

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Daily Minister Briefing COVID-19

**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

**Start:** Tue 2020-03-31 5:00 PM

**End:** Tue 2020-03-31 5:30 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** Daily

**Recurrence Pattern:** every weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees:** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Robinson, Sheila A SDPR:EX; Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX; Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX

**Optional Attendees:** Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX

**Categories:** Government

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 29, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: NR - Grant to FoodbanksBC

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2020, at 1:51 PM, Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

<2020MAH0049-000583.pdf>

<QA\_Community Gaming Grants\_COVID-19\_March 29\_Final Draft.docx>

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Quote approval

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Sent from my iPhone

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 12:16 PM  
**Subject:** Advisory Committee Meeting Follow-up  
**Attachments:** COVID-19 Resources Binder.pdf

Dear Advisory Committee members,

Thank you all for attending this morning's meeting. As a follow-up, please find attached a new version of the electronic binder that was distributed earlier. This version may be shared with your contacts.

Please find here a news release detailing the announcements made by Minister Farnworth regarding the *Emergency Program Act*: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0020-000568>

Please find here a list of essential service providers: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/essential-services-covid-19>

Regards,  
Jordan

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 27, 2020 10:18 AM  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; 'lsmith@mnbc.ca'; s.22  
s.22 'cwright@tapsbc.ca'; s.22 'adrienne@firstcallbc.org';  
'zahra.esmail@southvan.org'; 'Smith, Stephanie'; Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com;  
'rmcgregor@cfswl.ca'; 'pendakur@sfu.ca'; 'ccasimer@fns.bc.ca'; s.22 Elmore,  
Mable SDPR:EX  
**Cc:** Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Conference call now

Just a friendly reminder for that those of you who are able to please mute yourselves to minimize background noise!

Many thanks,

Leah

Leah Squance (she/hers)  
A/ Executive Director  
Strategic Policy Initiatives | Research, Innovation & Policy Division  
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Sarah <sarahlouise07@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 26, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Catherine Ludgate  
**Cc:** lsmith@mnbc.ca; s.22 cwright@tapsbc.ca; s.22  
Adrienne Montani; zahra.esmail@southvan.org; Smith, Stephanie; rmgregor@cfswl.ca;  
pendakur@sfu.ca; ccasimer@fns.bc.ca; s.22 Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Squance,  
Leah SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Prep for tomorrow's PRAC call - time bound request to help frame meeting - respond by 2 pm today

I'm looking forward to it!

Warm wishes,

Sarah

On Mar 26, 2020, at 11:01 AM, Catherine Ludgate <Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com> wrote:

Dear ones, I hope you are safe and well in this strange time. I look forward to our call tomorrow. In advance of the call, Leah and I would like to canvas any particular issues you want to make sure the Minister and staff address tomorrow.

**Can you send your top two or three items you are concerned about, and any unique insights you have that would illuminate an area that the Ministry (and whole of government) should investigate for new actions.**

**Please get back to Leah and me by return email or by 2 pm today, so staff can do the investigation necessary to present answers or works-in-progress when we are together tomorrow.**

We have only an hour tomorrow. On the call, be prepared to focus on the area of discussion where you have specific knowledge of on-the-ground impacts, and to offer succinct suggestions that can help government continue to respond in this pandemic.

And, we will continue to collect your ideas, post-meeting, so this is not your only chance! Thanks, and look forward to hearing you all tomorrow.

Catherine

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** PRAC Briefing  
**Location:** Conference Call

**Start:** Thu 2020-03-26 10:00 AM  
**End:** Thu 2020-03-26 10:30 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Alissa to moderate**

Dial-in Phone Numbers:

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 25, 2020 3:35 PM  
**Subject:** Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee March 27 Meeting  
**Attachments:** 0. PRAC Binder\_COVID-19 Resources.pdf

Dear Advisory Committee Members,

In preparation for the Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, please find attached an electronic binder with an agenda and COVID-19 resources for your information.

Thank you,  
Jordan

**Jordan Deppiesse** (she/her)  
Manager, Poverty Reduction  
Strategic Policy Initiatives Branch | Research, Innovation and Policy Division  
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Daily Minister Briefing COVID-19

**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

**Start:** Wed 2020-03-25 1:00 PM

**End:** Wed 2020-03-25 1:30 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** Daily

**Recurrence Pattern:** every weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees:** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Robinson, Sheila A SDPR:EX; Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX; Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX

**Optional Attendees:** Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX

**Categories:** Government

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 25, 2020 11:50 AM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL - Telus Bill

Thank you!

Taylor

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**From:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: FOR APPROVAL - Telus Bill

Sure sounds good, thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2020, at 10:28 AM, Hixson, Taylor SDPR:EX <[Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Taylor.Hixson@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi PSME,

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I'm getting a bit creative with the Telus bill approval signatures.

Please see this month's Telus bill attached for your approval. Once approved I will attach your e-signature taken from the last Telus bill that you signed (see attached).

Thank you,

<image003.png>	Taylor Hixson
	Administrative Assistant to The Honourable Shane Simpson
	Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
	Room 247, Parliament Buildings   Phone: (250) 419-8810

<PSME Telus Bill - March.pdf>  
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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Canceled: Daily Minister Briefing COVID-19

**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

**Start:** Tue 2020-03-24 2:30 PM

**End:** Tue 2020-03-24 3:00 PM

**Show Time As:** Free

**Recurrence:** Daily

**Recurrence Pattern:** every weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees:** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Robinson, Sheila A SDPR:EX; Turcott, Sam R SDPR:EX

**Optional Attendees:** Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX

**Categories:** Government

**Importance:** High

**OnlineMeetingConferenceld:**  
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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 24, 2020 9:06 AM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Today's briefing

Hey Mable,

Just wanted to make sure you saw that today's briefing it at 2:30pm.

Here are the call in details:

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Jeff

Sent from my iPhone



## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Minister's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee

**Location:** Virtual - Phone or Skype

**Start:** Fri 2020-03-27 10:00 AM

**End:** Fri 2020-03-27 11:00 AM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Deppierre, Jordan SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX; 'lsmith@mnbc.ca'; s.15

s.15 'cwright@tapsbc.ca'; 's.15

'adrienne@firstcallbc.org';

'zahra.esmail@southvan.org'; 'Stephanie.smith@bcgeu.ca'; 'Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com';

'rmcgregor@cfswl.ca'; 'pendakur@sfu.ca'; 'ccasimer@fns.bc.ca'; s.15

: Brandt,

Alissa SDPR:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Moccia,

Margaret SDPR:EX

**Optional Attendees:** Zahra Esmail; Catherine Ludgate; tabitha Naismith; Caitlin Wright; Smith, Stephanie; Adrienne Montani; Cheryl Casimer; Rosanna McGregor; Lissa Smith

Dear Committee Members,

In light of current events, we have decided to make the next advisory committee meeting a virtual meeting. The meeting time has also been adjusted to start at **10am and end at 11am**. There are two options for joining this meeting: you can call in from a telephone OR you can join through Skype for video.

### To call in from a phone:

- Choose the appropriate number listed below based on your location.
- If you have long-distance calling, both the Vancouver and Victoria numbers will work for you.
- If you do not have long-distance calling, please call in using the toll free number.
- When you join the call, you will be prompted to enter a pin. This pin is the second set of numbers listed after each phone number below. It is the same for all three options s.15. The pin is highlighted in yellow.

### To join using Skype:

- You may join using a smartphone or a computer.
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We will be ready to go around 9:45am. It would be great if you could try to connect before 10am so we can make sure everything is working before the meeting starts. If you have any technical difficulties please feel free to call me at 250-216-5382.

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Many thanks,  
Jordan

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Deppierre, Jordan SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 24, 2020 8:28 AM  
**Subject:** Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Attachments:** Agenda - March 27 v3.docx

Dear Advisory Committee Members,

In light of the current COVID-19 emergency, we are moving our scheduled Advisory Committee meeting to a one-hour discussion (from 10:00 am – 11:00am) with Minister Simpson to talk about the effects of this crisis on vulnerable populations and actions SDPR and government are taking in response. Please be assured we have received the emails many of you have sent, with your questions and your ideas, and we hope to be able to address many of those on this call.

A revised agenda reflecting this shortened meeting is attached. A revised calendar invite will also be sent, but as a reminder, call-in details are as follows:

**Call scheduled from 10:00am – 11:00am**

**Phone Numbers:**

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Catherine Ludgate <Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

Great. Thanks. Go ahead by me.

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** Catherine Ludgate <Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com>; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Friday's PRAC call?

This is what we're proposing to send.

Taylor Hixson has also reached out to set up a briefing for Thursday.

Alissa

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**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 14:47  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>; Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

Hi, revised agenda attached, which we plan to send with the following message (pending your approval):

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** March 23, 2020 2:23 PM

**To:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <[Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <[Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca)>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <[Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

That sounds perfect. I'll set up a briefing.

Alissa

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**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** March 23, 2020 14:22

**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <[Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <[Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca)>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <[Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

Thanks Alissa. I'd like to send out an agenda (which will just be this), including a note that thanks them for the emails they've been sending with their questions and ideas, and lets them know we'll be focusing Friday's discussion on those topics.

It would probably be useful to do a pre-brief on Thursday to run through the types of things we've been hearing (not that any of it is new to you) – so, the usual sort of pre-brief with PSME and Catherine? It can probably be fairly brief. If there are useful materials, Jordan and I can put them together in a package and get it to you for review, hopefully by tomorrow or Weds (in case there are new ones by then).

Does this work?

Thanks  
Leah

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <[Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <[Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca)>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <[Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

MSS is good with this approach. Let's do from 10 to 11. I will make the change in his calendar. What do we need to do to prepare for the meeting?

Alissa

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**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 14:11  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <[Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Friday's PRAC call?

Thanks Alissa. We'll stand by.

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX <[Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Harrington@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Friday's PRAC call?

I'll let you know what I hear back.

Alissa

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 14:10  
**To:** Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX <[Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shane.Simpson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <[Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca)>; Vavrik, Anne SDPR:EX <[Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Anne.Vavrik@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Friday's PRAC call?

Catherine agrees that it makes sense to set up a 60-minute call on Friday to talk about government response so far and to give an opportunity for questions and concerns to be expressed. Are you comfortable with that with regard to concept and timing?

Alissa

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**From:** Catherine Ludgate <[Catherine\\_Ludgate@vancity.com](mailto:Catherine_Ludgate@vancity.com)>  
**Sent:** March 23, 2020 13:58

To: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <[Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca)>  
Subject: RE: Friday's PRAC call?

That sounds wise.

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From: Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <[Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca)>  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:55 PM  
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Yes. Works.

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Good afternoon, Catherine and Mable:

It has been requested that I schedule a briefing for the PRAC call on Friday. Please let me know if you are available this Thursday at 10:00 AM for the briefing.

Thank you,



Taylor Hixson  
Administrative Assistant to The Honourable Shane Simpson  
Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
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Can you send a revised agenda and time to the PRAC?

I can open with an acknowledgement that each of us is in various Indigenous territories, then do a roll call to confirm who's on the call, and then say as per the revised agenda we're shortening this meeting to deal explicitly with the Ministry's response to the COVID pandemic, and that we decided to put off a more fulsome discussion about indicators so that that work can be done thoughtfully and informed by what we learn through this crisis.

I'll ask folks to hold their questions until after the Minister has given an overview, and we'll have some time to get through some questions and perhaps people might also have some suggestions for the Ministry. I might do questions/advice by roll call.

Feedback or suggestions on that? Mable, what role do you want to play?

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Minister Simpson agrees with this approach. Let's do it from 10 to 11.

Catherine – what do you need from us to support the moderating of this meeting?

Alissa

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Let me run it by MSS and we will make adjustments as necessary.

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**Sent:** March 21, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Simpson, Shane SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Welfare day worries and a suggestion

**Importance:** High

Good morning, Ministers. I am reaching out to you directly this morning because I'm increasingly concerned that welfare day this coming Wednesday in the DTES will be a disaster. I've been talking with people in the City and some people in the Ministry about this for a couple of days and I don't have a sense of a coming-together for how to help some of our most vulnerable residents. I hope there is and I am just not in the loop.

As you know, 4000 of the residents in the neighborhood are on income assistance but don't have bank accounts. Another 4500, many on income assistance, bank at Pigeon Park. And on welfare day it is incredibly crowded at Pigeon Park with folks lining up for an hour or two. We cash cheques for members who aren't on electronic funds transfer (EFT), we hand out cash to those who are on EFT but prefer to the branch than using an ATM, and we cash cheques for non-members handing over their entire welfare cheque.

We are working to increase the daily limits on member cards to encourage some members to stay out of the branch and use nearby ATMs. We are concerned we will see an uptick in non-members coming into the branch, as other places where they previously cashed cheques refuse to do so or have shut down. The crowding at Pigeon Park is the opposite of social distancing and an increase in pressure there will mean more folks crowded together and waiting longer. We are looking at various ways to spread out the people but there is more that can be done, and that takes you two and MSDPR.

One idea that would change the street dynamics would be for MSDPR to batch up cheques by address for non-EFT recipients and send them to (some) housing providers in the DTES. Those housing providers could act as disbursed distribution centres for cheques, and further, as they gave them to residents, residents could counter-sign their cheques, return same to the housing provider, and be given cash (minus rent). There are details to be worked out but that is a proposed mechanism. This could reduce the lineups at the welfare office at the start of the day and then lineups at Pigeon Park and other FIs throughout the day. Not everyone is housed, of course, but this could have an overall reducing effect.

I've made this suggestion to City and MSDPR staff over the past couple of days. I hear this morning that the Mayor will try to organize a call for Monday. We are running out of time. Does this suggestion land as a possibility? Is there anything we might do over this weekend to advance? Thanks for considering.

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**End:** Mon 2020-03-23 3:00 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** Daily

**Recurrence Pattern:** every weekday from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

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> Today it is at 3pm.

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> Jeff

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>> Jeff

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- The Staff Award of Excellence nomination period is open until March 23.
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Posted by: Nelthorpe, Colleen SDPR:EX

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 17, 2020 6:03 PM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: PRAC Media Update: Feb 11 - March 16

Our comms folks are preparing some KMs. I was also thinking that Jeff could be on the calls with you to keep track of follow-up and feedback. We will send you the stuff tomorrow morning.

Alissa

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 17, 2020 17:39  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: PRAC Media Update: Feb 11 - March 16

Hi Alissa, sure can you send me the names/contact info for PRAC members?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 17, 2020, at 1:59 PM, Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Mable,

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> Let's chat about the calls you will be making to our PRAC members. You should be aware of Murry's email below. Materials are being developed to support your calls.

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> Alissa

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> From: Murray Krause s.22

> Sent: March-16-20 4:38 PM

> To: Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX

> Subject: Re: PRAC Media Update: Feb 11 - March 16

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> Hi Jordan,

> Thank you for this.

> I also would like to know during the Pandemic what the plans for our homeless citizens and the workers in all the facilities. I know we have shelter, but what about nutritious food? The workers tend to be some of the lowest paid in the system and come in contact with immune deficient individuals; making them very vulnerable.

> Thank you,

> Murry

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> Sent from my iPad

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> On Mar 16, 2020, at 1:27 PM, Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Dear Committee Members,

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> This email is the update on government initiatives that advance the priorities outlined in TogetherBC.

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> The article summaries are categorized under the Four Guiding Principles of TogetherBC: Affordability, Opportunity, Reconciliation, and Social Inclusion. Please find the article summaries and links to full articles below.

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> PRAC Media Update

> February 11, 2020 – March 16, 2020

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> (Feb 11) The news release for the speech from the throne on February 11, 2020 can be found here<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0026-000260>>.

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> Affordability

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> B.C. families to benefit from school-age child care on school grounds<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0009-000332>>

> (Feb 26) More options for before- and after-school care are on the way for parents with the introduction of new legislation that will make it easier for boards of education to deliver licensed child care for students.

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> Improving access to quality, affordable child care (March 6 – March 13) The Province is making affordable, quality child care more accessible for families by investing in 462 new spaces in the Capital Regional District<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0027-000389>>, 42 new spaces in Smithers<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0030-000431>>, and 30 new spaces in Castlegar<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CFD0033-000459>>.

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> Helping communities better understand local homelessness<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0006-000271>>

> (Feb 11) To better understand local issues to help municipalities and local organizations best support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, government is conducting a second provincial homeless count. The Province is partnering with the Homelessness Services Association of BC (HSABC) and BC Housing to complete 16 community counts throughout the province in March and April.

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> Province supporting communities to plan for housing<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0033-000338>>

> (Feb 27) The Province is investing \$1.7 million to help communities collect and analyze data on their housing needs so governments can deliver the right kind of homes for people in B.C.

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> New B.C. Access Grant makes life more affordable for students<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PREM0009-000337>>

> (Feb 28) A college or university education will be more affordable for thousands of students who are eligible for up to \$4,000 per year through the new B.C. Access Grant program, announced in Budget 2020.

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> Better food security support for Doig River First Nation<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0008-000345>>

> (March 1) People in Doig River First Nation will soon have better access to more nutritious food sources through a new grant for local food-security projects.

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> Legislation introduced to transform ICBC, deliver lower rates<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0018-000372>>

> (March 4) Legislation has been introduced to transform ICBC, deliver lower auto-insurance rates and dramatically improve care benefits, making ICBC more accountable to British Columbians.

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- > New supportive homes offer hope to people in Kelowna<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0041-000458>>
- > (March 12) People experiencing homelessness in Kelowna will soon have a place to call their own as 50 new permanent supportive homes with around-the-clock care and supports open in the community.
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- > Opportunity
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- > New Urgent and Primary Care Centres in Abbotsford, East Vancouver and Castlegar (Feb 14 - March 9) People living in Abbotsford<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0032-000279>> will soon have better access to team-based urgent and primary care with the opening of the city's first urgent and primary care centre (UPCC). People living in East Vancouver<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0050-000352>> and Castlegar<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020HLTH0067-000417>> now have better access to team-based urgent and primary care with the official opening of the new UPCCs.
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- > Tax relief for small businesses, non-profits, arts and culture groups<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MAH0032-000322>>
- > (Feb 24) A new Interim Business Property Tax Relief program will allow local governments to provide immediate property tax relief for the 2020 tax year. This relief will apply to small businesses and non-profits, as well as arts and culture organizations, that are struggling with high lease costs as a result of years of rapidly increasing property values
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- > Paid leave for workers facing domestic or sexual violence<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020LBR0011-000363>>
- > (March 3) Up to five days of paid leave will be available for employees impacted by domestic or sexual violence, or parents of a child or dependent impacted by this kind of violence, thanks to new legislation.
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- > Municipalities funded for local overdose actions<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0005-000409>>
- > (March 9) Communities throughout B.C. are increasing their efforts to address the overdose crisis with more than \$900,000 in grants awarded to municipalities for local community wellness, safety and harm-reduction projects.
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- > Foundry Ridge Meadows opens its doors to young people<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020MMHA0007-000466>>
- > (March 12) Young people will have the chance to not only survive, but also thrive, thanks to a new Foundry centre opening in Maple Ridge that focuses on reaching them early and preventing small problems from becoming big ones.
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- > Research to break barriers to employment<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020SDPR0010-000482>>
- > (March 13) People struggling with mental-health and substance-use challenges will be supported through a new research project to test an integrated set of employment supports for people with multiple and long-term barriers to employment.
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- > Social Inclusion
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- > Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit Study moves to Phase 2<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TRAN0041-000351>>
- > (March 2) The technical feasibility study of a potential high-capacity transit crossing from Vancouver across the Burrard Inlet to the North Shore has completed Phase 1. Six potential options have been shortlisted to be explored further in Phase 2. By investing in this study, our government is helping to take a serious look at solutions that expand our public transportation network to better connect communities and to help people move around freely.
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- > Immigration legal clinic offers support for B.C. newcomers<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0023-000443>>
- > (March 11) B.C.'s largest immigrant-serving agency will host a legal clinic to provide improved support for new British Columbians as part of government's commitment to increase access to justice.
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- > New legal clinic offers support to Prince George residents<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AG0021-000426>>
- > (March 13) As part of continued efforts to enhance access to justice, the Government of British Columbia has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Active Support Against Poverty (ASAP) that will allow the organization to host a legal clinic.
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> Reconciliation

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> Governments, First Nations enhance caribou protection<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FLNR0018-000305>>

> (Feb 21) After years of respectful dialogue, the B.C government has partnered with the Saúltau and West Moberly First Nations and the federal government to achieve a historic agreement that strives to protect southern mountain caribou in northeastern B.C., while considering the social and economic well-being of communities and stakeholders in the region.

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> B.C. communities to benefit from Indigenous tourism investments<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TAC0010-000385>>

> (March 5) Through Destination BC, the Province is providing Indigenous Tourism BC with \$4 million over three years, beginning April 1, 2020. This is an increase of \$1 million over the previous three years.

>

> Partnership puts Indigenous UFV, VCC culinary students on path to

success<<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020AEST0017-000421>>

> (March 11) A partnership between Stó:lō Nation, Vancouver Community College (VCC) and University of Fraser Valley (UFV) is helping Indigenous learners get the skills they need to open doors to sustainable jobs and further training in the in-demand hospitality industry.

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> Thank you

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> Jordan Deppiesse (she/her)

> Manager, Poverty Reduction

> Strategic Policy Initiatives Branch | Research, Innovation and Policy Division Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

> Phone: 778 698 7853 | email: [Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca)<<mailto:Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>>

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> Grateful to be living and working on the traditional territory of the Lək'wənjən peoples.

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Daily Minister Briefing COVID-19

**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

**Start:** Fri 2020-03-20 4:00 PM

**End:** Fri 2020-03-20 4:30 PM

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**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**End:** Thu 2020-03-19 3:30 PM

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**Meeting Status:** Accepted

**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Organizer:** Galbraith, David J SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees** Brown, Chris SDPR:EX; Harrington, Molly SDPR:EX; Dube, Jonathan SDPR:EX; Upton, Debi L SDPR:EX; MINCAL, SDPR SDPR:EX; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Vavrik, Anne LASS:EX; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

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**End:** Fri 2020-03-27 5:00 PM

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**Location:** Skype Meeting- David's office

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**Subject:** Daily Minister Briefing COVID-19

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**End:** Mon 2020-03-16 12:00 PM

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**Meeting Status:** Accepted

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Executive Update PSA:EX  
**Sent:** March 13, 2020 6:19 PM  
**Subject:** An Update from Don Wright: Message to all Employees on COVID-19



**Don Wright**  
Deputy Minister to the Premier,  
Cabinet Secretary and  
Head of the BC Public Service

## Message to all Employees on COVID-19

I apologize for sending this out so late in the day, but it has been a really eventful, hectic week and I thought it important to reach out to you now, rather than wait for Monday.

Over the last several weeks, the Public Service has taken on the extraordinary task of monitoring, planning for and responding to the progression of the COVID-19 virus, while also delivering services to the public under unique and evolving conditions.

While all ministries have a role to play in the response to COVID-19, I would like to particularly acknowledge the incredible focus and efforts of the Ministry of Health over the past several weeks. We all know that the virus has had a rapid path from emerging in early January to being the centre of global disease control efforts and news coverage. Over that time, Deputy Minister Stephen Brown, Provincial Health Officer Bonnie Henry and many others in the Health team have been working tirelessly to prepare our health care system and limit the spread of COVID-19 across the province.

Given that COVID-19 has taken a rapid path from emerging in early January to being present in almost every country around the world today, many of you may have concerns and questions about how to protect yourself in the workplace and at home with your families.

Government has taken significant steps to protect the health and safety of public servants and we will continue to adapt our approach as necessary based on regular input and expert advice of the Provincial Health Officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control. Information on workplace issues specific to the BC Public Service is available on the [MyHR site](#) which will be updated regularly with the latest information. If you have questions that are not addressed in the available information resources, please seek advice through the MyHR service or raise your questions with your supervisor or Deputy Minister. In the case of a genuinely urgent workplace safety emergency, you can call 1 250 952 0911.

I would note that:

- The best way to protect ourselves and each other is to practice effective prevention and “social distancing” actions, which includes washing our hands properly and regularly, avoiding touching our faces, and staying home when sick.
- The BC Public Service will support virtual work options during the COVID-19 response where operational requirements can be fulfilled. Deputy Ministers have the authority to determine which services can be delivered virtually and will do so on a case-by-case basis.
- Dr. Bonnie Henry has provided guidance on cancelling events or gatherings involving 250 people or more, but was clear that this does not mean closing workplaces with 250 or more people. At the discretion of Deputy Ministers, smaller meetings and events can continue, but ministries should make accommodations for telephone or Skype participation and reduce numbers where it is practical to do so.
- Current recommendations now advise against all non-essential travel outside of Canada, including to the United States. Anyone who does travel outside Canada will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return.
- Actions taken by other countries are not necessarily applicable in a Canadian or B.C. context. B.C. officials are working closely with Canada to coordinate matters of federal and federal jurisdiction. Dr. Henry is also working closely with her national and international colleagues and makes decisions informed by medical evidence and local needs and circumstances.

The extraordinary pace and circumstances of COVID-19 are placing new demands on ministries and public sector organizations and causing strain for our clients, stakeholders and colleagues, and I would ask that you treat yourselves and each other with compassion and understanding. My thanks to all public servants who are actively involved in supporting the complex, challenging and evolving provincial response. We all can do our part by doing our best to minimize the potential spread of the virus, and to support our colleagues who are working to protect British Columbians.

Don



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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 13, 2020 9:27 AM  
**To:** 'Catherine Ludgate'  
**Cc:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: PRAC

Yes, Catherine, that is correct. Thanks for you feedback!

Alissa

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**From:** Catherine Ludgate <Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2020 16:13  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: PRAC

Assume the 25 minutes for the Minister is mostly about vulnerable pops and our work and the COVID 19 portion is a subset? Looks fine, and yes, an update from Cheryl would likely be welcomed by all.

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Catherine Ludgate <Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com>  
**Cc:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: PRAC

Catherine,

Attached is a revised draft agenda. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns/additions. Do you think it would be helpful to have an update from Cheryl on the Indigenous indicators?

Alissa

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**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2020 13:52  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Deppiesse, Jordan SDPR:EX <Jordan.Deppiesse@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** PRAC

Hi there,

I've attached a revised PRAC agenda for your review, based on moving to a shorter, virtual meeting.

Also, based on our discussion last week, we're putting together the following materials:

- A one- or two-pager outlining options for PRAC commentary – format, process, etc.
- A one- or two-pager on indicators. It will include what have been identified as the fixed or core indicators (MBM, depth, unmet health needs, household food insecurity, homelessness). It will also include some samples

of the other indicators we can consider in the 6 priority action areas. NOTE: We will need to have a discussion about how to facilitate this part of the meeting so it isn't a repeat of last meeting – what are the goals for the discussion? Etc.)

- I also suggest we include the Table of Contents for the draft report framework, but not the whole document.

Alissa, I think you also suggested that we ask Cheryl talk a bit about process for Indigenous indicators, based on our call with the group last month – is this right? If so, I'll reach out to her.

Thanks,  
Leah

Leah Squance (she/hers)  
A/ Executive Director  
Strategic Policy Initiatives | Research, Innovation & Policy Division  
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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Dawn Hemingway <Dawn.Hemingway@unbc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2020 10:27 AM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Funding Proposal from Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry

All's going well. Lots happening. Besides work, International Women's Day events, and tons of community work, this is the 50th Anniversary of the Abortion Caravan - so plans in the works for Vancouver and Ottawa - assuming the pandemic doesn't interfere. Will forward info as available - although Judy (Darcy) will also be getting it. Take care

Best Dawn

Dawn Hemingway  
Associate Professor, School of Social Work Leadership Council, Northern FIRE:  
Feminist Institute for Research & Evaluation & Women North Network University of Northern British Columbia Member,  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2020 10:22 AM  
**To:** Dawn Hemingway <Dawn.Hemingway@unbc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Funding Proposal from Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry

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Thanks Dawn, I hope all is well with you.

Regards,  
Mable

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 3, 2020, at 10:33 AM, Dawn Hemingway <Dawn.Hemingway@unbc.ca> wrote:  
>  
> Hi Mable: Please see below and attached for the funding request to the Ministry of Health from Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry that was just submitted. Hope all's well with you.  
> Best Dawn  
> DawnHemingway  
> Vice-President,  
> Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre & Registry  
> 250-612-7997 (cell)  
>  
> Sent from my BlackBerry - the most secure mobile device - via the TELUS Network

> From: Dawn.Hemingway@unbc.ca  
> Sent: March 3, 2020 9:07 AM  
> To: Hlth.minister@gov.bc.ca  
> Cc: Amanda.vanBaarsen@gov.bc.ca; jtaylor@nidus.ca  
> Subject: Funding Proposal from Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry  
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>  
> Dear Minister Dix:  
>  
> I am writing on behalf of Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry with a funding request. Receiving the year end funding from your Ministry last year was very much appreciated and allowed us to further develop and strengthen our work to better serve the community members and professionals who regularly access and rely on our services. We have described some of that work in the context of this year's proposal.  
>  
> We appreciate the opportunity to submit the attached request for consideration again this year. If you have any questions or require further information, the Nidus Executive Director and Registrar, Joanne Taylor (copied in on this email), is available as am I. Joanne's cell is 778-872-5511. My contact information is below.  
>  
> Thank you for considering our request.  
>  
> Best regards  
> Dawn Hemingway  
> Vice-President, Nidus Personal  
> Planning Resource Centre & Registry  
> Associate Professor  
> UNBC School of Social Work  
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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 9, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX; Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Join us for Periods, Politics & Beyond! on March 10, 2020  
**Attachments:** QAs - Period Promise - 10 Jul 2019.docx; NR - Period Promise - 10 Jul 2019 - FINAL to Editors.docx; 2019SDPR0033-000587 - Period Promise.pdf

Here is some background information. Please let us know if you need anything in addition to this.

Alissa

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**From:** Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 9, 2020 09:33  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Join us for Periods, Politics & Beyond! on March 10, 2020

Hi Alissa – I've attached the April and June NRs and the QA from June. I don't see one from April, but it's all covered in the one attached. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!

Cassandra

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 9, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Togneri, Cassandra GCPE:EX <Cassandra.Togneri@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>  
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Can you send to us any background on the period promise? I have a marked up version of the pitch from June, but it would be helpful to have background on the initial announcement along with the June one.

Alissa

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**From:** Tribe, Selina <tribes@douglascollege.ca>  
**Sent:** March 5, 2020 9:14 PM  
**To:** Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Join us for Periods, Politics & Beyond! on March 10, 2020

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Eventbrite listing: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/period-politics-and-beyond-tickets-96482372373>

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Looking forward to seeing you there,

Selina

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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We have asked for some background on this and will get it over to you this afternoon. Glad you are able to make it!

Alissa

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**From:** Elmore, Mable <M.Elmore@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 6, 2020 21:06  
**To:** Elmore.MLA, Mable LASS:EX <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Join us for Periods, Politics & Beyond! on March 10, 2020

Thanks for sending the request Kelly.

Jeff/Alissa, background notes on whatever you have re: period promise campaign/rollout is appreciated.

I don't need speaking notes.

Much appreciated,  
Mable

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**From:** "Elmore.MLA, Mable" <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 6, 2020 5:36 p.m.  
**To:** "Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX" <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>; "Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**CC:** "Elmore, Mable" <M.Elmore@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Join us for Periods, Politics & Beyond! on March 10, 2020

Hi Jeff & Hannah – Mable has decided to attend this event on Tues March 10<sup>th</sup> so can one of you please provide her with the appropriate speaking points/backgrounder?

Thank you!

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**From:** Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 5, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Building on the Together BC framework

FYI - K

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: March 3, 2020 12:48 AM  
To: SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
Cc: Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Weaver.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; info@bcpovertyreduction.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Building on the Together BC framework

Dear Minister Shane Simpson and Parliamentary Secretary Mable Elmore, (cc'd Premier John Horgan, Opposition Leader Andrew Wilkinson, Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, and Minister of Finance Carole James)

Congratulations on the launch of the first-ever poverty reduction plan for BC!

I am pleased to see that you recognize the importance of a comprehensive framework with cross-ministry responsibilities and investments, a foundation in reconciliation, a gender-based plus analysis (which includes tracking impact on low income people), and measures to reduce and prevent poverty. These are critical for a strong foundation to a poverty reduction plan. The Child Opportunity Benefit coming in Fall 2020, alongside a continued commitment to building a quality, affordable child care system in BC, will make a significant difference for children and families in poverty. Eliminating or limiting some of the cruelest elements of the income assistance system is also a welcome step to a more supportive system.

However, your report also identifies priorities named in the province-wide consultation process that are not yet met in TogetherBC including "better access to good food for families, enhanced investments in affordable transportation, and improved income security, including assistance rates." Recognizing the human rights of people living in the deepest poverty requires increasing income assistance rates far beyond the recent \$50/month announcement and linking them to the actual cost of living. Tied to this, BC should re-implement vacancy control to ensure those increases are going to the people you want to benefit.

Over the next 5 years, we also need more to address housing, child care, education, employment, health, transportation, access to justice and food security. This includes actions recommended by the #AllOnBoard campaign such as free transit for children and youth and a sliding scale transit pass for all based on income.

TogetherBC outlines many reasons to reduce poverty in B.C. "Because it's the right thing to do. Because we care about our neighbours. Because we care about the kind of world we want to leave behind for our children. And there are costs to inaction...costs that stretch across the system – from health care to policing to social services."

Please ensure that you build on the strong start tracked in TogetherBC and realize these principles in concrete action moving forward.

Thanks again for launching BC's poverty reduction strategy!

Sincerely,

s.22

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** 77000@gov.bc.ca  
**Sent:** March 5, 2020 3:03 PM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** Password and GAL Manager: Setting Up Your Security Profile

Keeping your information secure is a high priority for government. Using the web-based Password and GAL Manager application (accessible from <https://77000.gov.bc.ca>) to reset your IDIR password eliminates the need to verbally share confidential information, such as your password.

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From this application, you can also manage some of your Global Address List (GAL) information. The GAL is a directory in the Government's Exchange e-mail system and contains information such as your business address and telephone numbers. You can see your entry by clicking on the address book icon in Outlook and typing in your name (lastname, firstname).

To get started, you need to set up your security profile:

Use Internet Explorer to log on to the Workstation Services website at <https://77000.gov.bc.ca>. You will need to enter your IDIR and password.

After logging on to the site, set up your security profile:

1. Click "Update GAL Info" on the left side of the Welcome Page

2. Read the statement on the privacy page.

- If you choose "Decline", you will be returned to the Welcome page and you will not be able to manage your GAL information. You may come back at any time to accept the statement.

- If you choose "Accept", you will proceed to "Update GAL Info and Set Up Security Profile."

3. Answer a short series of questions to complete your profile.

(Note: You will need to remember the answers to these security questions.)

Service Desk personnel are NOT able to read your security data, and the storage of this information is highly secure.

By setting up your security profile as soon as possible, you will avoid follow-up reminders.

Once you have set up your security profile, you can:

1. Change your IDIR password.

2. Update your contact information in the Global Address List (GAL).

If you need help setting up your profile, please contact the 7-7000 Service Desk at (250) 387-7000.

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## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**From:** Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 5, 2020 1:29 PM  
**To:** Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Building on the Together BC framework

FYI - K

-----Original Message-----

From<sup>s.22</sup>

Sent: March 5, 2020 11:54 AM

To: SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca; Elmore.MLA, Mable <Mable.Elmore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Weaver.MLA, Andrew <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; info@bcpovertyreduction.ca; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Building on the Together BC framework

Dear Minister Shane Simpson and Parliamentary Secretary Mable Elmore, (cc'd Premier John Horgan, Opposition Leader Andrew Wilkinson, Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, and Minister of Finance Carole James)

With regard to the the launch of the first-ever poverty reduction plan for BC, I am pleased to see that you've made a start.

Your report also identifies priorities named in the province-wide consultation process that are not yet met in TogetherBC including "better access to good food for families, enhanced investments in affordable transportation, and improved income security, including assistance rates."

It should not need to be said that recognizing the human rights of people living in the deepest poverty requires increasing income assistance rates far beyond the recent \$50/month announcement and linking them to the actual cost of living. Tied to this, BC should re-implement vacancy control to ensure those increases are going to the people you want to benefit. There's nothing that harms renters more than your refusal, to date, to do this. s.22

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Sincerely,

s.22

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

**From:** At Work News PSA:EX  
**Sent:** March 5, 2020 11:00 AM  
**Subject:** @Work Newsletter: Learn about the Economic Plan 2019/20 and More | March 5, 2020

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**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** March 4, 2020 8:50 AM  
**To:** Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: Agenda - March 27  
**Attachments:** Agenda - March 27.docx

For this morning.

Alissa

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX  
**Sent:** February 15, 2020 14:37  
**To:** Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX <Mable.Elmore@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: Agenda - March 27

Time to start thinking about the agenda for the next meeting. The Q&A with staff would be about the Office of Homelessness Coordination and the Community Integration Specialists. And apparently the Dieticians of Canada are very keen to meet with PRAC to talk about food security.

Perhaps we can chat next week?

Alissa

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 10, 2020 09:48  
**To:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Hannah, Jeff SDPR:EX <Jeff.Hannah@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Emailing: Agenda - March 27

## Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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**Subject:** Call w. Catherine and Mable  
**Location:** conference call

**Start:** Wed 2020-03-04 10:30 AM  
**End:** Wed 2020-03-04 11:00 AM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Brandt, Alissa SDPR:EX

**Required Attendees**Catherine\_Ludgate@vancity.com; Elmore, Mable SDPR:EX

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