

RE: BC Autism Advocacy- Meeting Request re: Elimination of Individual Autism Funding

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
To: Hampson, Ashley PREM:EX <Ashley.Hampson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>, Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 14, 2022 11:01:21 AM PDT
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s.13 "Unfortunately, Premier Horgan's schedule is unable to accommodate a meeting at this time" would like to convey that this meeting and dialogue needs to continue with Minister Dean,

From: Hampson, Ashley PREM:EX <Ashley.Hampson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 13, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BC Autism Advocacy- Meeting Request re: Elimination of Individual Autism Funding

Hi everyone,

I've been in touch with Alex Gordon from MCFD who has informed me that MMD has met with BC Autism Advocacy recently and that a follow-up letter (from MMD) will be sent out shortly. Below is a response we've drafted, please let me know if there are any additional changes you'd like us to make before it's sent out.

Dear Cassandra, Elena, Michelle and Diane:

Thank you for your email on behalf of BC Autism Advocacy regarding your meeting request to discuss the elimination of individual autism funding. We appreciate your taking the time to write and apologize for the delay in response.

Unfortunately, Premier Horgan's schedule is unable to accommodate a meeting at this time. We understand, though, that the Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development, met with you recently regarding this matter and that you should be receiving a follow-up letter from Minister Dean shortly. We encourage you to maintain your dialogue with the Minister and her staff.

Thank you, again, for writing. We do appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Office of the Premier

Thanks,

Ash

From: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>; Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>
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Sounds good – it's been ref'd to Ash to work on as she has MCFD as part of her portfolio & I know she's reached out to them for assistance.

We'll be sure to send it over to you & Lindsay when it's ready.

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 7, 2022 12:31 PM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>

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Would like a letter response to be sent back as MCFD has met often with this group and we would not be referring it back to them. MCFD can assist in draft to outline measures taken to address concerns and continue dialogue going forward. Would want to see final draft before sending

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From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 3:19:18 PM

To: Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: BC Autism Advocacy- Meeting Request re: Elimination of Individual Autism Funding

Hi Susan,

Hope all is well on your end!

Amber Nash asked me to send this over to you for a written response to come from correspondence and declining their meeting request with Premier.

As noted, MMD has recently meet with the group. I have attached my conversation with MO for your referral. Please feel free to get back to Amber if you have questions.

Thank you !

From: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 29, 2022 1:47 PM

To: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

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Yes please decline meeting and reflect on their recent meeting with MMD.

Amber Hockin She/Her

Deputy Chief of Staff to

Premier John Horgan

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From: Hontiveros, Jenelyn PREM:EX <Jenelyn.Hontiveros@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 11:59:46 AM

To: Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>

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Hi Amber,

Flagging this meeting request from BC Autism Advocacy to the Premier to discuss the elimination of individual autism funding.

I have referred this request to MCFD and they noted Minister Dean had met with the group a few times and the recent one is on June 6th. With that, they have advised they will not be responding to this meeting request.

Amber Nash recommends we send them a written response via correspondence branch.

Please advice.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

Jenelyn



Office of the Premier
Scheduling Branch
Premier@gov.bc.ca

From: BC Autism Advocacy <bcasdadvocacy@gmail.com>

Sent: June 16, 2022 2:05 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Falcon.MLA, Kevin LASS:EX <Kevin.Falcon.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Kirkpatrick.MLA, Karin LASS:EX <Karin.Kirkpatrick.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

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Thank you,

BC Autism Advocacy

Cassandra Lopez, Elena Lawson, Michelle Clark & Diane Pearce

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