
UPDATE

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

First members appointed to minister's new advisory council

VICTORIA – Sixteen people from throughout the province have been appointed to the new Minister's Advisory Council on Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN MAC).

"I'm so pleased to be announcing the members of the new council," said Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development, and chair, CYSN MAC. "We were fortunate to receive an overwhelming number of applicants – from parents to advocates and self-advocates, to service providers, agencies and more – each with their own story and experiences, their own areas of knowledge and expertise. The experience and expertise of our 16-member council will be crucial in our efforts to better support children and youth, and ensure families are at the centre of those improvements."

Members include parents, representatives from umbrella organizations, a youth advocate and an Indigenous Elder who will share their voices, expertise and experiences to help shape the development of the new CYSN Service Framework.

Effective April 1, 2021, to April 1, 2022, the following members will be appointed to the CYSN MAC:

- Laranna Androsoff, parent from the Interior region;
- Dreena Davies, parent from the Vancouver coastal region;
- Katherine Foo, parent from the Fraser region;
- Lori Gauthier, parent from the North region;
- Aida Gordon, parent from the Vancouver Island Region;
- May Sam, Elder from the Tsartlip First Nation; and
- Izabelle Stevens, youth representative from the Vancouver coastal region.

Effective April 1, 2021, to Oct. 1, 2022, the following members will be appointed to the CYSN MAC:

- Devinder Chattha, director of language studies, settlement and social programs at the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society;
- Angela Clancy, executive director of the Family Support Institute;
- Diana Elliott, provincial advisor for the Provincial Office for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of B.C.;
- Jason Gordon, provincial advocate for the BC Association for Child Development and Intervention;
- Brenda Lenahan, founder of BC Parents of Complex Kids;
- Lisa Meneian, executive director of the Deaf Children's Society of BC;
- Joshua Myers, executive director for the BC Centre for Ability;

- Deborah Pugh, executive director of Autism Community Training; and
- Jacqueline Watts, provincial advisor for the Provincial Office for Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs of B.C.

The inaugural meeting of the council will be held early in May 2021. Regular updates will be posted online.

“I am very much looking forward to meeting the council virtually in May,” said Dan Coulter, Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, and vice-chair, CYSN MAC. “Because of the outpouring of interest to join the council, we’re also inviting people to stay connected to the work we’re doing, as there may be future opportunities for them to share their insights, ideas and experiences.”

Quotes:

Lori Gauthier, parent of four children with autism –

“The formation of this council brings me hope for change in how we support children and youth with support needs in the province. I am honoured to be part of this council and to be a voice, not only for my own children, but a voice for other Indigenous children and families living in rural communities throughout the province.”

Brenda Lenahan, founder, BC Parents of Complex Kids –

“A huge opportunity lies in front of us to greatly improve the lives of children with support needs and their families in B.C. As I accept this position, I feel a great sense of responsibility to share the unique experiences specific to children with medical complexity and complex disabilities as they experience the system today, and what supports they need for a better tomorrow. Including our voices at this table is a critical step toward an inclusive model of support for our children, and I look forward to the work ahead.”

Angela Clancy, executive director, Family Support Institute –

“I am pleased to be invited to participate on the Minister’s Advisory Council on CYSN and work toward finalizing and implementing the CYSN Service Framework with the intention of improving services and supports for children across B.C. With purpose and diligence, this framework has the capacity to make a difference for thousands of families and their children, and I am keen to be part of this collaborative effort for change.”

Quick Facts:

- The CYSN MAC will provide a forum to:
 - build collaborative and respectful relationships through ongoing communication and engagement;
 - discuss issues related to planning and delivery of the full range of services for children and youth with support needs; and
 - provide advice on the new service framework and ensuring it is designed to serve the needs of a broad range of families.
- More than 30,000 children and youth with support needs in B.C. access the range of ministry services over the course of the year.
- In 2019-20, the ministry engaged with more than 1,500 participants to help inform the

creation of the CYSN framework.

Learn More:

Updates or information about developments related to the CYSN Service Framework and the CYSN MAC can be found online:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/child-behaviour-development/support-needs>

For more information about the CYSN MAC, visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/the-minister-s-advisory-council-on-children-and-youth-with-support-needs

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NEWS RELEASE

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

Improved system coming for children and youth with support needs

VICTORIA – Neurodiverse children and youth and those with disabilities will benefit from a new service system that will provide supports for children and youth based on their unique needs, with or without a diagnosis.

Currently, children have to wait for help until they are diagnosed. Many children, such as those with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, qualify for very few supports, even though they may have high needs.

“The existing patchwork of programs has left too many children and youth with support needs behind,” said Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development. “That’s why we’re putting children and youth at the centre of our new system and making it easier for families to get the high-quality services they need, regardless of their income or where they live.”

Under the new approach, children, youth and their families will be able to quickly access information, expert intervention and therapies at new one-stop family connections hubs. These supports and services will be available from birth to age 19 and will be based on a child or youth’s individual needs, regardless of whether they have a referral or diagnosis. As a first step, hubs will open in two areas – the Northwest and Kelowna – starting in 2023 before being launched provincewide in 2024.

“No child should be refused help meeting their needs because they don’t have a specific diagnosis,” said Dan Coulter, Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility and vice-chair of the Minister’s Advisory Council for Children and Youth with Support Needs. “Our approach will ensure children and youth receive faster access to services and supports all in one place, helping them reach their individual goals.”

The new system will provide help to approximately 8,300 more children and their families, representing a 28% increase in the number of children who will be able to access disability supports and services.

“My son has Down syndrome and very complex developmental needs. We reached out to the ministry because the current system did not provide adequate support in our rural community,” said Zev Tiefenbach of Salmon Arm. “We appreciate that the ministry heard that change was needed and that it is developing a comprehensive network that will help more families gain access to services that are desperately needed. For us, many of these services are critical for our son to be able to enjoy a quality life, and it’s heartening to see that the government is building a program that puts his needs at the forefront.”

When the two new hubs are available, parents and caregivers who are receiving individualized autism funding and school-age extended therapy benefits will have the option to continue with

the supports they have or to instead opt into the new hub services and supports. This choice will remain in place until 2025 when hubs will be available provincewide and individualized funding is phased out.

In addition, changes to make respite services more flexible during the pandemic are being made permanent, ensuring families can continue to receive services such as counselling, house cleaning and food preparation. Out-of-home stabilization services are being developed to further support parents of children and youth with significant needs.

“While this gradual transition is underway, we are committed to continuing to provide services and supports for children, youth and their families,” Dean said. “We will work with all partners, including Indigenous Peoples and families, to ensure we get this right.”

The change to a needs-based approach for developmental supports responds to the repeated recommendations from the representative for children and youth, the all-party Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, and calls for change raised during consultation with more than 1,500 Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, advocates and service providers.

Quotes:

Satbir Cheema, executive director, Progressive Intercultural Community Service (PICS) –

“It can be extremely challenging for parents to have to shop around for the best supports for their child, especially for families for whom English may not be their first language. Services that are culturally safe, inclusive, easy to navigate and offered in one convenient location are critical to ensuring all children and youth with support needs are getting the help they need.”

Dr. Matthew Chow, president, Doctors of BC –

“We are enriched as a society by children who are neurodiverse and living with disabilities. I am very pleased to see the provincial government move toward a needs-based system of supports for these children and their families. As a specialist in child and youth mental health, I know that neurodiversity and disability does not always fit nicely into diagnostic categories. I look forward to the positive impact for everyone involved in helping our children grow and succeed.”

Audrey McFarlane, executive director, Canada FASD Research Network –

“As the executive director of the Canada FASD Research Network, I support the new direction that B.C.’s Ministry of Children and Family Development is taking to better support children and youth with FASD and their families. The new plan is bold in its restructuring of these services and aims to reduce complicated application processes, improve equitable access to services, regardless of the diagnosis, and addresses the levels of complexities that exist in many families.”

Joshua Myers, executive director, BC Centre for Ability –

“After many years of a system that has been fragmented and challenging for families to access, we are happy to see the significant changes proposed in this new approach. We are encouraged by government’s commitment to improve access for children and families, provide services based on need rather than on diagnosis only, and increase accountability to deliver

high-quality and culturally safe services from birth to age 19. These significant changes will require the necessary transition time and resources to fully realize, and we look forward to continuing our work with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to ensure all children and youth with extra support needs and their families across B.C. have access to the services they need when and where they need them.”

Christine Bradstock, chief executive officer, Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia –

“Physiotherapists look forward to providing services in a more coherent system of supports that removes current key barriers for families and their children as they find and access the care they need.”

Quick Facts:

- In 2021-22, the Province is investing \$440.6 million to provide services to children and youth with support needs in B.C.
- Approximately 30,000 children and youth with support needs are accessing services offered through the Ministry of Children and Family Development and its contracted service providers.
- To better serve children who require specialized equipment, the funding for medical equipment benefits will increase by \$10 million starting in April 2022.

Learn More:

For more information on the new system of supports, visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/ChildYouthSupportNeeds

Questions about the new service approach can be directed to the Children and Youth with Support Needs Resource Line: 1 833 882-0024

To read more about the research and consultation done in 2019, visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/child-behaviour-development/support-needs/children-and-youth-with-support-needs-service-framework>

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Children and Family Development

Transforming services

The Province is transforming the way services are delivered to children and youth with support needs and their families to create a system that, when fully implemented in 2025, will better serve a more children and youth to reach their goals, no matter where they live in B.C.

Respite Care

Respite care is planned or emergency temporary care provided to the parents or caregivers of a child or youth with support needs. In April 2020, the ministry established the Emergency Relief Support Fund for children and youth with support needs and their families. The fund provided eligible families with a direct payment of \$225 per month for three months to help them purchase supports to alleviate stress. Using a needs-based approach, the emergency funding, which was available until September 2020, supported 50% more of the eligible families that were awaiting services. Based on feedback from families, the ministry is making the flexible use of respite permanent.

Service changes for children, youth and families

Children, youth, and their families will be able to quickly access information, expert intervention, and therapies from birth to age 19, based on their needs and without a referral or diagnosis. For the first time, families will also have access to mental-health, behaviour and family supports – all in one place.

While diagnosis will remain an important tool that can help families and service providers to tailor supports for children and youth, supports will be designed to help children and youth with their needs even without a diagnosis, meaning children can get the help they need sooner. This will include three core streams – developmental and goal-focused services, disability services and provincial services – that will help support the developmental and functional goals of children, youth and their families.

One-stop family connections hubs

Families who have children and youth with neurodiversity, disabilities or other support needs – or who believe their child may need extra support – will be able to go to a family connections hub to access services. Their child's or youth's needs will be assessed by a qualified practitioner using a standard assessment, which will identify the child's or youth's abilities and support requirements. This process can be more straightforward than diagnostic assessments, providing support to families earlier and helping to reduce the wait times for diagnoses.

It has been a challenge for children, youth and families – especially those living in rural or Indigenous communities – to access stable, consistent services. All hubs will offer consistent

services and supports, making the system easier for families to understand and navigate. Hubs will be run by one lead organization as contracted service providers within defined geographic areas. Each provider – which will be chosen via a procurement process – will be accountable to the Province to uphold the standards of delivery and ensure the required developmental and goal-focused services are provided within their area of responsibility. These hubs will also provide families in surrounding communities with the services offered in larger centres, either through virtual technologies or mobile services.

Families in the two early implementation regions, who are currently receiving individualized autism funding or school-age extended therapies, will be able to choose whether to keep the funding, services and supports they receive today, or instead opt into the new hub services once they open. Starting in September 2024, as the new hubs open their doors throughout the province, the ministry and the hub operators will work with families receiving individualized autism funding to help transition them, over a six-month period, to the service hubs where their children will continue to receive supports, including speech therapy, behavioural support and other services that will help them continue working towards their goals.

Timeline:

- **October 2021 to March 2022:** Information sessions and partner outreach.
- **April 2022 to November 2022:** Procurement process is open for the first two early implementation regions.
- **November 2022 to January 2023:** Procurement is complete in Kelowna and the Northwest. Successful hub operators are identified and begin to set up their service hubs.
- **February 2023:** Hub services are open for families in Kelowna and the Northwest. Families in these regions transition to services at the hubs. Existing services continue for families in the rest of the province. Families in these regions can continue receiving the existing autism or SAET services they currently have or can opt to transition to the new hub services.
- **September 2023 to April 2024:** Provincewide procurement is open.
- **May 2024:** Procurement is complete and successful hub operators are identified.
- **May 2024 to August 2024:** Operators set up their service hubs.
- **September 2024:** Hubs open provincewide.
- **September 2024:** The individualized autism funding program no longer accepts new applications.
- **September 2024 to March 2025:** Families begin to transition to hubs.
- **March 2025:** Individualized funding for autism concludes. All families now receive services through the one-stop hubs.

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From: Perry, Alisma SDPR:EX
Sent: April 28, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Conroy, Katrine FLNR:EX
Cc: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Subject: ACT materials
Attachments: IN_ACT RFP_May 10 2017_FINAL.docx; RE: KM/QA re: autism funding; FW: Booking a time to speak with Minster Conroy

Hello,

Wanted to ensure you have all your ACT meeting materials in one place. These include:

- The KM/QA autism funding document
- IN on ACT
- Email from Deborah Pugh about issues she intends to bring up in the meeting

FYI Staff will be on this call (along with me) and can take notes/answer questions as needed.

Alisma

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Cc: May, Ed LASS:EX; Vasilev, Susan LASS:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX
Subject: EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:30 PM WEDNESDAY: CYSN NR
Attachments: 2021CFD0067-002047.pdf; CYSN MLA KM-QA.docx

Hi Everyone,

Please see attached the embargoed NR for Minister Dean and PS Coulter's announcement tomorrow at 12:30 pm about a new services approach for children and youth with support needs. Please also find attached a KM-QA, if you have any questions please let us know.

Ashley McKay
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Rindahl, Ebony SDPR:EX

From: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Sent: March 25, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Perry, Alisma SDPR:EX
Subject: Fwd: SSCCY Deck
Attachments: Select Standing Committee on Children Youth Presentation - March 22 2019_final.pptx; ATT00001.htm

FYI too Alisma, I am taking a look at the deck this morning, be great if you can too.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Massey, Christine MCF:EX" <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 25, 2019 at 7:23:45 AM PDT
To: "Gunn, Paula MCF:EX" <Paula.Gunn@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: SSCCY Deck

Paula – Danielle Smith and I are presenting to the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth tomorrow morning. The Committee has invited a number of ministries and agencies to present this week as part of their info gathering for their special CYSN project (RCY, EDUC, MOH, CLBC). I've attached the draft deck (almost final – would only be a few final tweaks today). Then Committee's project scope is below. Happy to chat about this today if you would like more info.
cm

Project Scope

Review the current assessment and eligibility framework for children and youth with neuro-diverse special needs and identify barriers and challenges to timely access of appropriate services, and make recommendations for improvement. This includes:

- Examining pathways to identification and entry, including parental recognition, developmental monitoring and referrals.
- Reviewing the types and use of assessments, including diagnostic and functional, and how these are used to determine eligibility for funding and services.
- Examining gaps in the assessment framework in capturing and addressing the needs of children and youth with neuro-diverse special needs, and the skills and capacities of their caregivers.
- Examining changes to eligibility and supports at various transition points (eg. early years to school age, school age to CLBC), including overlaps in assessments and opportunities for simplifying processes.

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From: Karimi, Nina SDPR:EX
Sent: October 26, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Rindahl, Ebony SDPR:EX; McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX
Subject: FW: MAC Agenda Oct 26
Attachments: MAC Agenda Oct 26.docx

From: McKay, Ashley MCF:EX <Ashley.McKay@gov.bc.ca>
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Updated agenda

From: MCF Engagement MCF:EX <MCF.Engagement@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: MAC Agenda Oct 26

Good afternoon,
Please find the agenda for today's meeting attached to this email.
Thank you,
Stacey

Stacey McGaghey

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Acknowledging with humility and respect that I work and live on the unceded (never surrendered) traditional territories of the Lekwungen Peoples (Esquimalt and Songhees Nations), and the WSANEC Nations, the original stewards of this beautiful land.

From: [Leeuw, Sonja SDPR:EX](#)
To: [Tyrrell, Cailin LASS:EX](#); [Karimi, Nina SDPR:EX](#)
Cc: [McKnight, Valerie SDPR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: MAC Briefing and final briefing for June 24th meeting
Date: June 10, 2021 4:04:36 PM
Attachments: [Draft CYSN Service Framework Brief Sent to 4Jun21.pdf](#)
[MAC Meeting Deck CYSNMAC 11Jun21 Final.pdf](#)
[MAC Reimbursement Letter June TEMPLATE of letter sent to members June 4.docx](#)
[Members Agenda and Questions CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final - Sent June 4th.pdf](#)
[Opening Speaking Notes MMD CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.docx](#)
[Opening Speaking Notes PSC CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.docx](#)
[Annotated Agenda CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.docx](#)
[Break Out Groups CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.xlsx](#)
[Closing Speaking Notes MMD CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.docx](#)
[Closing Speaking Notes PSC CYSN MAC 11Jun21 Final.docx](#)

Hey Nina, If you end up adjusting anything for tomorrow's meeting just let Val know and she can pop into the calendar and reach out to Paige (on behalf of Cailin)

Sonja Leeuw (She/Her)
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Subject: RE: MAC Briefing and final briefing for June 24th meeting

Hi Sonja!

Attached! Sorry, I only got my hands on them about half an hour ago – knew I was missing someone.

This Thursday feels like a Friday over here with all the end of the day ruckus!

Thanks!
kenna

From: [Leeuw, Sonja SDPR:EX](#) <Sonja.Leeuw@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: MAC Briefing and final briefing for June 24th meeting

Also.... Checking in about tomorrow's meeting – Do we have any documents coming from you guys about this meeting?

Sonja Leeuw (She/Her)

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Minister's Advisory Council - June 11, 2021 -

MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
For Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)



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Debbie, Nina, Lisa, Sandra, Bryan, Paula, and Ashley

Announcements and Business Carried Forward

- **Wellness Supports**
- **Terms of Reference**



Opening Remarks Minister Mitzi Dean PS Dan Coulter

Addressing Gaps in Membership

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SURVEY RESULTS ON ADDRESSING GAPS: UNDERREPRESENTED EXPERTISE

Self injurious behaviours

FASD*

Representation from school settings

CYSN worker for MCFD

Front line employees of the "system"

Marginalized (racially, financially etc.) families

Ministry of Health

Ministry of Education and CLBC

A representative for those with physical disabilities

Clinical expertise

**Identified multiple times*

How can we add these voices to our discussions?

IDEA 1

Continue with current council. When a vacancy arises request the MAC's feedback to address gaps in representation before posting a tailored Notice of Position.

Prioritize identified missing voices from the MAC in engagement opportunities with the Minister or Ministry and report to the MAC on engagements.

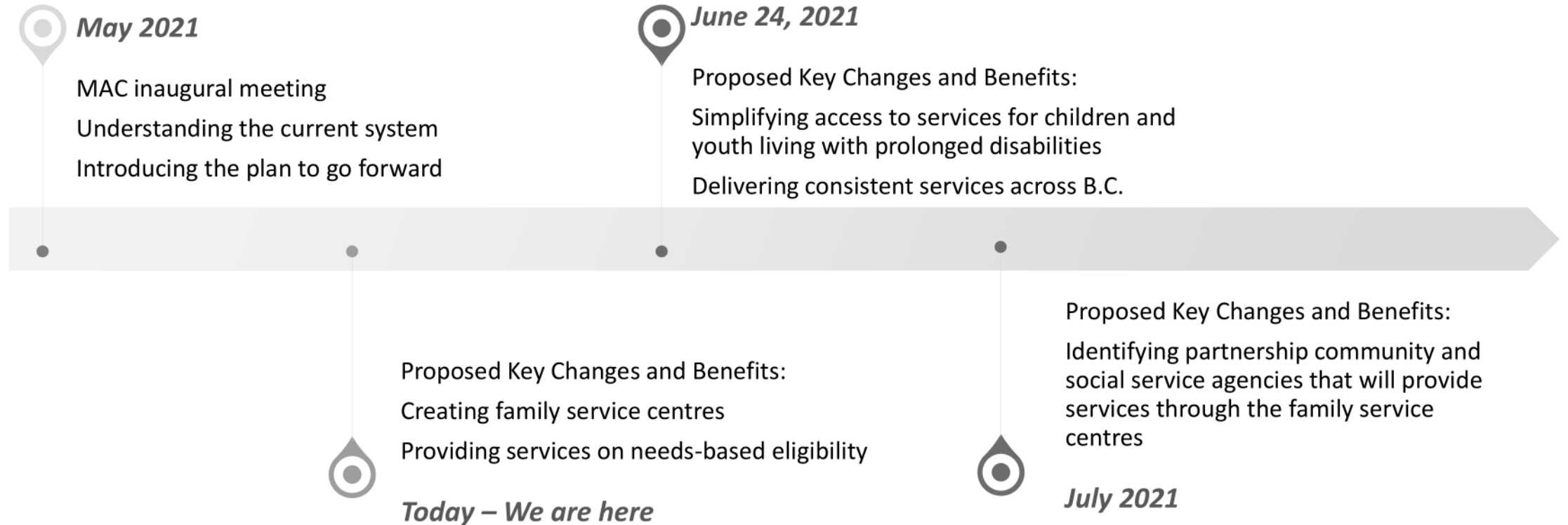
IDEA 2

When something comes up that existing members can't address, we create a request for the ministry to engage with the missing voices outside the circle and report back.

IDEA 3

At the end of the first year, revisit membership on council to determine if additional seats are needed to ensure adequate representation.

Advancing Discussion with MAC on the Draft CYSN Framework



Today's Agenda

1:30 p.m.	Collect & Welcome
2:00 p.m.	Addressing Gaps in MAC Membership
2:10 p.m.	Overview of the Service Framework
2:25 p.m.	Break-out Group Session #1: Putting family service centres at the heart of communities
2:50 p.m.	Group Discussion: Key messages from break-out groups
3:10 p.m.	Comfort Break
3:20 p.m.	Break-out Group Session #2: Making the system responsive to need, with or without a diagnosis
4:00 p.m.	Group Discussion: Key messages from break-out groups
4:15 p.m.	Meeting Reflections and Closing Remarks
4:25 p.m.	Closing Circle and Prayer
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Better Services for More Children



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Break Out Discussions



OUR CIRCLE AGREEMENT

- Always keep children, their support needs, their rights and their wellness at the core of our work.
 - Future focused/Past Informed
 - We come together in a non-judgemental way.
 - We will work together respectfully.
 - We will be open minded.
 - We are culturally sensitive to each other.
 - Assume good will as we work together.
- Acknowledge each individual experience even if it is different from our own.
 - Speak a common language – English.
 - We will be focused and practical and really use our time effectively – get to the point as much as we can.
 - Make sure our conversation is trauma informed – there needs to be a space to be safe and to feel supported.
 - Acknowledge our privilege – supports, race, sexuality etc. We are not all meeting at the same starting place. We have to fight different battles to get our needs met.

Break-out Session #1

- Move into Breakout Groups for 35 minutes.
- Explore questions posed related to:
 - Service and Supports
 - Accessibility
 - Results
- Summarize the key messages your group wants the Ministry to hear.
- Return to main group for discussion.

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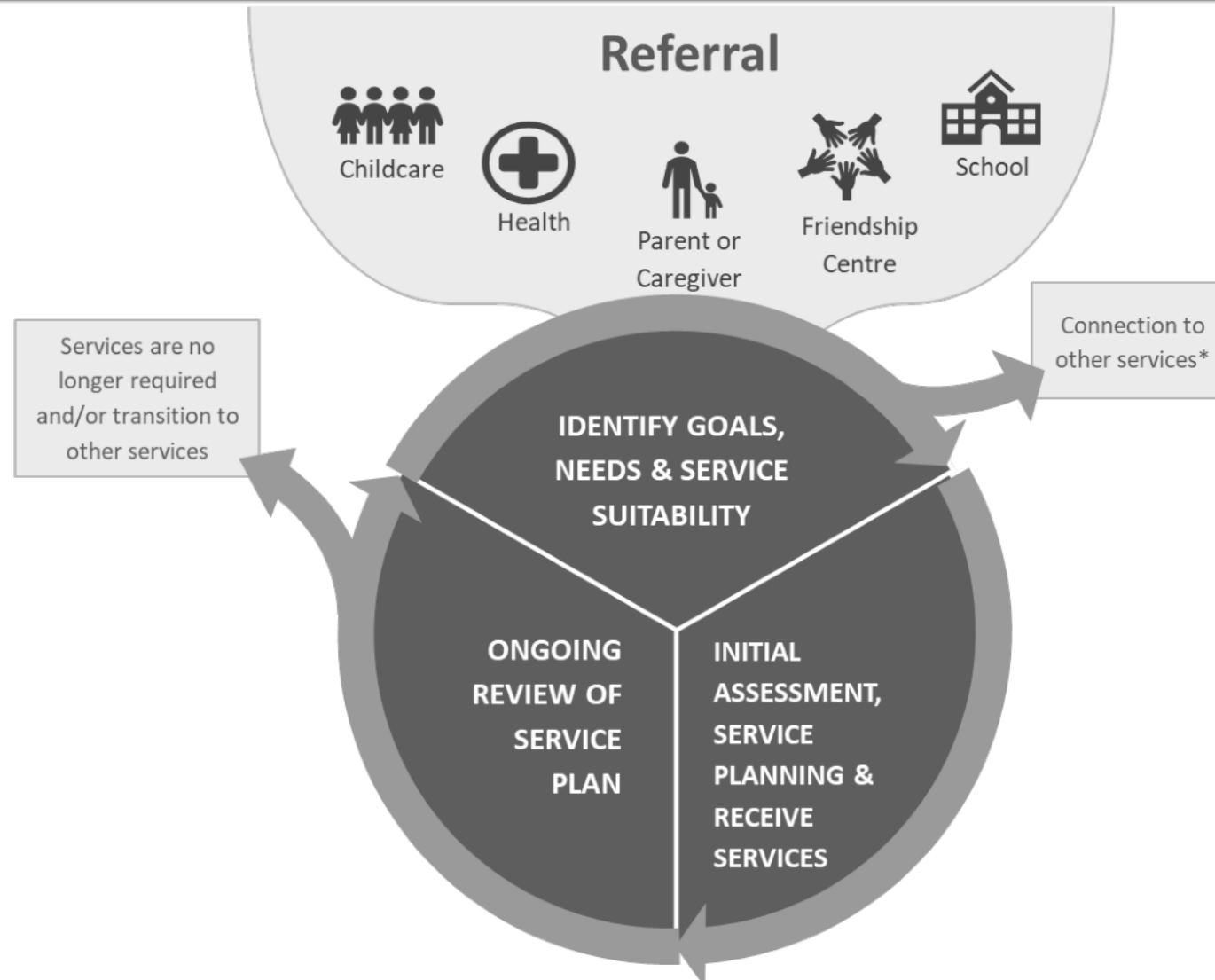
Sharing Breakout Group Key Messages

- One group shares key messages from one of the discussion areas:
 - E.g. Service and Supports
- Invite members of other groups to:
 - Add “Yes *and...*” comments.
 - Share different messages.
- Repeat for remaining two discussion areas.



10 MINUTE BREAK

General Pathway to CYSN Services



* Connection to other services can happen at any phase of the pathway

Responsive to need

Eligibility will be based on need

Removes barriers: families no longer need to seek out diagnostic assessment to receive support

Increases access: children and youth with greater complex needs may be eligible for enhanced supports

Brings consistency: ensures consistency and access to the same level of support across the province

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Break-out Session #2: Needs Based Eligibility

- Move into Breakout Groups for 35 minutes.
- Explore questions posed.
- Summarize the key messages your group wants the Ministry to hear.
- Return to main group for discussion.

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CLOSING

MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

For Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)

June 11, 2021

EMAIL CONTENT:

Date

Dear Minister's Advisory Council (MAC) member,

RE: Counselling supports related to MAC participation

The Minister's Advisory Council is guided by the core values of social inclusion, equity, reconciliation, compassion and safety. To support you in your efforts to uphold these values and create a trusting, collaborative and emotionally safe working environment, a registered clinical counsellor will be available for one-on-one debrief sessions after each MAC meeting.

Alternatively, you may see a registered clinical counsellor of your choice and have the fees covered by MCFD. A description of services covered and instructions for submitting invoices for reimbursement are outlined in the attached letter.

THIS LETTER AUTHORIZES THE REIMBURSEMENT OF RELATED CLINICAL COUNSELLING FEES TO
MEMBERS OF THE MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

Authorization number: _____

Eligible Mental Health Providers

- [BC Registered Clinical Counsellors](#)

Effective dates: June 2021- June 22

Maximum number of clinician hours: 24

Maximum dollar amount per hour: \$150

Submission Instructions: A copy of this letter must be submitted with the clinician's invoice to MCFD for billing and invoicing purposes. There are two options for submitting:

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Minister's Advisory Council

For Children and Youth with Support Needs (CYSN)

- June 11, 2021 -



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AGENDA

1:30 p.m.	Collect & Welcome
1:50 p.m.	Addressing Gaps in MAC Membership
2:10 p.m.	Bringing the CYSN Service Framework to Life - Overview of Service Framework
2:25 p.m.	Break-out Group Session #1: Putting family service centres at the heart of communities
2:50 p.m.	Group Discussion: Key messages from break-out groups
3:10 p.m.	Comfort Break
3:20 p.m.	Making the system responsive to need, with or without a diagnosis - Overview Break-out Group Session #2:
4:00 p.m.	Group Discussion: Key messages from break-out groups
4:15 p.m.	Meeting Reflections and Closing Remarks
4:25 p.m.	Closing Circle and Prayer
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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June 11, 2021
1:30-4:30pm

Members			
The Hon. Mitzi Dean Minister of Children and Family Development Chair		Dan Coulter Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility Vice-Chair	
			May Sam Elder from the Tsartlip First Nation
Izabelle Stevens Youth Representative Vancouver Coastal			
Members (Parents)			
Laranna Androsoff Interior		Dreena Davies Vancouver Coastal	
			Katherine Foo Fraser
Amilamia Gordon Vancouver Island		Lori Gauthier North	
Members (Umbrella Organizations)			
Devinder Chattha Director of Language Studies, Settlement and Social programs at the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)		Jacqueline Watts Provincial Advisor for the Provincial Office for Aboriginal Supported Child Development Programs of BC	
			Diana Elliott Provincial Advisor for the Provincial Office for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs of BC
Angela Clancy Executive Director of the Family Institute of BC		Brenda Lenahan Founder of BC Parents of Complex Kids	
			Lisa Meneian Executive Director of Deaf Children's of BC
Jason Gordon BC Association of Child Development and Intervention		Joshua Myers Executive Director for the BC Centre for Ability	
			Deborah Pugh Executive Director Autism Community Training



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Facilitator & Ministry Representatives			
Sheila Beauchemin Facilitator		Carolyn Kamper ADM, Strategic Integration, Policy, and Legislation Division	Bryan Sparks Strategic Services
Paula Gunn Senior Ministerial Advisor		Ashley McKay Ministerial Advisor	Nina Karimi Ministerial Advisor to PS Coulter
Sandra Steilo Strategic Services		Danielle Smith Executive Director, Early Years, Indigenous Early Years and Inclusion Policy	Matthew Wigmore Project Coordinator Strategic Services
Lisa Jones Strategic Services		Christine Therriault-Finke Early Years, Indigenous Early Years and Inclusion Policy	



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June 11th Agenda

1:30-4:30pm

Teleconference details:

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Time	Item	Lead
1:20 (10 min)	Gather in Zoom Meeting	
1:30 pm (5 min)	Collect and Welcome Opening Elder, May Sam	Sheila Beauchemin May Sam
	<i>Bring meeting together – immediately turn over to May Sam to do opening.</i>	
1:35 pm (5 min)	Announcements and Business Carried Forward	Sheila Beauchemin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome to the second meeting of the MAC</i> • <i>Change to openings and closings – start and end in circle for opening and closing prayer from our Elder, and, to share general announcements, and information etc.</i> • <i>Opening comments/introductions/reflections from the Council members will alternate between openings and closings</i> • <i>Reminder Wellness Supports available (info sent June 7th) – Bryan will post the information and link in the chat.</i> • <i>Mention - Terms of Reference – (updated and posted on SharePoint)</i> • <i>Reminder about use of the Chat – encourage sharing of thoughts with the whole group. Bryan will be monitoring the chat and will share what is posted there.</i> 	Sheila Beauchemin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Turn over to MMD to provide opening remarks</i> 	Sheila Beauchemin
1:40 (10 min)	Opening Remarks Minister Dean and PS Coulter	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Dean shares what she's heard 	
1:50 (20 min)	Addressing Gaps in MAC Membership (Survey Sent May 26th)	Danielle Smith Sheila Beauchemin
Process notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheila – introduces topic Danielle - Provides short summary of the responses received through the survey. Provide context for how many of these missing voices will be captured through various engagement activities. Note that the Ministry will be engaging with other partners, some of whom also exist on the council. Filling those remaining gaps - the ministry thought of some ideas for addressing missing voices – walk through ideas on slide. Move to a quick Zoom Poll to capture group response to ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which of these ideas best addresses the gaps in MAC membership? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea 1: fill gaps when vacancy arises/prioritize missing voices in ministry engagement activities. Idea 2: request that ministry engage with missing voices when item comes up in discussions that can't be addressed. Idea 3: At end of first year – revisit membership on council to determine if additional seats needed to ensure adequate representation. None of these ideas adequately addresses the gaps. We need 60% or better for an idea in order for it to be selected as the way forward. If none of the ideas get a clear 60% majority – we will need to have a future discussion about this issue. 	
Process notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to process for exploring the CYSN Framework and working through breakout groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short review of the model from staff Move into breakout discussion groups for roughly 35 minutes to explore and discuss focusing on the questions 	Sheila Beauchemin



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	<p><i>posed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Gather your groups key messages to share with the group of the whole.</i> ○ <i>Come back together as a group of the whole.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>We will do this process twice today.</i> 	
2:10pm (15 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bringing the CYSN Service Framework to Life - Overview of Service Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members to hold questions until break out groups 	Danielle Smith
<i>Process notes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Review/reminder of Circle Agreement – reminder of our agreements to each other: child and family focused, openness, non-judgement (all views and perspectives need to be heard and respected – we are not here to dispute the broad perspectives represented), curiosity, future focused – past informed.</i> 	Sheila Beauchemin
<i>Process notes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Move in to 3 ZOOM break out groups – During last approx. 10 minutes – facilitators will guide group to summarize their discussion into key messages (process will be provided)</i> 	Sheila Beauchemin
2:25 pm (35 min)	<p>Bringing the CYSN Service Framework to Life – Exploring the Key Changes and Benefit * (materials sent June 4th)</p> <p>Following an overview of the Service Framework, we will break into groups to explore the key changes and benefits proposed by the new model.</p> <p>Putting family service centres at the heart of communities – s.13</p>	MCFD Staff



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2:50 pm (20 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whole Group Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>One group asked to share key messages for first discussion topic – very short 1 – 2 minutes.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Call on specific members in other groups to comment on key messages – how similar were their finding what would they add?</i> ○ <i>Report process with other two discussion areas – e.g. next group asked to share their key messages and then call on other groups to comment.</i> 	Sheila Beauchemin
3:10 pm (10 min)	Comfort Break	
3:20 pm (5 min)	<i>Overview of Key Change and Benefits Needs Based Eligibility</i> - Overview of work and learnings about needs based eligibility - Benefits of moving to a needs based approach	Christine Therriault-Finke
3:25 pm (35 min)	s.13	
	<i>Move to same Break out groups as Round 1</i> <i>Format for discussion as before – summarize and collect key messages</i>	
4:00 pm (15 min)	<i>Whole group discussion – format as before</i>	Sheila Beauchemin
4:15 pm	Meeting Reflections and Closing Remarks from Minister Dean and PS	Sheila Beauchemin



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Time	Item	Lead
(10 min)	Coulter	
Process Notes	<i>We accomplished a lot today.</i> <i>We began a deeper dive into the proposed changes in the Service Framework. We will continue this work at our next meeting June 24th.</i> <i>We are closing this session but not the discussion so we will hold off on round circle comments until next time.</i> <i>The door is always open to provide feedback on today's session via the ministry's engagement inbox – Bryan will post the address in the chat.</i> <i>We will move now to comments from the PS and Minister Dean before we ask our elder to close with a prayer.</i>	
4:25 pm (5 min)	Closing by Elder, May Sam	May Sam
4:30 pm	End meeting	

Access Meeting Materials:

Agenda's, Minutes, and other documentation for all meeting sessions can be found here:
<https://mcf.sp.gov.bc.ca/sites/CFDPrograms/MAC/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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June 11 MAC Meeting - Breakout Groups

Round 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
Facilitator/Scribes	Bryan	Sandra	Mathew	
Subject Experts	Danielle Smith	Carolyn Kamper	Christine Therriault-Finke	
Staff Observers	Debbie Parhar		Lisa Jones	
	Josh Myers Diana Elliott May Sam Lisa Meneian Deborah Pugh	Dreena Davies Devinder Chattha Angela Clancy Lori Gauthier Izabelle Stevens	Katerine Foo Jacqueline Watts Brenda Lenahan Laranna Adrosoff Jason Gordon Amilamia Gordon	
2:15 - 2:30		PS Coulter Nina Karimi		<i>Broadcast message sent to breakout rooms 3 minutes prior to moving MMD & PS Coulter to next Breakout Group.</i>
	Minister Dean	Ashley McKay	Paula Gunn	
2:30 - 2:50			PS Coulter Nina Karimi	
	Paula Gunn	Minister Dean	Ashley McKay	
Round 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
Facilitator/Scribes	Bryan	Sandra	Mathew	
Subject Experts	Christine Therriault-Finke	Carolyn Kamper	Danielle Smith	
Staff Observers	Debbie Parhar		Lisa Jones	
	Josh Myers Diana Elliott May Sam Lisa Meneian Deborah Pugh	Dreena Davies Devinder Chattha Angela Clancy Lori Gauthier Izabelle Stevens	Katerine Foo Jacqueline Watts Brenda Lenahan Laranna Adrosoff Jason Gordon Amilamia Gordon	
3:25-3:45	PS Coulter Nina Karimi Ashley McKay		Minister Dean	<i>Broadcast message sent to breakout rooms 3 minutes prior to moving MMD & PS Coulter to next Breakout Group.</i>
		Paula Gunn		
3:45-4:00		PS Coulter Nina Karimi		
	Minister Dean	Ashley McKay	Paula Gunn	
For Reference:				
From the May 6th MAC Meeting - Break out Groups				
Round 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
	Karin Keats (Strengths)	Sandra (Opportunities)	Mathew (Aspirations)	Bryan (Results)
	Carolyn Kamper	Danielle Smith	PS Coulter	Christine Therriault-Finke
	Laranna Adrosoff	Dreena Davies	Katerine Foo	Lori Gauthier
	Devinder Chattha	Jacqueline Watts	Aida Gordon	Angela Clancy
	Brenda Lenahan	Lisa Meneian	Diana Elliott	Josh Myers
	Deborah Pugh	Izabelle Stevens	Jason Gordon	May Sam
	Minister Dean		PS Coulter	
	Ashley McKay			
	Paula Gunn			

Speakers list

	Group Discussion #1	Group Discussion #2	Closing Reflections
Josh Myers			
Diana Elliott			
Lisa Meneian			
Deborah Pugh			
Dreena Davies			
Devinder Chattha			
Angela Clancy			
Lori Gauthier			
Izabelle Stevens			
Katerine Foo			
Jacqueline Watts			
Brenda Lenahan			
Laranna Adrosoff			
Jason Gordon			
Amilamia Gordon			
May Sam			

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<Sonja.Leeuw@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: MAC Briefing and final briefing for June 24th meeting

Hey lady!

Was on my list for today! Just can't quite get to anything lol. Including Sonja as apparently PS Coulter needs to be in attendance as well

Staff are looking for one 30 minute prep meeting ideally on June 15th-17th so that they can get materials sent to the members within the committed timeline.

They are also hoping for a 20 minute pre-mac check-in the day of, on the 24th.

We're happy to make whatever times work for you two work – I think the 16/17 would work better for us than the 15th though if possible

Thanks!
Kenna

From: Gotto, Sarah F MCF:EX <Sarah.Gotto@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Bathea, Kenna MCF:EX <Kenna.Bathea@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MAC Briefing and final briefing for June 24th meeting

Hello there.

Sounds like we are in need of a briefing for the Minister in advance of the MAC meeting scheduled on June 24th Perhaps on the 18th and then a final one just before the meeting perhaps same week.

I am sure this is on your radar

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