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Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
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Issue	Status/Key Milestones/Next Steps
30 Days	
Toxic Drug Crisis – Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths in BC Data Update to October 2023.	The BC Coroners Service’s recent report on unregulated drug deaths on November 30, 2023, covers unintentional deaths between January 1, 2012, and October 31, 2023. Report can be read here .
Decriminalization	Bill 34, <i>The Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act</i> has gone through Committee and is considered complete with amendments. PSSG is leading the development of regulations. MMHA is supporting this work. Police training is in development. s. 16
Complex Care Housing	Phase 2, municipal engagement will continue in Kelowna, Nanaimo, Prince George, and Vancouver for 80 of 240 new purpose-built complex care housing units. Municipal engagement will begin in Surrey and Abbotsford for an additional 40 units. s. 16, s. 17 s. 16, s. 17
Prescribed Safe Supply	Dr. Bonnie Henry, PHO is finalizing her recommendations for PSS in BC. Dr Henry is expected to deliver her final recommendations, what we heard report, evidence review, and ethical framework to the Minister by Dec. 8th, with public release date likely in the new year (date to be confirmed) s. 13
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Health Career Access Program – Mental Health and Substance Use Expansion	HCAP-MHSU will soft-launch the week of November 27, 2023, with program information and application details available on a new gov.bc.ca webpage and participating health authorities s. 17 s. 17
BCCSU Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Provincial Clinical Guideline – 2023 update	The BCCSU has updated the provincial Guideline for the Clinical Management of Opioid Use Disorder (originally published in 2017). The second edition of the OUD Guideline is intended to reflect the latest evidence and clinical experience in offering Opioid Agonist Treatment and related interventions across the continuum of

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	<p> OUD care, in the context of the ongoing toxic drug crisis. The new guidelines were released on November 22, 2023. </p>
Substance Use in the Trades	<p> Following the Joint Ministers' Roundtable on Substance Use in the Trades (August 29, 2023), s. 13 s. 13 s. 13 s. 13 </p>
CMHA-BC Treatment and Recovery Beds	<p> The CMHA-BC grant process to implement 100 publicly funded substance use treatment and recovery beds has completed the adjudication phase. Notification to successful applicants is underway. s. 13 s. 13 final number will be confirmed following notification to successful applicants. </p>
Road to Recovery	<p> News release and event confirmed for Dec 4 to announce first 24 beds that are now open. </p>
MMHA Provincial Campaign Launch	<p> New provincial public facing MMHA campaign to launch on December 11 showcasing real-life stories about finding help for substance use and highlighting supports that are available in BC. The campaign will point to HelpStartsHere.gov.bc.ca (previously Wellbeing.gov.bc.ca) which will be refreshed with new site name and enhancements, including a campaign landing page showcasing stories and supports. Website updates launched Dec 1, ahead of the public campaign. Through television, radio, out-of-home and digital platforms, the campaign aims to reach the general population across the province, sharing a message that help looks different for everyone and that everyone's journey is unique. </p>
Targeted Poisoned Drug Campaign (youth and families) Launch	<p> Targeted campaign to build awareness with youth and families around the poisoned drug supply. Digital and transit shelters ads to drive traffic to PoisonDrugs.gov.bc.ca. (GCPE-led) </p>
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Safer Supply – Public Health Officer Report	<p> The Provincial Public Health Officer is preparing a report on alternative models for safer supply, including non-prescriber models. In March 2023, the Office of the PHO initiated engagement with stakeholders on the draft of the report. Timelines for the release of the final paper are to be confirmed. The report will be released after the OPHO completes their review of PSS. </p>
Decriminalization	<p> One year of implementation of decriminalization (January 31, 2024) </p>
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Safer Communities Action Plan – civilian-led Peer Assisted Care Teams (PACTs)	Service operators for the new PACTs in Prince George, Kamloops, and Comox Valley will be selected in November. These teams will launch in early 2024. s. 17 s. 17
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OAG Audit – Harm Reduction (Prescribed Safer Supply and Overdose Prevention Services/Supervised Consumption Services)	The OAG has conducted a performance audit of MMHA. The audit focused on adult substance use harm reduction services, specifically implementation of overdose prevention services/supervised consumption services and prescribed safer supply. s. 13
Health Career Access Program – Mental Health and Substance Use Expansion	A formal program launch event and press release is planned for January 2024. On-going participant recruitment and onboarding. (Health authority led)
CMHA-BC Treatment and Recovery Beds	A public announcement of funded service providers being planned for mid-January 2024.
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Prescribed Safer Supply	Flowing from the PHO's recommendations for PSS, an update to the PSS policy will be initiated. s. 13 s. 13 s. 13
Foundry Expansion	Foundry Central Office (Providence Health Care) is currently adjudicating applications from communities interested in pursuing a Foundry centre as part of the Phase 5 expansion of 10 more Centres announced in April 2023. Foundry Central Office will announce the new communities by end of fiscal 2023/24.