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### An Update from Neilane Mayhew

Deputy Minister  
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## Provincial Support Office, Expenditures & Mental Wellness

Hello everyone,

Here is some news and follow-up from last week's stand up meeting.

### Provincial Support Office

We've reached a milestone in our work to establish Integrated Child and Youth Teams, one of the priority actions set out in June in [A Pathway to Hope](#). Our ministry will set up the Provincial Support Office to get these teams organized and work with communities and organizations involved with Integrated Child and Youth Teams. I'm excited to let you know that the job postings for the Provincial Support Office are now open in the [job search system](#). There are three postings:

- [Director, Provincial Support Office](#)
- [District Program Developer](#)
- [Project Assistant](#)

When the positions are filled we will update our organization chart on the intranet to reflect the arrival of our new colleagues in the Provincial Support Office. They will be located in Comox, Maple Ridge (locations of the first two Integrated Child and Youth Teams), Victoria and Vancouver.

### Expenditures

As mentioned in last week's MMHA stand up meeting, here is a summary of our ministry savings and a link to our ministry [spending directives](#).

Recently, all ministries in the province received instructions to meet savings targets for the rest of this fiscal year (to the end of March). This is normal as the year plays out and the Ministry of Finance has a better sense of revenue and spending for all government.

Ministries were asked to take a full-organizational look at their spending to meet their targets. Each organization was given flexibility in identifying its savings opportunities, with the priority being to protect core services and programs in all ministries.

We were fortunate to have already achieved some savings through job postings that were unfilled for a short time, but we will also be making cost-effective decisions around administrative and discretionary spending areas, such as contracts, office supplies, travel and conferences.

To be clear, these cost-saving measures will not impact existing jobs or hiring that is currently in the works.

I thank you all for your support and understanding to do our best with the funding we have. If you have ideas or questions, please reply to me directly, speak to your supervisor or you can speak to members of the [senior leadership team](#).

## Healthy Workplace Month

In addition, here are the links for [mental health](#), Morneau Shepell [services](#) and our MMHA [mental wellness toolkit](#). Read more about Healthy Workplace Month on the [intranet](#). Please stay well and take care out there.

Sincerely,

**Neilane Mayhew**  
Deputy Minister

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