.3 million has been allocated over three years to critical enforcement and public safety initiatives, including:

- New dedicated anti-trafficking teams within the provincial RCMP and Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-BC), with additional officers and support staff. This puts more boots on

the ground to go after, arrest and prosecute dangerous and violent drug traffickers to disrupt the drug supply line in communities.

- Resources for all police agencies for enforcement activity against organized crime importers and traffickers, through the province's gang unit (CFSEU-BC), including more funding for projects that specifically target traffickers, to stem the flow of fentanyl into B.C.
- Increased support for police-based outreach in their communities and funding for multidisciplinary approaches to bring together mental health, social service and police agencies to proactively reach people who are seen to be of elevated risk.
- Additional funding for the BC Coroners Service to expand the Drug-Death Investigations Team, to help resolve backlog and meet the significant increase in workload and lab testing. This will provide timely, accurate data to inform new strategies in this public health crisis.

Key Messages – Discarded Needles in Parks

September 28, 2017

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BIA Letter Response

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Injectable hydromorphone – Story

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Key Messages – Injectable opioid agonist therapy

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Riverview

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Key Messages – Coquitlam Mayor on Riverview

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Funeral visit prompts plea from Coquitlam mayor to revive Riverview Hospital



By Simon Little

Digital Reporter CKNW

WATCH: Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart took to Facebook to call for action at the largely-shuttered Riverview Hospital after attending the funeral of a 24-year-old man with addiction and mental health issues.

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Key Messages – Minister's Travel Expenses

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Key Messages – Fentanyl Test Strips

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