

# MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

## INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

**CLIFF:** 1231876

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister - **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** Fraser Health Authority – Complex Care Housing Updated Regional Plan

**PURPOSE:** To review the proposed updated regional Complex Care Housing (CCH) plan from the Fraser Health Authority (FHA).

**BACKGROUND:** As part of Budget 2022, government announced \$164M over three years for CCH to support 20 projects across the province, including in FHA:

Location	Project
Surrey	FoxGlove
Abbotsford	Red Lion/Riverside
Abbotsford	Enhanced Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Housing
Langley	Enhanced ACT Housing
Tri-Cities/New West	Enhanced ACT Housing
<b>Mission</b>	Diamond Head Motor Inn and Modular
<b>Chilliwack</b>	Rowat Ave

The projects in both **Chilliwack** and **Mission** are planned to be delivered in new modular housing, in partnership with BC Housing and the contracted services provider. However, construction for the modular units will not be completed until early 2023 in Mission and mid 2023 in Chilliwack. To maximize the impact of investments in 2022/23, FHA has proposed an updated regional plan.

### DISCUSSION:

FHA's updated regional plan shifts a portion of funding from Chilliwack and Mission to three new projects and one existing project, while preserving partial funding for Chilliwack and Mission. This would result in 18 spaces being created through the new projects, and 15 spaces reduced in Chilliwack and Mission, for a net gain of 3 spaces for the FHA region at no additional cost.

*Proposed change in spaces for Chilliwack and Mission:*

Location	Original # of spaces	Reduced Capacity Spaces	Difference
Chilliwack	21 + 6 transition	14 + 4 transition	7
Mission	20	12	8
Total	41 + 6 transition	26 + 4 transition	-15

*Projects funded through reallocation:*

Location	Project	# of spaces
Chilliwack	Sts'ailes Group Home Care	4
Surrey	Indigenous-led Corrections Transition	4
Maple Ridge	Enhanced ACT (scattered site)	8
Abbotsford	Red Lion (existing project)	2
<b>TOTAL SPACES</b>		<b>18</b>

### *Maple Ridge*

The Mayor of Maple Ridge has advocated for CCH to be located at a new supportive housing building that will be built on Fraser St. in Maple Ridge. MMHA, BC Housing and FHA staff have explored this option but agree that an ACT/outreach scattered site model is more appropriate at this time, for the following reasons:

- The Fraser St. building is not expected to open for another 12+ months.
- Fraser St. is a replacement for the Royal Crescent, an older modular that is closing. All spaces at Fraser St. have been committed to residents of Royal Crescent.
- Developing an ACT/scattered site CCH project in Maple Ridge allows for people in any location to be referred for service, not just those residing in a particular building. Some CCH clients may be residents of Royal Crescent/Fraser St.
- The ACT/scattered site project can be operational much more quickly than Fraser St., resulting in people who need CCH services receiving them sooner.
- Fraser St. will be operated by the same housing operator as Royal Crescent. In March 2022, as a result of community concerns about the Royal Crescent, Minister Eby directed BC Housing to commission an independent review of the building's operations. It is prudent to wait until the review is completed to make decisions about co-location of CCH services in the Fraser St. building.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- MMHA staff will communicate approval of the updated regional plan to FHA, which will allow FHA to begin more detailed implementation planning on the new projects.
- Detailed status updates on all projects will be provided to the Minister.

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**PREPARED FOR:** The Honourable Shelia Malcolmson, Minister - **FOR INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) Critical Injuries and Death Reporting

**PURPOSE:** To provide a project update on the implementation of health authority reporting of RCY Critical Injuries and Deaths (CID) for children and youth receiving mental health and substance use services.

**BACKGROUND:**

*The Representative for Children and Youth Act (RCYA)* outlines the functions of the RCY, including the mandate to review, investigate, and report on critical injuries and deaths (CIDs) of children and youth (up to age 19) who are receiving reviewable services or have received reviewable services within 12 months of a critical injury or death. Mental health and addictions services for children and youth provided by health authorities (HAs) have been identified as reviewable services as per the RCYA. While this legislation was created in 2006, HAs were not aware of the reporting requirement, nor had it been enforced. Currently, HAs report adverse events into the BC Patient Safety and Learning System (PSLS), a tool that is led and administered by the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA).

In February 2018, the RCY wrote to Deputy Minister (DM) Stephen Brown outlining the legal requirement in the RCYA for HAs to report to RCY on all CIDs of children and youth who receive mental health and addictions services. In June 2018, the RCY met with the Health Leadership Council. Subsequently, RCY established a Provincial Steering Committee with representatives from the Ministry of Health (HLTH), health authorities, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to develop and implement an approach and mechanism for reporting CIDs to RCY.

**DISCUSSION:**

Through the RCY-led Steering Committee, decisions were made to implement reporting in a phased manner, starting with a pilot that includes reporting from select inpatient units from each health authority (see Appendix A) and followed by a full provincial roll out. A decision was also made to use the existing PSLS as the mechanism for HA reporting of CIDs to RCY, with the only exception of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCHA), where there was agreement to report through an established process under MCFD Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH) services. In Fall 2021, VCHA began reporting CIDs in their pilot phase. RCY and VCHA are engaged in a process to review each event in accordance with the CID definitions.

Throughout the Steering Committee process, HAs have raised concerns regarding several of the critical injury definitions, particularly in the context of outpatient services. In



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In October 2021, the RCY sent a letter to DM Stephen Brown to seek support in securing HA compliance with reporting under the RCYA. A commitment to implementation was reinforced to RCY and with HAs.

In preparation for pilot reporting to begin in Fall 2022, privacy and information sharing requirements have been addressed through an agreement between PHSA and the RCY that will cover the overall transfer of information. RCY is currently working with PHSA to finalize arrangements.

**ADVICE:**

- Health authorities and HLTH have provided feedback to RCY on the definitions for CIDs and is pending review and approval by RCY Executive.
- HLTH has suggested meeting with RCY prior to Steering Committee meetings to share progress updates and ensure that the work is moving forward.
- Timeline for implementation of pilot reporting has been delayed from February 2022 to Fall 2022.
- RCY has experienced staffing changes, including the project lead who recently transitioned to a new role, and the onboarding of a new Executive Director of Reviews and Investigations who will oversee the implementation of reporting.
- The PSLS system upgrades required are delayed as the PHSA team was impacted by COVID-19. Reporting is planned to begin with the current PSLS and will transfer to the PSLS cloud-based platform when it launches.
- RCY Steering Committee last met on April 6, 2022. RCY has cancelled subsequent meetings on May 4, June 1 and July 6, 2022, as they continue to finalize information sharing agreements. The next meeting will be scheduled once this work has been finalized.
- HLTH to continue to support implementation planning through the Provincial Steering Committee, with support of legal counsel and HAs. Risks to the timeline include the PSLS upgrades and workforce capacity impacted by COVID-19.
- An evaluation of the pilot phase will occur prior to full implementation. The length of the pilot phase will be dependent on RCY receiving a critical mass of incident reports for analysis.

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### Appendix A: Pilot Phase Programs

Health Authority	Program
Fraser	Surrey Memorial Hospital APU
Interior	Kelowna General Hospital APU
Northern	University Hospital of Northern British Columbia APU
Provincial Health Services	BC Children's Hospital APU
	BC Children's Hospital Child Psychiatry Unit
	BC Children's Hospital Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Emergency Unit (CAPE)
	BC Children's Hospital Eating Disorders Inpatient Unit
Vancouver Coastal	All Mental Health services will report through MCFD
Vancouver Island	Ledger House