Re: IMED Steering Committee Meeting

From: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 3, 2020 5:32:35 PM PST

Sorry I have to debrief my new minister at the same time. Happy to talk about the future of the data - timely as I was just scheduling a meeting with my new ADM to discuss. I'm free 11 to 12:30 and 2:30 to 3:30 tomorrow.

> On Dec 3, 2020, at 4:46 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Thanks for letting me know you can't join tomorrow Rob. I would like to connect with you once again at some point to discuss the future of the IMED. I know we have discussed this before, but I wanted to make sure your position remains the same—let me know when you might have a half hour to discuss.
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> Thanks,
> Leigh
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> Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
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> -----Original Appointment-----
> **From:** Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
> **Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:29 PM
> **To:** Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
> **Subject:** Declined: IMED Steering Committee Meeting
> **When:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
> **Where:** Skype Meeting

RE: checking in

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 13, 2020 9:53:20 AM PST

I think its going to be a bit more complicated than that now, since it appears that Rob Bruce may have offered up the IMED for that SDPR policy initiative Lisa emailed us about. Will also have to wait and see what Stephanie thinks of Julian's COVID research proposal—if that goes ahead, we will likely renew the agreements one last time, and also provide one last data extract, and then work to wrap everything up with him end of 2021.

I will talk to Rob about what he had in mind for that new SDPR project (maybe he will suggest we use the IDD vs. the IMED, in which case we can focus on getting our IDD extract ready instead of updating the IMED agreements), and will go from there.

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: checking in

How can I help you – what steps are needed – to retire the IMED and move to the new dataset?

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 3:46 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: checking in

Hi Kimberley,

Reflecting on the proposal Julian has received funding for, research in which he plans to use the IMED, I am wondering whether broader consultation is needed before getting too far along with the project (which will require a data refresh and amending the existing ISAs as they expire end of fiscal). Can you have a look at the attached and maybe we can find a few minutes to discuss next week? I think at the very least Stephanie would want to be looped in.

Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: checking in

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Hi Leigh,

Thanks for writing and also thank you for considering the summit in your timing! The summit format has had an interesting influence on proceedings psychologically. A day and a half in person has been replaced by three half-days

spanning a week from our offices/bedrooms/laundry rooms/sofas, etc. We finish on Friday and I hope we generate action.

Yes the numbers are up and I can summarize key metrics here while we work to place them in context. There are linear increases in several indicators of complexity during the same period. The stability and diversity of change is the primary reason for concern. Overall the rate of diagnosed disorders involving substance use and mental illness increased about 14% (to about 70%). Of greater concern, the rate of concurrent disorders, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorders increased between roughly 30-70%, all with steady increases since 2010. The average number of prior sentences also increased over time, particularly in community corrections where the average number of prior convictions more than doubled. It's not hard to understand why front line staff might have the impression that work has become more complicated. I will send a report by end of next week and regret that we can't focus on this full time!

I've attached the MSFHR award details and appreciate the reminder. Also fyi we forwarded to MoH a copy of the latest SFU-MoH ISA as the basis for renewing data, which I know we'll be discussing with the committee. In anticipation of MoH's work it would be helpful to begin creating the extract from PSSG. In addition I noticed that the IMRI master agreement expires in 2021 and it would be timely to address renewal. I appreciate your help and collaboration!

In health,
Julian

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
Distinguished SFU Professor
Director CARMHA
Faculty of Health Sciences www.sfu.ca/somersresearchgroup.html

On Nov 23, 2020, at 4:08 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Julian,

I hope you had a nice weekend and that the Justice Summit went well! I didn't want to bug you until that was over, but now that it is, was wondering if you have an update on when the MHSU trends analysis will be ready to share? There are several pieces of work I am involved with at the moment that could really use this data to support it, and as you can imagine, there is a lot of interest in these results more generally here at HQ!

Also, you mentioned on our last IMED committee call that you would share the COVID-related project proposal once again (the one recently funded), so we could reflect on what may be required in terms of data to support it. Can you forward that as well when you have time?

Thanks, and happy Monday!

Leigh

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Somers ISAs

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Horsburgh, Selena PSSG:EX <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 6, 2021 11:36:11 AM PST
Attachments: 17-099 IMED amend 1 identifier list FINAL 2.doc, Somers MPSSG ISA Extension July 2016.docx, Interministry ISA_MPSSG MOH SDSI _Final for Signatures.docx

Hi Selena,

Ok, I believe these are the most recent extensions, and you are right—it looks like there are indeed three of them (as MoH drafted something new to be more specific about the identifiers).

- I think they took the pen on the **17-099 document**, so it doesn't look like anything we have drafted, but I think all that is needed is a **date change for the end date of the data (to extend to Dec 31 2020).**
- The ISA with us (MPSSG) will only need a date extension to use the data (to end of fiscal 21/22);
- The third one (the ISA between ministries) will also only need to have the terms extended (to end of fiscal 21/22);

Let me know if this makes sense of if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Leigh

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TITLE: Identifier List Clarification

PARTIES:

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Corrections Branch (PSSG)

and

Ministry of Health (MOH)

and

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR)

Each a Party, collectively, the Parties.

I. Amendment Overview

The purpose of this amendment is to:

- Clarify the Personal Information covered by the Agreement;
- Clarify the Personal Information MPSSG sends to MOH for linking;
- Clarify the Personal Information MOH sends to MSDPR for linking;
- Clarify the Personal Information the Parties send to the Somers Research Group for incorporation in the IMED;
- Provide a new end date for data the Parties send to the Somers Research Group for incorporation in the IMED; and
- Provide the updated swimlane diagram (see Appendix A).

II. Current Agreement

Article 5 of the current ISA states:

Personal Information

The Personal Information for linking in this Agreement consists of:

(a) Name (first, middle, last);

(b) Known aliases;

(c) Full date of birth;

(d) Address

(e) Full Postal Code

(f) Personal Health Number ("PHN"); and

(g) Gender.

For further clarity, MOH and MSDPR will use the PHN for their own internal linking only.

Article 6 of the current ISA states:

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

The process for Personal Information exchange between the Parties will be as follows:

(a) MPSSG sends MOH the information set out in section 5 (a), (b), (c), and (e), on a cohort of adult corrections clients, along with Study Identification Numbers ("Study IDs") assigned for each of the clients.

(b) MOH verifies the Names using the Client Roster and matches the MPSSG verified clients with MOH clients, based on the MOH matching algorithm.

(c) MOH sends MPSSG a list of the study IDs of the clients MOH has identified as being clients in common in step (b) above (i.e., the clients from MPSSG's cohort that MOH is able to provide data on).

(d) MPSSG and MOH independently send the study IDs of these clients, along with client information, to the Somers Research Group, for incorporation into the IMED. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(e) MOH sends MSDPR the same list of Study IDs in subsection (c), above, along with the PHNs of the clients associated with those Study IDs (a crosswalk file).

(f) MSDPR uses the PHNs sent by MOH to match with PHNs of their own clients.

(g) MSDPR sends the Study IDs of their clients, along with the client information to the Somers Research Group, for incorporation into the IMED. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(h) Each of the Parties enters into its own separate information sharing agreement with SFU for the data it submits to the IMED.

III. Agreement Amendment

Article 5 of the current ISA is amended as follows:

The Personal Information for linking in this Agreement consists of:

(a) Names (first, middle, last)

(b) Known Aliases;

(c) Full Date of Birth ("DOB");

(d) Personal Health Number ("PHN");

(e) Gender; and

(f) MPSSG Study IDs; and

(g) MOH Study IDs.

The other identifiers (Address, Full Postal Code) are deleted from the Agreement.

Article 6 of the current ISA is amended as follows:

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

The process for Personal Information exchange between the Parties will be as follows:

(a) MPSSG sends MOH the Names (first, middle, last), Known Aliases, DOB, and Gender, for a cohort of adult corrections clients, along with MPSSG Study Identification Numbers ("MPSSG Study IDs") assigned for each of the clients.

(b) MOH matches the MPSSG clients with the PHN using the Client Roster based on the MOH matching algorithm. MOH creates MOH Study IDs for the PHNs found in the matching process.

(c) MOH sends MPSSG back a list of MPSSG study IDs and names with other identifications for the purpose of client matching refinement.

(d) MPSSG sends the MPSSG Study IDs of all clients, along with client information, to the Somers Research Group for incorporation into the IMED. MOH independently sends the MOH Study IDs of the matched clients, along with client information to the Somers Research Group for incorporation into the IMED. MOH also sends the Somers Research Group a crosswalk between MPSSG Study ID and MOH Study ID for linkage purposes. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(e) MOH sends MSDPR the PHNs, MOH Study ID, names, DOB, and gender of the matched clients.

(f) MSDPR uses the PHNs, names, DOB, and gender sent by MOH to match with PHNs of their own clients.

(g) MSDPR sends client information of the PHN sent by MOH, along with the MOH Study ID associated with those PHNs, to the Somers Research Group for incorporation into the IMED. The PHNs in the data are removed before it is sent to the Somers Research Group. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(h) Each of the Parties enters into its own separate information sharing agreement with SFU for the data it submits to the IMED.

New End Date for all Data sent to the Somers Research Group for incorporation in the IMED: March 31, 2018.

The Agreement is otherwise unchanged.

SIGNATURES:

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG)

_____ _____

Elenore Arend, (Date)
ADM Corrections Branch

The Ministry of Health (MOH)

_____ _____

Andrew Elderfield, (Date)
Chief Data Steward

_____ _____

Teri Collins, (Date)
ADM Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)

_____ _____

Molly Harrington, (Date)
ADM Research, Innovation and Policy Division

APPENDIX A: UPDATED SWIMLANE DIAGRAM



Information Sharing Agreement

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Corrections Branch

&

Simon Fraser University

J. Somers

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

Date: **June 28, 2016**

Between: **The BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG)**

And:

Simon Fraser University (SFU) on behalf of its Faculty of Health Sciences

(Heretofore referred to as the "Parties")

Respecting the use of MPSSG data in the Inter-Ministry Database (IMDb) initiative including but not limited to the following projects: **"Substance Use, Mental Disorders and the Justice System: Improving Resource Efficiency and outcomes"** project, the **"Vancouver Drug Court Evaluation"** project, the "**Downtown Community Court**" project, the **"Vancouver Intensive Supervision Unit"** project and other projects as identified by the IMDb governing council (chaired by BC Corrections).

1. **Purpose(s) of agreement:**

   To establish a mechanism whereby MPSSG may enable access to data or information contained in MPSSG records for use by SFU, and to define the data or information which MPSSG will provide to SFU through this mechanism.

2. **Definitions**

   Personal Information (as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*) means recorded information about an identifiable individual, including:

   - The individual's name, address or telephone number,
   - The individual's race, nation or ethnic origin, colour, or religious or political beliefs or associations,
   - The individual's age, sex, sexual orientation, martial status or family status,
   - An indentifying number, symbol or other particular assigned to the individual,
   - The individual's fingerprints, blood type or inheritable characteristics,
   - Information about the individual's health care history, including a physical or mental disability,
   - Information about the individual's education, financial, criminal or employment history,
   - Anyone else's opinions about the individual, and,
   - The individual's personal views or opinions, except if they are about someone else.

3. **Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Data**

   The information provided under this Agreement will be collected, retained, used and disclosed in a manner consistent with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and/or other relevant legislation, as identifies in this Agreement.

4. Information Accuracy/Liability

The Parties will endeavour, at all times, to maintain accurate, complete, and up-to-date data in the systems identified in this Agreement. However, MPSSG will not be held liable for any inaccuracies in data provided under this Agreement.

5. Indemnification

SFU agrees to indemnify MPSSG and save it harmless for any and all losses, expenses, costs, including legal costs, and damages resulting directly or indirectly from the actions of:

a) The officers, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of SFU; and
b) Any other party who obtains access to the data or information provided by the MPSSG as a result of the negligence of SFU or SFU;s officers, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors, or the failure of SFU to comply with the terms of this Agreement, excepting liability which arises out of or is based upon any misstatement, error or omission in any data or information supplied or approved by the MPSSG.

This indemnity shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall not detract from any other rights or remedies which MPSSG may have under this Agreement or otherwise in law or in equity.

6. Security and Privacy

SFU will maintain the security, confidentiality, and integrity of the data.

SFU will ensure that any personal information provided under this Agreement will be protected by making reasonable security arrangements such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure or disposal.

SFU (including all employees and contractors) will keep confidential all personal information made available as a result of this Agreement, and will not disclose any of this information except as allowed under this Agreement, or under the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

7. Auditing and Audit Trails

SFU will protect data from unauthorized access, modification or use and will establish a chain of accountability. Where access is granted within an organization, SFU must formally delegate the responsibility, and authority, for approving access to selected individuals within the organization, who will create and maintain appropriate records of those approvals.

Where appropriate, audit requirements, and processes are defined in this Agreement.

8. Investigation and Reporting of Unauthorized access or use

SFU will investigate all cases where it is suspected or evident that there may be:

- Unauthorized access to or modification of data, information or services covered by this Agreement.
- Misuse of data, information or services, or
- Breaches of confidentiality.

If unauthorized access or use is found and if it may, now or in the future, jeopardize confidentiality of data or the privacy of individuals or the security of any computer system or network used to access data, SFU will immediately advise the MPSSG. SFU will also provide a detailed report of the circumstances of any unauthorized access or use and any remedial actions taken.

9. Penalties for Unauthorized use or access

Unauthorized access to, modification of, or use of data provided under the terms of this Agreement is a fundamental breach of this Agreement.

Penalties for unauthorized access to, modification of, or use of data for purposes other than for which access was intended or failure to comply with other terms of this Agreement include:

- Immediate termination of access to data and to any relevant applications and telecommunication facilities; and
- Where applicable, referral to the appropriate regulatory body, the MPSSG, or other authority for investigation and possible disciplinary action.

10. Fees

Fees may be charged as defined in this Agreement.

11. General Conditions

This Agreement is governed by and is to be constructed in accordance with the laws of British Columbia.

Amendments to this Agreement may be made, so long as they are in writing and signed by both Parties.

Schedule F is part of this Data Sharing Agreement. However, if there is a conflict between a provision in Schedule F and any provision in the main body of this Agreement, the Agreement will take precedence and the provision in Schedule F will be inoperative.

12. Term of Data-Sharing Arrangement

This data-sharing arrangement comes into effect **on the date of signature** and ends on **March 31, 2021** unless sooner terminated in accordance with a provision of the Agreement.

Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, this data-sharing arrangement may only be terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.

Either party may terminate this data-sharing arrangement by providing written notice to the other party ninety (90) days prior to the date on which the notifying party intends the data-sharing arrangement will terminate.

The MPSSG reserves the right to review, at any time, compliance with the terms of this data-sharing agreement as provided under this Schedule to the Agreement.

The MPSSG may require a compliance review in advance of renewal of this data-sharing arrangement. Renewal of this data-sharing arrangement must be provided in writing and shall only be for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

13. Method of Sharing Data

MPSSG will provide SFU with an electronic file containing the variables listed below, beginning in 1997-98 and ending in **March 31, 2021.**

Table 1: Socio-demographic variables

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
ClientDateOfBirth	Client Date Of Birth	Yes
ClientGenderCode	Client Gender Code	Yes
ClientCitizenshipCode	Client Citizenship Code	Yes
ClientMARREthnicityDescription	Client MARR Ethnicity self-identification	Yes
ClientEducationLevelDescription	Client Current Education Level self-identification	Yes
ClientEmploymentStatuses	Client Current Employment Status, self-identification	Yes
ClientMaritalStatuses	Client Current Marital Status self-identification	

Table 2: Variables from sentence databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
SENTENCE_ID	System generated unique identifier	Yes
COUNT_SEQ_NO	Helps to uniquely identify CHARGE COUNT which is unique within the File Number, not within the Document	Yes
LOCA_ID_ISSUED_BY	The court/crown location id that issued the document	Yes
OFFENCE_DT	Date on which the CLIENT committed the offence	Yes
K_FILE_YN	Indicates whether the document involves a spousal abuse	Yes
AUDO_ID	Authority document identifier	Yes
AHTY_CD	Authority document type code	Yes
COURT_FILE_NUM	Most of the time, this is the File Number that a Court records on an AUTHORITY DOC as the Court File Number	Yes
ISSUE_DT	Date the document is issued	Yes
EFFECTIVE_DT	Date DOCUMENT OF AUTHORITY is effective	Yes
EXPIRY_DT	Date of Expiry	Yes
DITY_CD	Disposition Type	Yes
CHARGE_COUNT_ID	System generated unique identifier	Yes
STAT_ID	Reference key to statute that belongs to this statute group	Yes

SETY_CD	Sentence type code	Yes
LENGTH1_UNTY_CD	Unit type of the first sentence length	Yes
LENGTH1_QTY	The length of this SENTENCE - part 1	Yes
LENGTH2_UNTY_CD	Unit type of the second sentence length	Yes
LENGTH2_QTY	The length of this SENTENCE - part 2	Yes
SERIOUS_VIOLENT_OFFENCE_YN	Serious violent offence	Yes
SENT_SUBTYPE_CD	Sentence subtype code	Yes
SERVED_AFTER_CHARGE_COUNT_ID		Yes

Table 3: Variables from custody movement databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
MovementTypeCode	Movement Type Code	Yes
ActualDateTime	Actual Date Time	Yes
ClientMARREthnicityDescription	Client MARR Ethnicity Description	Yes
ClientGenderCode	Client Gender Code	Yes
SexOffenderYN	Sex Offender YN	Yes
AdultInstitutionUnitDescription	Adult Institution Unit Description	Yes
LHSCustodyGroupCode	LHS Custody Group Code	Yes
CCJSUCR2Code	CCJS UCR2 Code	Yes
CCJSOffenceCatCode	CCJS Offence Cat Code	Yes
MovementReasonCode	Movement Reason Code	Yes
CustodyRemandStatusDays	Custody Remand Status Days	Yes
CustodySentencedStatusDays	Custody Sentenced Status Days	Yes
CustodySentenceDays	Custody Sentence Days	Yes
IntermittentYN	Intermittent YN	Yes
ClientCourtLocationUnitCode	Client Court Location Unit Code	Yes
CMSStatuteDescription	CMS Statute Description	Yes
ClientDateOfBirth	Client Date Of Birth	Yes
ClientEducationLevelDescription	Client Education Level Description	Yes
STATUTE_BK		Yes

Table 4: Variables from community movement databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
MovementDirectionCode	Movement Direction Code	Yes
LHSCommunityDocumentTypeCode	LHS Community Document Type Code	Yes
CRNAClientRating	CRNA Client Rating	Yes
CRNAClientStatusCode	CRNA Client Status Code	Yes
CRNAClientFormRating	CRNA Client Form Rating	Yes
RNAClientRating	RNA Client Rating	Yes
RNAClientFormRating	RNA Client Form Rating	Yes
RNAClientStatusCode	RNA Client Status Code	Yes

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
MovementTypeCode	Movement Type Code	Yes
ActualDateTime	Actual Date Time	Yes
ClientMARREthnicityDescription	Client MARR Ethnicity Description	Yes
ClientGenderCode	Client Gender Code	Yes
SexOffenderYN	Sex Offender YN	Yes
MovementReasonCode	Movement Reason Code	Yes
CommunitySentenceDays	Community Sentence Days	Yes
LengthOfStayDays	Length Of Stay Days	Yes
IntermittentYN	Intermittent YN	Yes
ClientCourtLocationUnitCode	Client Court Location Unit Code	Yes
ClientDateOfBirth	Client Date Of Birth	Yes
ClientEducationLevelDescription	Client Education Level Description	Yes
STATUTE_BK		Yes
CCJSUCR2Code	CCJS UCR2 Code	Yes
CCJSOffenceCatCode	CCJS Offence Cat Code	Yes
ProbationOfficerID	Probation Officer ID	Yes
CreatedByLocUnitCode	Created By Loc Unit Code	Yes
EscortingLocUnitCode	Escorting Loc Unit Code	Yes
FromLocUnitCode	From Loc Unit Code	Yes
ToLocUnitCode	To Loc Unit Code	Yes

Table 5: Variables from custody and community event databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
EventTypeCode	Event Type Code	Yes
EventDate	Event Date	Yes
LHSCustodyGroupCode	LHS Custody Group Code	Yes
MSO_CUST_STATUTE_BK		Yes
EventTypeCode	Event Type Code	Yes
EventDate	Event Date	Yes
LHSCommunityDocumentTypeCode	LHS Community Document Type Code	Yes
MSO_COMM_STATUTE_BK		Yes

Table 6: Variables from program databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
PROGRAM_CD		Yes
PROGRAM_NM		Yes
PROGRAM_RESULT_CD		Yes

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
PROGRAM_RESULT_REASON_CD		Yes
PROGRAM_SESSION_START_DT		Yes
PROGRAM_SESSION_END_DT		Yes
PROGRAM_SESSION_STATE_CD		Yes
PROGRAM_SESSION_ID		Yes

Table 7: Variables from RNA databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
CLFO_ID	Client Form ID	Yes
FOTY_ID	Form ID	Yes
FOQU_ID	Form Question ID	Yes
ANSWER_TXT	Answer to the Form Question	Yes
COMPLETION_DT	Completion date	Yes
RNA_NA		Yes
RNA_DSC		Yes
MODU_ID		Yes
FOTY_ID		Yes
FORM_TYPE_DSC		Yes
FOQU_ID		Yes
RNA_QUESTIONS		Yes
ANSWER_TXT		Yes
ANSWER_DSC		Yes
EFFECTIVE_DT		Yes
EXPIRY_DT		Yes

Table 8: Variables from Statute & offence category databases

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
ID	Statute unique identifier	Yes
LETY_CD	Legislation type code: CCC - Criminal Code of Canada, etc	Yes
PDTY_CD	Offence code (most recent version) in a summary database-three groups (Summary, Indictable and Hybrid)	Yes
DSC	Statute descriptive text	Yes
SECTION_NO	Statute section number	
SUB_SECTION_NO	Statute Sub Section number	
PARAGRAPH_NO	Statute Paragraph number	Yes
SUB_PARAGRAPH_NO	Statute Sub Paragraph number	Yes
PCF_MAPPING_CD	Mapping code in a summary database	Yes
EFFECTIVE_DT		Yes
EXPIRY_DT		Yes

Name of variables	Description of variables	Currently available
MSO_STATUTE_BK	Event Overall CORNET Statute Description	Yes
EventOverallCORNETStatuteDescription	Event Overall CCJS UCR2 Code	Yes
EventOverallCCJSUCR2Code	Event Overall CCJS UCR2 Description	Yes
EventOverallCCJSUCR2Description	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Code	Yes
EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatCode	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Description	Yes
EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatDescription	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Group Code	Yes
EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatGroupCode	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Group Description	Yes
EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatGroupDescription	Event Overall CORNET Statute Description	Yes

The parties heretofore have executed this Agreement as of the day and year established above.

SIGNED AND DELIVERED BY Simon Fraser University or an Authorized Representative of SFU.	**SIGNED AND DELIVERED** on behalf of the Province by an Authorized Representative of the Province.
Print Name	Print Name
Signature	Signature
Date: DD/MM/YYY	Date: DD/MM/YYY



Information Sharing Agreement

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Corrections Branch

&

Ministry of Health

&

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

Date: **April 3, 2018**

Between: The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG)

And:

The Ministry of Health (MOH)

And:

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)

(Together the "Parties")

Whereas MPSSG provides corrections services, MOH provides health services, including mental health and substance use programs and services to clients, and MSDPR provides housing and social development services.

Whereas Programs and services of the Parties share many clients in common.

Whereas The Parties established an Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) in 2006 to conduct research into the effectiveness of their programs and services which have clients in common, and facilitate integrated planning, delivery and evaluation of these services.

Whereas The 2006 IMED included the Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA) that is no longer a data partner; this required a new Agreement.

Whereas The IMED contains anonymized data on these clients in common, and is hosted at/by Simon Fraser University on behalf of its Faculty of Health Sciences, Somers Research Group as represented by Julian Somers, which provides data hosting and analysis services for the Parties.

Whereas The Parties established three committees to provide information governance in relation to the initiative: An Inter-Ministry Advisory Committee, a Scientific Advisory Committee, and a Data Working Group.

Whereas The Somers Research Group uses the IMED to conduct evaluation projects on behalf of the Parties where such projects are identified by the IMED Project Steering Committee as requiring shared data for inter-agency collaboration and planning.

Whereas A Privacy Impact Assessment of this initiative was completed in November 2009 with updates in May 2012 (MPSSG), and May 2013 and November 2014 (MOH), and is attached to this Agreement as Appendix A (update currently in progress).

Whereas The Parties will refresh their respective data contained in the IMED to enable the completion of outstanding projects and to facilitate future research initiatives. For further clarity, the scope of each data refresh is the same as previous data refreshes.

Whereas The Parties wish to formalize their data exchange for planning, evaluation and research via this Information Sharing Agreement (Agreement).

Now therefore The Parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions**

"De-Identified Information" means personal information about an individual that has had obvious identifying elements such as name and address removed. De-Identified information falls within the definition of Personal Information unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

2. **Purpose**

This Agreement documents the terms and conditions of the exchange of personal information by the Parties, in order to support the IMED at the Somers Research Group that has been compiled by linking anonymized information contributed by the Parties. This Agreement describes the personal information that will be shared between the Parties in order to match individual records, and the process whereby the Database will be queried when any of the Parties have a research question to be answered.

3. **Term and Termination**

The Term of this Agreement will begin on the date this Agreement is executed, and will end March 31, 2021, unless the Agreement is sooner terminated or renewed.

4. **Legal Authorities**

(a) Personal Information is collected by the Parties under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) sections 26 (c) (information relates directly to and is necessary for a program or activity [matching records for the purposes of statistical research] of the public body), 26 (e) (the information is necessary for the purposes of planning or evaluating a program or activity of a public body), and 27 (1) (b) (collection via disclosure from another public body under section 35).

(b) Personal information will be used by the Parties for the same purpose it was collected or for a use consistent with that purpose (matching records for the purposes of statistical research), under FOIPPA sections 32 (a) and 32 (c).

(c) Personal information will be disclosed by the Parties under FOIPPA sections 33.1 (1) (s), 33.2 (l), and 35 (1) (for the purpose of statistical research into program effectiveness).

The Parties agree they will follow the applicable law outlined in their respective information sharing agreements with SFU described in 6(h).

5. **Personal Information**

The Personal Information for linking in this Agreement consists of:

(a) Name (first, middle, last);

(b) Known aliases;

(c) Full date of birth;

(d) Address

(e) Full Postal Code

(f) Personal Health Number ("PHN"); and

(g) Gender.

For further clarity, MOH and MSDPR will use the PHN for their own internal linking only.

6. **Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information**

The process for Personal Information exchange between the Parties will be as follows:

(a) MPSSG sends MOH the information set out in section 5 (a), (b), (c), and (g), on a cohort of adult corrections clients, along with Study Identification Numbers ("Study IDs") assigned for each of the clients.

(b) MOH verifies the Names using the Client Roster and matches the MPSSG verified clients with MOH clients, based on the MOH matching algorithm.

(c) MOH sends MPSSG a list of the study IDs of the clients MOH has identified as being clients in common in step (b) above (i.e., the clients from MPSSG's cohort that MOH is able to provide data on).

(d) MPSSG and MOH independently send the study IDs of these clients, along with client information, to the Somers Research Group, for incorporation into the IMED. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(e) MOH sends MSDPR the same list of Study IDs in subsection (c), above, along with the PHNs of the clients associated with those Study IDs (a crosswalk file).

(f) MSDPR uses the PHNs sent by MOH to match with PHNs of their own clients.

(g) MSDPR sends the Study IDs of their clients, along with the client information to the Somers Research Group, for incorporation into the IMED. No names or other identifiers are disclosed.

(h) Each of the Parties enters into its own separate information sharing agreement with SFU for the data it submits to the IMED.

7. **Conditions on Use and Disclosure of Personal Information in the Inter-Ministry database**

(a) Data in the IMED will be governed and stewarded by a Project Steering Committee composed of representatives from each of the Parties and the Somers Research Group.

(b) The decisions of the Steering Committee must be in keeping with the terms and conditions of the individual information sharing agreements between the Parties and SFU and in compliance with applicable law and policy requirements.

(c) The Steering Committee will be guided in its decisions on the use of the data by advice from a Scientific Advisory Committee consisting of subject matter experts and representatives from the Somers Research Group.

(d) All projects which use the IMED must be approved by the Project Steering Committee and must fall within an inter-ministerial context.

(e) No Party will disclose another Party's data.

8. **Accuracy**

Each Party will make every reasonable effort to ensure the Personal Information in its custody is accurate, complete, and up-to-date.

9. **Security**

(a) Each Party will make reasonable arrangements to maintain the security of the Personal Information in its custody, by protecting it against such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure, or disposal.

(b) Each Party will implement this Agreement in conformity with the government's Information Technology Security Policy.

(c) Each Party will advise the other Parties immediately of any circumstances, incidents, or events which to its knowledge have jeopardized or may in future

jeopardize the confidentiality or security of the Personal Information associated with the IMED.

(d) The Parties agree they will use secure transmission for sending data to the IMED at the Somers Research Group.

10. **Compliance Monitoring and Investigations**

Each Party will investigate all reported or suspected cases of:

- Unauthorized access to, or modification of, the Personal Information of another Party in its custody;
- Unauthorized use of the Personal Information of another Party in its custody;
- Unauthorized disclosure of the Personal Information of another Party in its custody;
- Breaches of privacy or security with respect to the Personal Information of another Party in its custody or with respect to any computer system in its custody that is used to access the Personal Information of another Party.

11. **Modification or Termination of Agreement – General**

This Agreement may be modified or terminated at any time by agreement, in writing, of all the Parties.

12. **Termination for Non-Compliance with Agreement**

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by any Party if any of the other Parties fail to meet their obligations under this Agreement.

13. **Term of Agreement**

This Agreement will be in force from the date it is signed and end **March 31, 2021**, unless sooner terminated in accordance with paragraph 11 or 12.

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG)

_____ _____

Elenore Arend, (Date)
ADM Corrections Branch

The Ministry of Health (MOH)

_____ _____

Andrew Elderfield, (Date)
Chief Data Steward

_____ _____

Teri Collins, (Date)
ADM Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)

_____ _____

Molly Harrington, (Date)
ADM Research, Innovation and Policy Division

RE: Somers ISAs

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Horsburgh, Selena PSSG:EX <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2021 3:14:39 PM PST

Thanks for the these. I am going to circulate them to the IMED steering committee before asking for signatures. I want to make sure we haven't missed anything and/or they don't have anything to add. (and also, I want to wait to hear from Stephanie to make sure the COVID research Julian has proposed is work we support, before going through the work of updating agreements).

Once they have reviewed, I may try e-approvals. I don't know how it works between Ministries, as I have never tried circulating something for signatures this way before! Will see what Tessa recommends.

Thanks!
Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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778.698.8197 (office) | s.17 (cell)

From: Horsburgh, Selena PSSG:EX <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Somers ISAs

Hi Leigh,

Ok, thanks.

Normally, with something like this I would only do an addendum (because its only a date extension) and I believe you said this would be the last extension.

However, because of a few reasons (i.e., new ADM, length of study, number of agreements) I used the agreements provided and update only expiry date (as per your direction), names, and words such as Branch were deleted.

- The ISA with us (MPSSG) will only need a date extension to use the data (to end of fiscal 21/22); This one is on the Q, a signed copy. Previously, Brent signed for us.
- I think they took the pen on the **17-099 document**, so it doesn't look like anything we have drafted, but I think all that is needed is a **date change for the end date of the data (to extend to Dec 31 2020).** This one is on the Q, a signed copy. Interesting to note that one of the signatures was not added and crossed out by hand (ADM Health Teri). Definitely not something we drafted; I extended the date to **December 31, 2020**. The signatory names listed are all still showing as previously (at least in the government directory, and we know how reliable that is, other than Elenore/Lisa).
- The third one (the ISA between ministries) will also only need to have the terms extended (to end of fiscal 21/22); For this one, only the dates were changed, a whereas at the end (to extend the expiry date).

How would you like to handle the signatures?

Do you want everything in eapprovals or?

Thanks,
Selena

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Horsburgh, Selena PSSG:EX <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Somers ISAs

Hi Selena,

Ok, I believe these are the most recent extensions, and you are right—it looks like there are indeed three of them (as MoH drafted something new to be more specific about the identifiers).

- I think they took the pen on the **17-099 document**, so it doesn't look like anything we have drafted, but I think all that is needed is a **date change for the end date of the data (to extend to Dec 31 2020).**
- The ISA with us (MPSSG) will only need a date extension to use the data (to end of fiscal 21/22);
- The third one (the ISA between ministries) will also only need to have the terms extended (to end of fiscal 21/22);

Let me know if this makes sense of if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Leigh

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RE: Contract For Signature

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2021 11:29:33 AM PST

Sounds good. I will follow up with Julian shortly.

Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
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From: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Good morning Leigh. Just checking in on this contract to see if the work has finished up yet? If so, would you please ask for us to be invoiced.

Thanks much.

Candace

Candace Neuhaus | Finance Manager
Supporting the Community Corrections and Strategic Operations Divisions
Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Corrections Branch
7th Floor 1001 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2C5
Direct: **778-974-3018**
Cell: s.17

From: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Thanks Leigh. They can just send the invoice to you once you receive the final reports. You can the forward to me approving the invoice as the qualified receiver and I will have it processed.

Candace

Candace Neuhaus | Resource Manager
Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Corrections Branch
7th Floor 1001 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2C5
Direct: **778-974-3018**
Cell: s.17

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

I will forward the signed contract back to SFU, and then you will coordinate payment? Do you want me to cc' you to arrange that? Or is there another next step?

Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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From: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Hi Leigh. Kimberley should be signing on our behalf. If you could get her signature and then send back to me that would be great.

Candace

Candace Neuhaus | **Resource Manager**
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7th Floor 1001 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2C5
Direct: **778-974-3018**
Cell: s.17

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Contract For Signature

Signed contract attached. Not sure who is signing on our behalf, so not sure who to forward this to?

Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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From: Shane O'Donohoe <shane_odonohoe@sfu.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Hi Leigh

See attached Agreement signed on behalf of SFU.

Please send me a fully executed copy when available.

Kind regards

Shane

Shane O'Donohoe
Research Contracts Officer | Research Services
Simon Fraser University | Discovery 2
8888 University Dr., Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6
Tel: s.22 (mobile)

Fax: 778.782.3477
sfu.ca/ors
(Pronouns: he, him, his)

From: Shane O'Donohoe
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:39 AM
To: 'Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX' <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Hi Leigh

The amended agreement deals with all our concerns.

We are arranging signing and will return the signed agreement shortly. Apologies for the delay.

Kind regards

Shane

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Shane O'Donohoe <shane_odonohoe@sfu.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Contract For Signature

Hi Shane,

Thanks for your email. I think this contract was modelled after the two other agreements Julian has with Justice Services Branch, so my apologies if this doesn't work for the current deliverables. I have amended the contract and attached the updated version for your review/signature.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
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From: Shane O'Donohoe <shane_odonohoe@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: FW: Contract For Signature
Importance: High

Hi Leigh

I am assisting Dr. Somers in arranging the attached contract on behalf of SFU.

In my review I noted that all IP would be owned by the Province and all materials produced under the agreement would be confidential and may only be disclosed with the consent of the Province. As a university this cause problems regarding publication and use of any research results in further research.

I note there is a provincial Sponsored Research Agreement template (see Sample Sponsored Research Agreement at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/bc-bid-resources/templates-and-tools/service-contract-templates/university-research-agreements). I believe this agreement would be more suitable for university research than the proposed service agreement. Please advise if it would be possible to use it instead.

Kind regards

Shane

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX" <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Contract For Signature
Date: April 8, 2020 at 1:56:05 PM PDT
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>

Good morning Julian,

Please find attached the contract with BC Corrections for your review/signature. Once I have a signed copy back from you, I will get it signed on my end and return a copy for your records.

Thanks,
Leigh

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RE: ISA IMED - Extension

From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2021 1:30:58 PM PST
Attachments: image003.png

Good afternoon Dr. Somers,

The expiry date of the ISA 18-017 is March 31, 2021.
In the original ISA, there was no any stipulation on the ISA extension. Please see the snap below.

Submitted amendment 18-017_02 extends the Information Sharing Agreement until March 31, 2022.

If everything stays the same, next year we can extend the ISA for another year. This process is easy to do.
In case there are any changes, except the purpose change, we can update the ISA by capturing all necessary changes to reflect the current situation. One year expiry date gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate the project and can provide you with the best update to reflect your work with the data.

Hopefully this explanation helps you out.
In case you have any other question, please let me know.

Thanks,
Leo

ARTICLE 13. TERM OF DATA-SHARING ARRANGEMENT

13.01 This Agreement comes into effect on when signed and ends on March 31, 2021 unless sooner terminated in accordance with a provision of the IMED Agreement or this Agreement.

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: ISA IMED - Extension

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Hello Leo,

Thank you for your note and request for signature. I'll confirm the appropriate party and follow up asap.

Previous agreements have been multi-year, in support of the ongoing use of the data and to eliminate excessive renewals.
I wondered if this agreement reflects a change to annual renewal? I wasn't aware of any change along these lines and appreciate your insights.
For awareness I've copied Ceri and Leigh Greiner, who chairs the inter-ministry committee.

In health,
Julian

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
Distinguished SFU Professor
Director CARMHA
Faculty of Health Sciences www.sfu.ca/somersresearchgroup.html

On Jan 27, 2021, at 11:18 AM, Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning Dr. Somers,

This amendment extends access to the data for another year for the same purpose, as it was stated in the original ISA.

Please find attached the amendment 18-017_02 ready for the signature.
For the signatory party, I put down Anikó Takács-Cox, Director – Research Services. If that is not correct, please send me the appropriate signatory party.
When you have the amendment signed, please send it back to me so I can finalize the amendment on our side.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much,
Leo

Leonardo Zanella
Data Sharing Specialist | Data Sharing Administration (DSA)
Data Management and Stewardship | Health Sector Information Analysis and Reporting | Ministry of Health
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Sent: January 29, 2021 8:20:53 AM PST
Received: January 29, 2021 8:20:54 AM PST

Priority: Normal (5)
Calendar Item Type: REPLY

Sorry Leigh I am unable to attend. As I mentioned before I am in total support of winding down IMED. With the DIP we no longer need to have IMED – the DIP has much more data, has more protections in place, is more accessible by academics and government, and costs are already covered by government. Eliminating IMED would also free us up from having to update their data which, at least for SDPR, is a much more complex task than updating data for the DIP. Finally, focussing on DIP allows more people to become experts with the data, instead of a few at SFU.

My window for updating IMED has closed so if we do decide to continue on I doubt I will have the resources to dedicate to it until early summer.

Rob

RE: IMED- Future State

From: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 29, 2021 8:35:41 AM PST

Sorry, I just wanted to make sure we could close it down. I agree with your approach. I have a new ADM who knows nothing about the IMED so that will be an easy sell. Our Basic Income project, which went public yesterday, would not have succeeded without the DIP so our ministry is now a huge supporter of it.

Rob

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 29, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED- Future State

Thanks Rob. I know we have discussed this issue before a couple of times, so no worries about not attending. I was mainly going to discuss with the group how we want to wrap things up. I think the plan is to draft a letter from BC Corrections/PSSG (cc'ing each of the IMED committee members, so he knows it's a joint letter), unless you had another suggestion. I think we may wish to give our ADMs (and maybe DMs) a copy of the letter as a heads up before sending to Julian (as I expect that will be who he goes to to fight the decision, assuming he won't be too happy with it).

Anyways, I will be sure to share the draft letter once ready to get your feedback.

Thanks again,

Leigh

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-----Original Appointment-----
From: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Subject: Declined: IMED- Future State
When: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Rob

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health & Addiction (CARMHA),
SFU Faculty of Health Sciences
Suite 2400, 515 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, BC
V6B 5K3

Dear Dr. Somers,

I want to thank you for the long-standing partnership we have had established between your team at Simon Fraser University and the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General (MPSSG), Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) over the last 17 years. The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) has provided evidenced-based and independent empirical evaluations of Justice, Social and Health sector initiatives designed to improve public safety and outcomes for offenders and has optimized the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of available resources spanning multiple sectors.

When the IMED was first established in 2005, it was an internationally unique data platform—one that was able to provide key insights on government initiatives such as the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver, the Prolific Offender Management Pilot program, and the Homelessness Intervention Project. These projects, among many others, have revealed interdependencies between sectors, and allowed our Ministries to advance best practices guided by evidence.

We appreciate the leadership CARMHA has shown in supporting our policy development and providing evidence to support the work we do, and to promote the changes government needs to make. What we have been able to accomplish together over the last 20 years has truly been remarkable and has laid the groundwork for other parts of government to initiate their own data linking initiatives. One such initiative is the Data Innovation Program, developed by the Ministry of Citizens Services.

The Data Innovation Program, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. As you know, every B.C. ministry collects and manages its own data; however, the Data Innovation Program securely links and de-identifies data from multiple ministries, to support specific population-level research projects. We believe this new government program will allow for the expansion and growth of our current partnership.

Since 2018, the MoH, MPSSG and MSDPR have been providing data to the Data Innovation Program—data that is broader in scope than that which is currently provided to the IMED. Additionally, beyond justice, health and social services data, within the Data Innovation Program there resides income and work data, education data, children and family data. By moving our partnership to the DIP, this will allow us to leverage these new data sources and allow for more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis.

This transition will benefit the partner Ministries as well. Streamlining our data sharing to one platform will save valuable time and resources as this will negate the need for regular updates to data-sharing agreements and the need to facilitate the data matching process each time a new extract is created—a process that has historically been quite onerous. It will also allow us to make data linkages not previously available, and to be able ask questions that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED.

We believe that the Data Innovation Program will be a powerful resource for us to capitalize on to drive future innovations in cross-sectoral policy development and public transparency. We look forward to continuing this well-established partnership as we transition to working within this new program.

Sincerely,

TBD

CC: Leigh Greiner, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
Gerritt Van der Leer, Ministry of Mental Health & Addictions
Robert Bruce, Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
Ceri Sanderson, Ministry of Health

FW: Letter to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 9, 2021 12:15:40 PM PST
Attachments: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021.doc

Hi Rob,

I have drafted a letter to Julian, and Gerrit has added a few edits. Would you mind having a read through and adding anything else you think may be relevant? I will share with Ceri after that to get her input, and then send the finalized letter to the group for their records/to share with their DM/ADMs as appropriate.

Thanks,
Leigh

From: van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Letter to JS

Hello Leigh, sorry for the delay in response, this looks very good, please see my tracked recommended minor changes.

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To: van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter to JS

Hi Gerrit,

Happy Friday!

I have taken a first stab at drafting a letter to JS with respect to transitioning the IMED to the DIP. You seemed to have a way with words when we spoke about this last week—was hoping you could edit/add to the letter first before sending to the other IMED committee members for their input? See attached.

Thanks!

Leigh

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Since 2018, the MoH, MPSSG and MSDPR have been providing data to the Data Innovation Program—data that is broader in scope than that which is currently provided to the IMED. Additionally, beyond justice, health and social services data, within the Data Innovation Program there resides income and work data, education data, children and family data. By moving our partnership to the DIP, this will allow us to leverage these new data sources and allow s.13 for more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis.

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TBD

CC: Leigh Greiner, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
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RE: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v3)

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2021 1:51:04 PM PST
Attachments: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v4).doc

Addressed your comments, and added in a piece re: data destruction/ISA expiration. I am going to share this draft with the Steering Committee one more time, so there may be minor changes, but it should be mostly good to go.

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v3)

Yup.
It won't go to him yet.

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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:56 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v3)

Sure. This is reflected in our data sharing agreements already (everything expires at end of fiscal), but happy to clarify in the letter too.

I would ask that we refrain from sharing this with Julian just yet though, if that is ok—I want to make sure that a) we let him and Akm finish the MHSU analysis/deliverables, and b) that we have time to inform him that we won't be supporting the COVID related analysis he has proposed due to lack of capacity.

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v3)

Hi Leigh – lisa will speak with mark about the letter s.13
s.13 I asked her to get back to me about who will sign. Tx k

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:19 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi – I looked at this letter s.13
s.13

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v3)

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RE: Community

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2021 3:05:53 PM PST

Yes, for sure…or he has pieced it together as we aren't responding to emails about updating the ISAs…that is likely part of it.

L.

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Sometimes it is good to assume people have little birds in their ears…

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:04 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.cai
Subject: FW: Community

Community results—woo! They still need verification, but we should be good to use these by Monday.

See the highlighted bit below—think he may sense what is coming….

Leigh

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letter to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>, van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>, Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 24, 2021 9:04:02 AM PST
Attachments: IMED- Letter to JS- February 2021 (v6).doc

Good morning all,

Thank you for all of your feedback and suggestions on the letter to JS. I have incorporated these and made a few additions following a conversation with Brittany Decker at the IDD (adding in some language speaking to the current data holdings, and access for academics). Just so you are all in the loop, I plan to call Julian next week sometime to give him the heads up before sending the letter to him late next week (likely Friday). That will give him the month to wrap up whatever loose ends he needs to before the expiration of the agreements.

I have attached the letter should any of you wish to review it one last time. If you have any further edits, or concerns with the wording in any part of the letter, please let me know ASAP so I can amend it before sending. I will cc' all of you when sending the letter so you have a final signed copy to share with your ADMs.

Thanks,
Leigh

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FW: Contract # SGCORR2115CAM65695, SFU 31-R539344 invoice

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 1, 2021 1:38:49 PM PST
Attachments: 31-539344-1 invoice.pdf, fast (1).pdf

Hi Candace,

I am still waiting on the final deliverables for this contract (which I am hoping to get this week), but see attached the invoice from SFU.

I will let you know as soon as the deliverables have been received.

Thanks,

Leigh

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Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 11:43 AM
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Hello Leigh,

Please find attached invoice relating to Dr. Julian Somer's contract # SGCORR2115CAM65695.
For questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

Regards,
Amy

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Researcher:	Somers, Julian
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Expenditures for the Period 09-Apr-2020 to 30-Nov-2020

Salaries and Benefits	50,000.00	
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RE: Community

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 9:28:04 AM PST

Great, thanks Julian. I look forward to reading the final reports!

And yes, I assumed you may have an inkling… look forward to filling you in.

I will send an invite for 10:30 Friday now.

Talk soon.

Leigh

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Hi Leigh,

Thanks for your note. Updated reports will be with you by the end of the week.
I might have an inkling of your news regarding ministry discussions and look forward to learning more. Friday at 10:30 or 11:00 is clear for me!

Best wishes,
Julian

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> On Mar 2, 2021, at 9:16 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Julian,
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> I hope all is well! I just wanted to check in to see how the papers are coming along? I also wanted to give you the heads up that the SFU finance folks have forwarded us an invoice, so we will get that settled in the next few weeks following receipt of the final deliverables. Lastly, would you be available for a call on Friday sometime? I wanted to update you on some conversations we have been having amongst the Ministries as to next steps for the IMED. My day is wide open, so let me know if there is a time that works best for you.
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RE: Electronic copies of contracts

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To: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 4, 2021 3:28:27 PM PST
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Sure—I will call you at 3:45. Just jumping into another quick call…

From: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi Leigh – I do in about 10 minutes?

Do you want to call me?

Sharon

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hey Sharon,

Do you have a second to chat? If so, can you give me a quick call?

Thanks,
Leigh

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To: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
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HI Melanie – nice to see you back

Leigh can provide a better update on where we're at, but my last update is that Dr. Somers at SFU was ready to go with the Qualitative work last spring and then COVID hit.

There were one or maybe two, requests from Dr. Somers for a no-cost extension, as far as I know.

The work has not been completed but my understanding is that the money was allocated or already paid out to Dr. Somers.

Thanks

Sharon

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Thanks Alana,
Corrections is leading this work now I believe. Sharon Lockhart and Leigh Greiner would be able to provide an update.

Sharon/Leigh: Would either of you be able to provide an update on where this is at?

Melanie

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Hi Melanie,

Can you please confirm that the below contract with Dr. Julian Somers is no longer needed and can be closed?

Thank you,
Alana

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Hello Alana
I have attached our DCC contract with Dr. Julian Somers from SFU. The contract ended on December 31, 2020.

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To: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
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Hello Craig,

Thank you for this information. The DCC contract I know will be deferred or cancelled as I believe the work is dead in the water, but I am copying Colleen Rice in case she knows more. The contract was with SFU for a Dr. whose name is currently escaping me. I believe it was originally from the 19/20 fiscal so perhaps that will be of assistance in tracking it down?

Thank you Craig.
Alana

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Hello Alana,
ULCC is a grant which we will be paying out this month. Tyler is working with ULCC on this. I have attached the approval form for the grant.

<< File: 15 PLD 25458 - ULCC Uniform Law Conference of Canada Grant.pdf >>
We don't currently have a contract for the DCC. Do you have more information that you can provide?

Craig

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Hey Craig,

Can you work with Alana and provide her with the details she needs so that we can establish a new contract for the new fiscal year ?

Thanks again!

Philip

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Hi Phillip,

I cant seem to locate an electronic copy of the ULCC and DCC contracts, might you have a copy of those so that I can review and follow up?

Thank you,

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SFU Faculty of Health Sciences
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Vancouver, BC
V6B 5K3

March 5, 2021

Dear Dr. Somers,

I want to thank you for the long-standing partnership we have established between your team at Simon Fraser University and the Ministries of Public Safety & Solicitor General (MPSSG), Health (MoH) and Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) over the last 17 years. The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) has supported independent empirical evaluations of Justice, Social and Health sector initiatives designed to improve public safety, health, housing, and employment outcomes for justice-involved individuals and has optimized the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of available resources spanning multiple sectors.

When the IMED was first established in 2005, it was a nationally unique data platform—one that was able to provide key insights on government initiatives such as the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver, the Prolific Offender Management Pilot program, and the Homelessness Intervention Project. These projects, among many others, have revealed interdependencies between sectors, and allowed our Ministries to advance best practices guided by evidence.

We appreciate the leadership CARMHA has shown in supporting Government policy development and providing evidence to support the work we do, and to promote the changes government needs to make. What we have been able to accomplish together over the last nearly 20 years has truly been remarkable and has laid the groundwork for other parts of government to initiate their own data linking initiatives. One such initiative is the Data Innovation Program, developed by the Ministry of Citizens Services.

The Data Innovation Program, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. As you know, every B.C. ministry collects and manages its own data; however, the Data Innovation Program securely links and de-identifies data from multiple ministries, to support specific population-level research projects.

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Sincerely,

Leigh Greiner

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Hi Leigh,

Thank you for your note and link. I note that the project has been supported through the development phase by my former colleagues at PoPData/UBC.

I'm curious whether any consideration was given to involving our SFU team in the pilot, given that we have more experience over the past 20 years working with multi-ministry records?
I appreciate your assurance that the work we've been doing for the BC government since 2002 will continue under the new data access arrangement, and that there may be opportunities for expanded data access.

As you know, we have been working for the past several months on the renewal of data and SFU recently signed off the enabling contract with MoH. I understand that the process we've been following is now void. I look forward to learning details so that we can access data for our current project and for work under way with CWG.

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I understand your concerns, and recognize that this transition will have implications for the timing of the MSFHR project, and for your staff/trainees working on this project. However, I don't believe the delay in access to data will be any more than it would have been if we were updating information sharing agreements/updating IMED data extracts. In fact, my understanding is that the majority of the data you will require to support the COVID-related analysis will be available within the Data Innovation Program (DIP) within the next few weeks (SDPR data for 2020 will be uploaded in the next few weeks, and MoH data for 2020 is already there). The only exception is Corrections data which may be a bit longer than that—late April, if all goes as planned. A link to the current data holdings in the DIP was provided in the letter, so you can check to confirm that this is the case.

As a next step, why don't we discuss options with Brittany on Monday—she can outline the process for accessing data in the DIP, and we can discuss the viability of initiating a Data Access Request *now* so that once Corrections' data is available, the approvals are in place to access/use the data for this analysis. Alternately, it may be possible to start to work with the data that already sits in the DIP while waiting for Corrections data. We can discuss the project Minister Eby has proposed at the same time to determine next steps for that as well.

I hope this helps. Happy to discuss further on Monday of course.

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One other thing that has come to light was some DCC work he promised JSB, maybe 3 years ago? I think this is entirely off his radar now, but I am going to raise it to see if there is a way this work can be finished even without the IMED data (lots of delays with this one—first with getting our data, and then COVID hit—and it involves interviews).

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To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>; Tania Bubela <tbubela@sfu.ca>; Bob Hogg s.22
Subject: Re: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee

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Thank you for your note and attachment. Your letter specifies that all extant data must be destroyed by March 31 but does not articulate how or when data will be available for renewal. I'd be grateful to know these details as they affect our ability to complete COVID related analyses funded by MSFHR as well as work that Min. Eby has requested CARMHA's assistance with.

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RE: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 11:43:19 AM PST

OK, just got off the phone with him, and think he seemed in better spirits after getting some of his questions answered.

The only projects in the works with the existing database are the MHSU analysis (which I expect will be complete in the next few days) and the Micheal Smith funded project that will require new data. I offered to extend the agreements (he has two PhD students that are apparently defending dissertations in May that used the data for something…) but he seemed to think that if they need to redo an analysis, it can be in the DIP. So all in all, I think we are ok to wrap things up as is.

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee

Thoughts?

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:50 AM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee

Hi – just wondering if there are any options about continued access to the previous data until work that is underway has concluded? I appreciate that we wouldn't be adding any new information to that data base however it made me think about research that spans a broader period of time (eg. pre 2018), how will information be access for such research?

Thanks
Lisa

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee

Hi Lisa. Leigh spent an hour and a half on the phone with doctor Somers before sending him the letter about the change in his access route to our data. He is not pleased and he may escalate to Mark or someone else. (Not sure if he knows ministers personally). Thought you and mark might appreciate a heads up. Let me know if you need anything from us. Thx k

Sent from my iPhone

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> **Subject: FW: Letter from the IMED Steering Committee**
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> Looping you in, as I suspect I am going to need a bit of help with this at some point….

Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>, Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>, Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>, Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2021 10:43:22 AM PST
Attachments: untitled

Hi all,

Sorry for the delayed response. Sharon's update is accurate. My understanding was that yes—there were a couple no-cost extensions, but the money has been paid out. In late 2019/early 2020, we had a sample identified to initiate the qualitative work, and then COVID hit, so this put things on hold. There are a couple of new challenges we would need to overcome before picking this up again:

1) The sample identified late 2019/early 2020 is somewhat dated (using data from 2018 I believe), and so we may want to identify a new, more recent cohort (though not sure how COVID will impact this and or the results—something else to consider);
2) As of the end of this fiscal, the Inter-Ministry Database as it exists now at SFU will be no longer (this data was used to develop the DCC cohort). We are moving this integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program (DIP)—and with this comes a whole new set of challenges in relation to identifying an appropriate cohort.

Overall, a lot has changed since this project was first initialized, so I think its probably safe to assume that the work in *its current form* is dead in the water. I will be working with Julian (and connecting with Sharon as appropriate) to see if there is another way to get this work complete within the DIP, but this will take some time to sort out, and will likely require new agreements/a new contract.

Leigh

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From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>; Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello everyone,

Were there no further updates on this contract? We are just trying to prepare for our year end and want to know whether this work is dead-in-the-water and that the contract should be cancelled or if Dr. Somers intends to make another no-cost extension.

Is it possible for someone to reach out to Dr. Somers to confirm? Our year end deadline is approaching.

Thank you kindly,

Alana Bianconi
Pronouns: She/her/hers
Office Manager
Policy & Legislation Division and Family, Policy, Legislation & Transformation Division
Justice Services Branch | Ministry of Attorney General
Phone: 236-478-2553

From: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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HI Melanie – nice to see you back

Leigh can provide a better update on where we're at, but my last update is that Dr. Somers at SFU was ready to go with the Qualitative work last spring and then COVID hit.

There were one or maybe two, requests from Dr. Somers for a no-cost extension, as far as I know.

The work has not been completed but my understanding is that the money was allocated or already paid out to Dr. Somers.

Thanks

Sharon

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks Alana,
Corrections is leading this work now I believe. Sharon Lockhart and Leigh Greiner would be able to provide an update.

Sharon/Leigh: Would either of you be able to provide an update on where this is at?

Melanie

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi Melanie,

Can you please confirm that the below contract with Dr. Julian Somers is no longer needed and can be closed?

Thank you,
Alana

From: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Alana
I have attached our DCC contract with Dr. Julian Somers from SFU. The contract ended on December 31, 2020.

<< File: FY19 SFU Julian Somers Lab Contract - Fully Executed.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #1 - FE 29April2019.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #2 - ATJSB1915255004 - FY20 FY21 - signed.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #3 - ATJSB1815084002 - FY20 FY21 - signed.pdf >>

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Craig,

Thank you for this information. The DCC contract I know will be deferred or cancelled as I believe the work is dead in the water, but I am copying Colleen Rice in case she knows more. The contract was with SFU for a Dr. whose name is currently escaping me. I believe it was originally from the 19/20 fiscal so perhaps that will be of assistance in tracking it down?

Thank you Craig.
Alana

From: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Alana,
ULCC is a grant which we will be paying out this month. Tyler is working with ULCC on this. I have attached the approval form for the grant.

<< File: 15 PLD 25458 - ULCC Uniform Law Conference of Canada Grant.pdf >>
We don't currently have a contract for the DCC. Do you have more information that you can provide?

Craig

From: Ng, Philip W AG:EX <Philip.Ng@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hey Craig,

Can you work with Alana and provide her with the details she needs so that we can establish a new contract for the new fiscal year ?

Thanks again!

Philip

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Ng, Philip W AG:EX <Philip.Ng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi Phillip,

I cant seem to locate an electronic copy of the ULCC and DCC contracts, might you have a copy of those so that I can review and follow up?

Thank you,

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RE: Data Innovation Program

From: Decker, Brittany CITZ:EX <Brittany.Decker@gov.bc.ca>
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Akm Moniruzzaman s.22 Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2021 12:18:06 PM PST
Attachments: image001.jpg

Hello Akm,
Pleased to meet you. We met with Julian earlier this week and discussed the Data Innovation Program and how it may facilitate some of your future research contracts with PSSG. If you would like, we can set up a time and review the program, its requirements (Data Access Request) and individual researcher level requirements.

Here is some general information about the program in the meantime.
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/about-data-management/data-innovation-program

We publish the majority of the program's data holdings metadata in the BC Data Catalogue if you would like to peruse what the program data holdings are. You will notice that PSSG Corrections data is not listed as we have pulled the current version and are waiting on PSSG to provide the replacement. Once it is received we will once again publish its availability.

https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/group/data-innovation-program

I am going to use your name and email address to set up an account for you at Population Data BC (our service provider working in partnership in delivering aspects of the program). You will receive an email from them, providing you with access to their MyPopData site which includes access to the online Data Access application area.

Let me know what your availability is over next few weeks and we can set up a meeting.

Thanks,

Brittany Decker
Director Client Engagement and Service Delivery
Digital Platforms and Data Division
Office of the Chief Information Officer
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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Decker, Brittany CITZ:EX <Brittany.Decker@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Akm Moniruzzaman s.22 Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Data Innovation Program

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Good morning Brittany,

It was a pleasure to meet on Monday and thank you for the information you provided.

As mentioned I'm writing to introduce Dr. Akm Moniruzzaman. For the last 12 years Akm has been the senior statistician responsible for maintaining and analyzing data in support of the inter-ministry committee.

I understand that new approvals are needed in order for Akm to access and analyse data via the DIP and we appreciate your support with that process. Thank you!

Best wishes,
Julian

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On Mar 5, 2021, at 12:20 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Julian,
As discussed, I thought it would be helpful to connect with Brittany from the Data Innovation Program to answer some of your questions. Here is a link if you would like to read a bit more about it ahead of time too: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/about-data-management/data-innovation-program).
Talk soon,
Leigh

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RE: Community

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 12:59:10 PM PDT

I just received the final deliverables. Do you need me to re-send the invoice?

Leigh

From: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Okay thanks. So I guess the Invoice will remain outstanding then for now. If I don't received your QR approval to go ahead with payment by Wednesday, I will need to accrue it, which is fine. I just don't; want it to slip through the cracks

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Ok, thanks…technically we had received the "goods" but it wasn't in the form we had wanted—so we kept working on it (which I guess can be considered work done beyond the contract in this case, so we don't have to extend it retroactively). Will keep that in mind moving forward though.

Leigh

From: Neuhaus, Candace PSSG:EX <Candace.Neuhaus@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Hi Leigh. As long as the invoice we received from SFU was for expenditures for the period of the contract we should be ok. It's not uncommon to receive an invoice months after the work is actually done however, if you hadn't received the goods prior to the end of the contract, technically, it should have been extended.

Candace

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See Kimberley's comment/question below…Thoughts?

Feel free to give me a call if its unclear.

L.

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Sorry and I don't mean to complicate anything but please double check with Candace to be certain. I hope I am wrong.

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:41 AM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Good question--the invoice we received from SFU was for expenditures for the period of the contract (see attached), so I assume we can. Technically he provided a draft of something before the Nov. 30th expiration date—but it just wasn't what we wanted.

L

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Ummmm can we even pay him or did we extend the contract?

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:06 AM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Yep. And technically, his contact expired end of November 2020…not that I would point that out, but this has been the longest deliverable ever….

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:04 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Ok tx.

If he can't get paid until he delivers I am sure he will, but that is unfortunate.

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:43 AM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Community

FYI. Maybe things weren't as smoothed over as I thought…he is not replying to my emails now (which is unlike him).

L.

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Hi Julian,

I hope all is well. I just wanted to follow up again on those final reports—sorry to keep poking you, but our finance folks are awaiting confirmation of the final deliverables (or at least an update as to when they are to be expected). Any updates you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:09 PM
To: 'Julian Somers' <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Community

Hi Julian,

Just wanting to check in on those final reports…any updates?

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Community

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Hi Leigh,

Thanks for your note. Updated reports will be with you by the end of the week.
I might have an inkling of your news regarding ministry discussions and look forward to learning more. Friday at 10:30 or 11:00 is clear for me!

Best wishes,
Julian

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On Mar 2, 2021, at 9:16 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Julian,

I hope all is well! I just wanted to check in to see how the papers are coming along? I also wanted to give you the heads up that the SFU finance folks have forwarded us an invoice, so we will get that settled in the next few weeks following receipt of the final deliverables. Lastly, would you be available for a call on Friday sometime? I wanted to update you on some conversations we have been having amongst the Ministries as to next steps for the IMED. My day is wide open, so let me know if there is a time that works best for you.

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:58 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Akm Moniruzzaman <akm_moniruzzaman@sfu.ca>
Subject: Community

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Good afternoon Leigh,

I hope the week is resolving well. I know it's a busy time!

Attached pease find tables detailing the sociodemographic and diagnosis-related characteristics of the full community population between 2007 and 2017.
We will be double-checking our calculations and incorporating these results as a supplement to our existing report on change over time in the custody setting.

We expect to finish the revised report next week. In the meantime we hope these results are useful, and I must point out Akm's remarkable efficiency and expertise in generating these results so quickly.

In general the findings reveal similar trends to those observed in the custody population, with an increase in several important areas beginning after the global recession.
Also, absolute values may be as important as percentages. Note for example that although the percentage of people diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder is lower in community vs custody, the number of people bearing these diagnosis are greater in the community setting and require additional support.

The relationship between increasing rates of diagnoses and an increase in prior convictions differs in the community setting compared to custody, perhaps because people are more likely to be sentenced to custody rather than community for repeated offending.

Please feel free to let me know if I can clarify any of the results prior to sending the updated report. I have a meeting at 4 and otherwise am reachable by phone today anytime.

Best wishes,
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FW: touching base

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
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Sent: April 14, 2021 11:19:55 AM PDT
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Wondering if we ever thought about getting a consent from all inmates at intake? Something that covers research, and also community integration and other info sharing in one go potentially?

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Thank you very much for your collaboration,

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Thanks everyone.

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And yes Rob, I agree that is will be important to get confirmation that no new projects be started. I wasn't even aware there were ongoing projects until I recently spoke to Julian. I was assured these are related to projects previously approved, but will follow up to get copies of these once complete to confirm.

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address these types of requests. I appreciate your consideration of this and would be glad to touch base further as helpful.

Many thanks Leigh, and again my apologies for the delay replying. This week marks the end of the semester and return to a more typical calendar!

Best wishes,
Julian

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On Apr 13, 2021, at 9:12 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Julian,

Just wanted to follow-up in case this got buried…

Thanks,
Leigh

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Also, I am working on the Data Innovation Program extract and am making good progress. I'll admit it is taking a bit longer than I had planned, mainly because I want to make sure that what we provide will be useful not only to those who will be using the data in the DIP, but also that it will include the data Akm and others with your team are used to working with. As part of the process, I am cross referencing the data we previously provided to the DIP to that we input into the IMED and there are some data elements that seem redundant. However I want to confirm that is the case before we decide to remove them. Akm's input into these decisions would be very valuable, but before I reach out, wanted to confirm that you are ok if I connect with him?

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Attachments:	Interministry Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2021.docx, image003.png, image004.png, image002.png, SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2021.docx

Good morning everyone,

I have drafted an addendum to extend the ISA between our Ministries, and attached it here for your review prior to initiating signatures. Let me know if you have any comments/suggestions, and let me know if we got the signatories right.

I have also attached the draft ISA extension between PSSG and SFU, in case you would like to borrow the same language for your respective ISAs (with respect to the reasoning for the extension). Feel free to disregard if not. Julian is aware that there will be addendums coming from each of you, once drafted.

I have also received a summary of the studies being carried out by Dr. Somers doctoral trainees, who have used IMED data for their dissertations. I will forward this summary shortly, and perhaps we can discuss if/how we want to share these findings more broadly.

Thanks, and happy Friday!

Leigh

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Thanks everyone.

I had suggested end of fiscal mainly because I don't know how long its going to take to get Corrections data into the DIP. This will be required for the replication analysis that has been proposed; however, if that doesn't work out, so be it.

And yes Rob, I agree that is will be important to get confirmation that no new projects be started. I wasn't even aware there were ongoing projects until I recently spoke to Julian. I was assured these are related to projects previously approved, but will follow up to get copies of these once complete to confirm.

I will let Julian know that we agree to extend the agreements until September 30th 2021. We will each have to do an addendum for our respective ISAs with Julian, and I will draft an addendum for the ISA between our three Ministries (which has also expired) and circulate that for signature shortly. As part of each of our respective addendums, I suggest we use the same language to confirm no new projects are initiated—I will draft something and share with you shortly (just so we all have signed confirmation of agreement to this).

Thanks again,

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I am fine with extending, and also agree with Robert's suggested timeline.

Ceri

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I agree with Robert's recommendation.

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Rob

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Hello Leo,

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Ceri, Gerrit, Rob—do any of you have concerns with extending the agreements to the end of fiscal? Let me know if you would prefer to set up a quick call to discuss.

Thanks,
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Importance: High

Good morning Dr. Greiner,

I am Data Sharing Specialist and I work in the Agreements team at the Ministry of Health.

The ISA 18-017 (Inter-Ministry Research Initiative) expired on March 31, 2021. The decision was made not to extend it and the letter was sent out to Dr. Julian Somers at SFU. Please see the attached pdf file.

The letter mentioned "it is expected that use of the data within the IMED will discontinue at the end of March 2021. Further, all data must be destroyed and all media storage devices that housed Ministry data must be sanitized. This includes all backup copies, uploads and data on any media devices. Once complete, please send me a confirmation letter that these steps have occurred, and the data has been destroyed."

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The ISA document signed in 2018 provided access to records until **March 31, 2021**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that the ISA dated April 3, 2018 is hereby amended as follows:

1) As per Section 3 and Section 13, the **Term of Agreement** will now end on **September 30, 2021**.

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	**Ministry of Health**
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Signature:	Signature:
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Lastly, you will be receiving an ISA addendum from us momentarily for signature. Stay tuned!

Thanks, and talk soon!

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Thanks again for your note and I hope you're enjoying Spring!

Julian

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I appreciate the invitation to meet with your working group and welcome an opportunity for dialogue. Please feel free to relay details and I'd also be glad to connect in advance to help ensure I address the group's interests.

We've had a few meetings now with Brittany and her colleagues at DIP. Our discussions have identified some ways in which the DIP may not be a viable source of data for analyses that we've completed under the IMRI. For example, analyses that involve clients' consent to access data appear not to be viable under the DIP. As you know client consent has been a component of previous analyses and is part of the methodology for further research involving Community Court. Several questions were raised related to the process of working with multiple extremely large files remotely rather than on a local server as has been done historically. Britany and her colleagues agreed that the best way to address these questions would be to use data from the DIP to replicate results generated using IMRI data. We would then gain a clear understanding of any limitations as well as any advantages of the DIP related to our work. Brittany acknowledged that some of the work we've completed may simply require a different structure than what the DIP provides, and that the DIP is not expected to replace all inter-sectoral data applications.

In order to perform the above-mentioned replication analyses we would require access to the same variables in both the DIP and on our local servers. I appreciate that it may take some time to complete the exporting of data to the DIP and in the meantime request permission to retain IMRI data to enable the proposed replications. I'd be happy to support Akm's input regarding data areas, inclusions and potential redundancies. Please feel free to follow with him and I'll advise him accordingly. Other reasons to retain IMRI data include the upcoming defence of two doctoral trainees whose work involved IMRI analyses and who may be asked by their respective examining committees or subsequently by journal editors to replicate or add to the analyses presented in their theses. At the moment it is not possible to access the necessary variables through the DIP, making the current IMRI holdings the only means of safeguarding capacity to address these types of requests. I appreciate your consideration of this and would be glad to touch base further as helpful.

Many thanks Leigh, and again my apologies for the delay replying. This week marks the end of the semester and return to a more typical calendar!

Best wishes,
Julian

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> On Apr 13, 2021, at 9:12 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Julian,
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> Just wanted to follow-up in case this got buried…
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> Thanks,
> Leigh
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> **From:** Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:09 PM
> **To:** 'Julian Somers' <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
> **Subject:** touching base
>
> Hi Julian,
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> I hope all is well, and you had a nice Easter weekend. I wanted to connect with you on two matters. First, would you be interested/available to come give a brief presentation of the

most recent MHSU analyses to our MHSU working group? This WG meets the last Wednesday of every month, and is comprised of representatives from BC Corrections (both HQ and the field) and PHSA/Correctional Health Services. I have given the group snippets of results as your analyses progressed over the last year, but I think they would love to have a more in depth presentation on the results and to discuss some of the implications. Let me know if this is something you would be able to assist with, and we can schedule you in to join us for the April or May meeting.

Also, I am working on the Data Innovation Program extract and am making good progress. I'll admit it is taking a bit longer than I had planned, mainly because I want to make sure that what we provide will be useful not only to those who will be using the data in the DIP, but also that it will include the data Akm and others with your team are used to working with. As part of the process, I am cross referencing the data we previously provided to the DIP to that we input into the IMED and there are some data elements that seem redundant. However I want to confirm that is the case before we decide to remove them. Akm's input into these decisions would be very valuable, but before I reach out, wanted to confirm that you are ok if I connect with him?

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Selena PSSG:EX Horsburgh (Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca) <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 8:59:43 AM PDT
Attachments: SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2021.docx

Good morning Julian,

Please find attached an addendum extending the terms of the ISA between PSSG and SFU until September 30, 2021.

I left the signatory blank, as I wasn't sure who signed this on your end. If you could forward me a signed copy, and once I have it signed on our end, I will forward you a fully executed copy for your records.

Thanks,
Leigh

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April 21, 2021

This document is an Addendum to extend the terms of the Information Sharing Agreement (the "Original Agreement") between Simon Fraser University and the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (formally, the BC Ministry of Justice), dated June 28, 2016.

The purpose of this addendum is to extend the Term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement as noted in Section 12. The extension is being provided to allow for the continued use of the data by doctoral trainees at Simon Fraser University finalizing their respective dissertations under the supervision of Dr. Somers. Note that no new projects will be initiated following extension of this agreement.

The Original ISA came into effect on July 20, 2016 and the Term of the Data Sharing Arrangement ended on **March 31, 2021**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1) The term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement now ends on **September 30, 2021**, as per Section 12**.**

For Simon Fraser University	**For Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Name:	**Name: Lisa Anderson** Assistant Deputy Minister BC Corrections, PSSG
Date:	**Date:**
Signature:	**Signature:**

RE: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 4:06:36 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png, SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2021.docx

Thanks Leo, and no worries. There have been so many addendums and amendments to these agreements over the years its hard to keep them all straight.

What you have drafted seems fine to me—looks comparable to our addendum to our ISA with SFU (though in our addendum, I stipulate why its being extended and that the data not be used for new projects--attached for your reference).

Thanks again for your assistance with this.

Have a nice evening too!

Leigh

From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment

Dr. Greiner,

Sorry, I though that fully executed copy by all parties would be sufficient. That was an addendum I have never seen before.

Therefore, there is still required an amendment between MOH and SFU.
Will the attached amendment be sufficient?

Thanks and have a good evening,

Leo

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment

Hi Leo,

Just wanted to note that this ISA addendum was just to allow for the sharing of information *between* Ministries, not with SFU—so Julian didn't need a copy of this agreement. He will however need an addendum to the ISA between each contributing Ministry and SFU. Do you have this in the works as well?

Leigh

From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:48 PM
To: 'julian_somers@sfu.ca' <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment
Importance: High

Dear Dr. Somers,

Please find attached fully executed amendment for ISA 18-017_02.

Please note that this amendment is extended until September 30, 2021, which would allow students to finish their thesis. No new thesis should be started with previously provided data.

Furthermore, it is expected that in October you send us a confirmation letter that the data has been destroyed and that all media storage devices that housed Ministry data has been sanitized.

Thank you,

Leo

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RE: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment - Amendment template for MOH

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 12:04:16 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png

Thanks for clarifying, Leo.

That was my assumption--each Ministry is responsible for amending their own ISA with SFU (PSSG's addendum is already sitting with SFU awaiting signature).

Leigh

From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment - Amendment template for MOH

Dr. Greiner,

Just to additionally clarify my last email, I shall be issuing an amendment only between MOH and SFU.

However, I am not aware if the Ministry of Public Safety and Attorney General (PSSG) and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) have their own amendment templates.
Also, I am not sure who will be the amendment signatories at PSSG and SDPR.

If you prefer to use the same template, please do so.

In case you have any other question, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your collaboration,

Leo

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FW: DIP extract

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Morris, Daniel PSSG:EX <Daniel.Morris@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: buyun.xu@gov.bc.ca
Sent: May 5, 2021 12:37:04 PM PDT
Attachments: List of correction variables for 2018 data.docx

I assume all of this is captured in the document you put together Daniel, but can you confirm nothing is missing?

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From: Akm Moniruzzaman <akm_moniruzzaman@sfu.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: DIP extract

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Hello Leigh,

Good afternoon. I have attached a word file which included the list of variables from 2018 justice extracts. Hope this might be helpful for today's discussion. Please let me know if you have any question. Talk to you soon. Best regards, Akm

> On May 4, 2021, at 9:45 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Great, I will send you a Microsoft teams invite shortly.
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> Leigh
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> **From:** Akm Moniruzzaman <akm_moniruzzaman@sfu.ca>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:44 AM
> **To:** Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
> **Subject:** Re: DIP extract
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>
> Wednesday 3.30 pm will work for me. Please let me know how you like to proceed. Best wishes, Akm
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> > On May 4, 2021, at 9:41 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
> >
> > Thanks Akm. How does Wednesday at 3:30 work?

Leigh

From: Akm Moniruzzaman <akm_moniruzzaman@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:21 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: DIP extract

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Hello Leigh,

Thank you. I hope you are doing well too. I agree with you. I am available both days (Wednesday and Friday) to meet (after 9 am). Please let me know which time will be good for you.
I am looking forward to speaking soon. Best regards akm

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2021 4:23:13 PM
To: Akm Moniruzzaman
Subject: DIP extract

Hi Akm,

I hope all is well. I wanted to see if you have some time to connect later this week about the extract we are building for the Data Innovation Program. I mentioned to Julian the last time we spoke that we want to make sure that the extract provides comparable data to that which was provided for the IMED. However, upon compiling our variable list, it appears there may be a few data elements that are redundant, and a few others for which their use is unclear. Given your experience working with the data, I think your insight would be very valuable to this process—Julian agreed, and is supportive if you can spare an hour to discuss? If so, can you let me know if you have any availability later this week-- preferably Wednesday or Friday? Or we can plan to connect sometime next week if that is better—let me know your preference.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Table: List of correction variables, January 1997 to March 2018

Data sources	Data field	Description
Socio-demographics	STUDY_ID	STUDY_ID
	ClientDateOfBirth	Client Date Of Birth
	ClientGenderCode	Client Gender Code
	ClientCitizenshipCode	Client Citizenship Code
	ClientMARREthnicityDescriptio	Client MARR Ethnicity Description
	ClientEducationLevelDescripti	Client Education Level Description
Sentence Database	study_id	STUDY_ID
(1997 to March 2018)	sentence_id	SENTENCE_ID
	count_seq_no	COUNT_SEQ_NO
	loca_id_issued_by	LOCA_ID_ISSUED_BY
	offence_dt	OFFENCE_DT
	k_file_yn	K_FILE_YN
	audo_id	AUDO_ID
	ahty_cd	AHTY_CD
	court_file_num	COURT_FILE_NUM
	issue_dt	ISSUE_DT
	effective_dt	EFFECTIVE_DT
	expiry_dt	EXPIRY_DT
	dity_cd	DITY_CD
	charge_count_id	CHARGE_COUNT_ID
	stat_id	STAT_ID
	sety_cd	SETY_CD
	length1_unty_cd	LENGTH1_UNTY_CD
	length1_qty	LENGTH1_QTY
	length2_unty_cd	LENGTH2_UNTY_CD
	length2_qty	LENGTH2_QTY
	serious_violent_offence_yn	SERIOUS_VIOLENT_OFFENCE_YN
	sent_subtype_cd	SENT_SUBTYPE_CD
	served_after_charge_count_id	SERVED_AFTER_CHARGE_COUNT_ID
Custody movement database	study_id	STUDY_ID
(2001 to March 2018)	movementtypecode	Movement Type Code
	actualdatetime	Actual Date Time
	clientmarrethnicitydescription	Client MARR Ethnicity Description
	clientgendercode	Client Gender Code
	sexoffenderyn	Sex Offender YN
	adultinstitutionunitdescription	Adult Institution Unit Description
	lhscustodygroupcode	LHS Custody Group Code
	ccjsucr2code	CCJS UCR2 Code
	ccjsoffencecatcode	CCJS Offence Cat Code

Data sources	Data field	Description
	movementreasoncode	Movement Reason Code
	custodyremandstatusdays	Custody Remand Status Days
	custodysentencedstatusdays	Custody Sentenced Status Days
	custodysentencedays	Custody Sentence Days
	intermittentyn	Intermittent YN
	clientcourtlocationunitcode	Client Court Location Unit Code
	cmsstatutedescription	CMS Statute Description
	clientdateofbirth	Client Date Of Birth
	clienteducationleveldescription	Client Education Level Description
	statute_bk	STATUTE_BK
Community movement database	study_id	STUDY_ID
(2001 to March 2018)	movementdirectioncode	Movement Direction Code
	lhscommunitydocumenttypecode	LHS Community Document Type Code
	crnaclientrating	CRNA Client Rating
	crnaclientstatuscode	CRNA Client Status Code
	crnaclientformrating	CRNA Client Form Rating
	rnaclientrating	RNA Client Rating
	rnaclientformrating	RNA Client Form Rating
	rnaclientstatuscode	RNA Client Status Code
	movementtypecode	Movement Type Code
	actualdatetime	Actual Date Time
	clientmarrethnicitydescription	Client MARR Ethnicity Description
	clientgendercode	Client Gender Code
	sexoffenderyn	Sex Offender YN
	movementreasoncode	Movement Reason Code
	movementreasonfulldescription	Movement Reason Full Description
	communitysentencedays	Community Sentence Days
	lengthofstaydays	Length Of Stay Days
	intermittentyn	Intermittent YN
	clientcourtlocationunitcode	Client Court Location Unit Code
	clientdateofbirth	Client Date Of Birth
	clienteducationleveldescription	Client Education Level Description
	statute_bk	STATUTE_BK
	ccjsucr2code	CCJS UCR2 Code
	ccjsoffencecatcode	CCJS Offence Cat Code
	probationofficerid	Probation Officer ID
	createdbylocunitcode	Created By Loc Unit Code
	escortinglocunitcode	Escorting Loc Unit Code
	fromlocunitcode	From Loc Unit Code
	tolocunitcode	To Loc Unit Code

Data sources	Data field	Description
CUSTODY STARTS STOPS FROM EVENTS	STUDY_ID	STUDY_ID
(January 2000 to March 2018)	EventTypeCode	Event Type Code
	EventDate	Event Date
	LHSCustodyGroupCode	LHS Custody Group Code
	MSO_CUST_STATUTE_BK	MSO_CUST_STATUTE_BK
COMMUNITY STARTS STOPS FROM EVENTS	STUDY_ID	STUDY_ID
(January 2000 to March 2018)	EventTypeCode	Event Type Code
	EventDate	Event Date
	LHSCommunityDocumentTypeCode	LHS Community Document Type Code
	MSO_COMM_STATUTE_BK	MSO_COMM_STATUTE_BK
Database to document Offence categories	MSO_STATUTE_BK	MSO_STATUTE_BK
	EventOverallCORNETStatuteDes	Event Overall CORNET Statute Description
	EventOverallCCJSUCR2Code	Event Overall CCJS UCR2 Code
	EventOverallCCJSUCR2Descript	Event Overall CCJS UCR2 Description
	EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatC	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Code
	EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatD	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Description
	EventOverallCCJSOffenceCatG	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Group Code
	H	Event Overall CCJS Offence Cat Group Description
Database to document Statute ID	ID	ID
	LETY_CD	LETY_CD
	PDTY_CD	PDTY_CD
	DSC	DSC
	SECTION_NO	SECTION_NO
	SUB_SECTION_NO	SUB_SECTION_NO
	PARAGRAPH_NO	PARAGRAPH_NO
	SUB_PARAGRAPH_NO	SUB_PARAGRAPH_NO
	PCF_MAPPING_CD	PCF_MAPPING_CD
	EFFECTIVE_DT	EFFECTIVE_DT
	EXPIRY_DT	EXPIRY_DT
Core-Program Database	STUDY_ID	STUDY_ID

Data sources	Data field	Description
(1997 to March 2018)	PROGRAM_CD	PROGRAM_CD
	PROGRAM_NM	PROGRAM_NM
	PROGRAM_RESULT_CD	PROGRAM_RESULT_CD
	PROGRAM_RESULT_REASON_CD	PROGRAM_RESULT_REASON_CD
	PROGRAM_SESSION_START_DT	PROGRAM_SESSION_START_DT
	PROGRAM_SESSION_END_DT	PROGRAM_SESSION_END_DT
	PROGRAM_SESSION_STATE_CD	PROGRAM_SESSION_STATE_CD
	PROGRAM_SESSION_ID	PROGRAM_SESSION_ID
Risk Need Assessment (RNA) Database	study_id	Study_ID
(1997 to March 2018)	clfo_id	CLFO_ID
	foty_id	FOTY_ID
	foqu_id	FOQU_ID
	answer_txt	ANSWER_TXT
	completion_dt	COMPLETION_DT
Database to document RNA	NM	NM
	CMS_CMS_MODULES_DSC	CMS_CMS_MODULES_DSC
	CMS_CMS_FORM_QUESTIONS_DSC	CMS_CMS_FORM_QUESTIONS_DSC
	MODU_ID	MODU_ID
	FOTY_ID	FOTY_ID
	RNA_Table_2_DSC	RNA_Table_2_DSC
	FOQU_ID	FOQU_ID
	ANSWER_TXT	ANSWER_TXT
	ANSWER_DSC	ANSWER_DSC
	EFFECTIVE_DT	EFFECTIVE_DT
	EXPIRY_DT	EXPIRY_DT

RE: DIP Extract- Corrections data

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Decker, Brittany CITZ:EX <Brittany.Decker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 1:11:33 PM PDT

Thanks Brittany.

I totally get there might not be a budget, so appreciate you trying to find some resources for this. I think this is also a priority for us now, given our pushing Julian to work in this new environment, so I will see if we can cover some of the costs as well. I am set to meet with NTT in a couple of weeks (on the 24th I believe) to review our extract proposal, get a new estimate, and discuss timelines. How about you and I connect once we get that and we can figure out how many purses we need to dig for change in.

In the meantime, enjoy this lovely sunny Friday (sitting in a lawn chair as I type this…ahhh—vitamin D)

Leigh

From: Decker, Brittany CITZ:EX <Brittany.Decker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: DIP Extract- Corrections data

Hi Leigh,
Totally lost this in my inbox and it is a priority too! Happy to hear the extract is making progress. I chatted with Hayden because let's be honest, no there is no budget but we also realize that this is a larger issue that ideally will be addressed in the Data Strategy. We definitely do not want to hold off on getting the extract so I will find the resources in some budget line. An estimate would be great as it will help me figure out where I can borrow from. Ha!

Thanks Leigh. It would also be beneficial to get a rough timeline only because of planning and spacing out ingestion.

Thanks,
Brittany

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Decker, Brittany CITZ:EX <Brittany.Decker@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: DIP Extract- Corrections data

Hi Brittany,

I hope all is well and you had a nice weekend.

I just wanted to check in to let you know we are making good progress with the DIP extract (though still have a ways to go, as it is much more extensive than the extract previously provided—mainly because we want to make sure it will meet Dr. Somers needs—or most of them anyways).

Now that we have nearly finalized our key data elements, we will once again be engaging our contractors to work on building the extract, and it occurred to me that I should probably connect with you re: funding. Many moons ago, when we first initiated the revised extract, we were able to JV the DIP for this work. Is there still a budget for this? If so, do you need anything from me before we begin (e.g., an estimate)? Feel free to direct me to someone else if you're not the person to ask about this.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Sent: June 4, 2021 8:25:55 AM PDT

Hi Julian,

Just following up on this again. Any updates?

Leigh

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 8:50 AM
To: 'Julian Somers' <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Selena PSSG:EX Horsburgh (Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca) <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Hi Julian,

Just wanted to follow up on this to see if you have had the chance to get it signed?

Thanks,
Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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Good morning Julian,

Please find attached an addendum extending the terms of the ISA between PSSG and SFU until September 30, 2021.

I left the signatory blank, as I wasn't sure who signed this on your end. If you could forward me a signed copy, and once I have it signed on our end, I will forward you a fully executed copy for your records.

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2021 5:03:24 PM PDT
Attachments: SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2021 (PE).pdf, image001.png

Thanks for this Julian.

For your records, please find attached the fully executed ISA.

As for the DIP Data Access Request (DAR), I haven't begun this yet, as we have been focusing on getting the data extract ready. However, we may be able to start the DAR now, in anticipation of the data being ready for use. I confirmed with Brittany that the sponsoring Ministry doesn't need to hold the pen on this—perhaps this is something you and Akm can assist with? If so, let me know and I will get Brittany to point us to the application form. Happy to discuss anytime of course too.

Talk soon!
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:04 PM
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Hi Leigh,

At last, I'm happy to relay the executed addendum to our ISA.
Thank you for your patience!

Akm inquired about our application to the DIP and offered support. As a government-directed project I understand that you would be the sponsor representing govt. We're happy to assist with any details that might be helpful such as inter-ministry variables and domains, past govt initiatives, current areas of focus, etc. Please advise if we can help.

And sorry for the delay with signing.

Thanks Leigh!

Julian

Begin forwarded message:

From: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature
Date: June 14, 2021 at 3:41:10 PM PDT

To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your email. Please kindly note that Shane no longer works at SFU, but we'll be happy to assist you. We reviewed the amendment and have no concerns. Please find attached the amendment signed by SFU. Kindly send it to the Ministry and send us a fully signed copy once available.

Thank you,
Andrea

Andrea Laguna Galvez
Research Contracts Coordinator | Research Services
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Begin forwarded message:

April 21, 2021

This document is an Addendum to extend the terms of the Information Sharing Agreement (the "Original Agreement") between Simon Fraser University and the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (formally, the BC Ministry of Justice), dated June 28, 2016.

The purpose of this addendum is to extend the Term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement as noted in Section 12. The extension is being provided to allow for the continued use of the data by doctoral trainees at Simon Fraser University finalizing their respective dissertations under the supervision of Dr. Somers. Note that no new projects will be initiated following extension of this agreement.

The Original ISA came into effect on July 20, 2016 and the Term of the Data Sharing Arrangement ended on **March 31, 2021**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1) The term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement now ends on **September 30, 2021**, as per Section 12**.**

For Simon Fraser University	**For Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Name: Aniko Takacs-Cox	**Name: Lisa Anderson** Assistant Deputy Minister BC Corrections, PSSG
Date: 6/14/21	**Date:** June 15, 2021
Signature: 	**Signature:** 

FW: Electronic copies of contracts

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 12, 2021 1:44:31 PM PDT
Attachments: untitled

See highlighted bits below. This is in reference to the DCC contract JSB had with Julian. It died in the water essentially.

In a nutshell, we would have needed to provide a new IMED extract to Julian to identify a new set of participants for this research (as the sample identified initially would be too dated)—the intent was to interview people who were frequent fliers at the DCC (which didn't happen due to COVID) and then with consent, link their data to the IMED (which can't happen now that it has been moved to the DIP—at least not yet. The DIP is looking into how they can facilitate that type of research in the future). In talking to Melanie, she confirmed that so much time has past since the project was initially proposed that its likely not relevant anymore. Covid further complicates things as people's experience at the DCC will likely be different in this window of time. I can follow up with Melanie for the summary she attached to his file if that would be helpful?

Leigh

Thank you all for confirming this!

I will close out the contract this week.

Best,
Alana

From: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>; Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi all,
Just to provide an update, Leigh and I just spoke and I'm going to draft a summary for the file stating all the issues and why this project didn't get to completion. Then I think, unless anyone disagrees, we can close it out.

Melanie

From: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>; Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi all,

Thanks Leigh! From a public accountability perspective I think we need Dr. Somers to deliver something. Even if it's a proposal or summary for how under a new "DIP" contract he can build off the work he completed under this contract. Perhaps I'm not understanding the work that happened to date accurately, if so please let me know if I'm off side on this. I believe the amount was $50,000 so I'm guessing he could write something up for us. I'm happy to participate on a call if that would be helpful.

Melanie

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi all,

Sorry for the delayed response. Sharon's update is accurate. My understanding was that yes—there were a couple no-cost extensions, but the money has been paid out. In late 2019/early 2020, we had a sample identified to initiate the qualitative work, and then COVID hit, so this put things on hold. There are a couple of new challenges we would need to overcome before picking this up again:

1)'3b The sample identified late 2019/early 2020 is somewhat dated (using data from 2018 I believe), and so we may want to identify a new, more recent cohort (though not sure how COVID will impact this and or the results—something else to consider);
2) As of the end of this fiscal, the Inter-Ministry Database as it exists now at SFU will be no longer (this data was used to develop the DCC cohort). We are moving this integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program (DIP)—and with this comes a whole new set of challenges in relation to identifying an appropriate cohort.

Overall, a lot has changed since this project was first initialized, so I think its probably safe to assume that the work in *its current form* is dead in the water. I will be working with Julian (and connecting with Sharon as appropriate) to see if there is another way to get this work complete within the DIP, but this will take some time to sort out, and will likely require new agreements/a new contract.

Leigh

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Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>; Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello everyone,

Were there no further updates on this contract? We are just trying to prepare for our year end and want to know whether this work is dead-in-the-water and that the contract should be cancelled or if Dr. Somers intends to make another no-cost extension.

Is it possible for someone to reach out to Dr. Somers to confirm? Our year end deadline is approaching.

Thank you kindly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA
Alana Bianconi
Pronouns: She/her/hers
Office Manager
Policy & Legislation Division and Family, Policy, Legislation & Transformation Division
Justice Services Branch | Ministry of Attorney General
Phone: 236-478-2553

From: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>; Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

HI Melanie – nice to see you back

Leigh can provide a better update on where we're at, but my last update is that Dr. Somers at SFU was ready to go with the Qualitative work last spring and then COVID hit.

There were one or maybe two, requests from Dr. Somers for a no-cost extension, as far as I know.

The work has not been completed but my understanding is that the money was allocated or already paid out to Dr. Somers.

Thanks

Sharon

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 3:14 PM
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Cc: Lockhart, Sharon PSSG:EX <Sharon.Lockhart@gov.bc.ca>; Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Thanks Alana,
Corrections is leading this work now I believe. Sharon Lockhart and Leigh Greiner would be able to provide an update.

Sharon/Leigh: Would either of you be able to provide an update on where this is at?

Melanie

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Tucker, Melanie AG:EX <Melanie.Tucker@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi Melanie,

Can you please confirm that the below contract with Dr. Julian Somers is no longer needed and can be closed?

Thank you,
Alana

From: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Alana
I have attached our DCC contract with Dr. Julian Somers from SFU. The contract ended on December 31, 2020.

<< File: FY19 SFU Julian Somers Lab Contract - Fully Executed.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #1 - FE 29April2019.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #2 - ATJSB1915255004 - FY20 FY21 - signed.pdf >> << File: Modification Agreement #3 - ATJSB1815084002 - FY20 FY21 - signed.pdf >>

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rice, Colleen A AG:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Craig,

Thank you for this information. The DCC contract I know will be deferred or cancelled as I believe the work is dead in the water, but I am copying Colleen Rice in case she knows more. The contract was with SFU for a Dr. whose name is currently escaping me. I believe it was originally from the 19/20 fiscal so perhaps that will be of assistance in tracking it down?

Thank you Craig.
Alana

From: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:20 AM
To: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hello Alana,
ULCC is a grant which we will be paying out this month. Tyler is working with ULCC on this. I have attached the approval form for the grant.

<< File: 15 PLD 25458 - ULCC Uniform Law Conference of Canada Grant.pdf >>
We don't currently have a contract for the DCC. Do you have more information that you can provide?

Craig

From: Ng, Philip W AG:EX <Philip.Ng@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Richardson, Craig S AG:EX <Craig.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Electronic copies of contracts

Hey Craig,

Can you work with Alana and provide her with the details she needs so that we can establish a new contract for the new fiscal year ?

Thanks again!

Philip

From: Bianconi, Alana AG:EX <Alana.Bianconi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Ng, Philip W AG:EX <Philip.Ng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Electronic copies of contracts

Hi Phillip,

I cant seem to locate an electronic copy of the ULCC and DCC contracts, might you have a copy of those so that I can review and follow up?

Thank you,

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To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 24, 2021 2:29:38 PM PDT
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Ulgh.

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Director CARMHA
Faculty of Health Sciences

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 27, 2021 8:45:55 AM PDT

Ya, maybe…I am going to connect with Rob Bruce this afternoon (he is another IMED committee member) to get his input on a response. Will let you know after that if I feel we need to discuss.

I am leaning towards allowing the extension, mainly on the argument that he plans to submit articles for publication—that is the only argument that lands for me. I would ask for a list of manuscripts in preparation (to ensure its work that has already been done) and then draft an addendum speaking to those specifically. I will see if Rob agrees.

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 8:03 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Want to talk about this?
That's a range of ideas.

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To: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 27, 2021 4:45:06 PM PDT

Thanks Rob. Appreciate you taking the time to read it over. Stay tuned for his reply!

Leigh

From: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

This is a really nice response.

Rob

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 27, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Hi Rob,

As discussed, I embedded by responses to Julian's concerns below (the arguments are all over the place, so it was the easiest way to respond). Feel free to add/edit as you see fit. Thanks again for being a sounding board this afternoon!

Leigh

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This is a valid point, though not one that was raised in the previous request for an extension. Can you please provide a list of all pending manuscript submissions and their estimated submission date? We will consider these in your request for an extension.

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We previously discussed that the MSFHR proposal could *not* be fulfilled with the existing IMED data as it required data from 2020—my re-read of this proposal confirms that the one deliverable that could be completed (Aim #3) but does not require any data. I offered our Ministries support as a project sponsor for a DIP project so this study could continue, and thought that was the plan moving forward. Please let me know if I misunderstood and Akm does not plan on drafting a Data Access Request for this project after all.

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Unfortunately, this is not a reason to retain the IMED data—as future integrated data work will be carried out within the DIP environment, the data available (which arguably is <u>much</u> richer than what is currently a part of the IMED) is what will be available to work with.

4. We have developed the current database with the formal approval of program areas that oversee specific databases such as PharmaNet. It is not clear whether these program areas would authorize access to linkable data via the DIP in respect of permissions that have previously been granted or instead may require new letters of application. Therefor the complexity and resources and time needed to re-build the current dataset are unknown and may be substantial.

Pharmanet data is available within the DIP so will be accessible to use without any additional approvals beyond the initial Data Access Request. I note that when the MoH's Data Stewardship Committee gave approval for access to this data most recently (letter dated May 29, 2018), they suggested you entertain storage of this data on PopData BC's SRE moving forward. Moving to the DIP aligns with this advice.

The instruction we received on March 5th 2021 (Friday 5pm) was to destroy all data by March 31. We were advised that recreating the database would be achievable in a matter of weeks. That appears to have been incorrect and remains unachievable now after nearly 7 months. As you know, our team has invested over 17 years developing an internationally recognized database that has played a central role informing policies and practices at multiple levels of government. Although our research consistently addresses questions of public importance in BC, the vast majority of funds used to support our research have been obtained from sources outside BC, further benefiting BC taxpayers. We have prepared the next generation of applied researchers and cultivated a high degree of expertise in all aspects of the analysis and exchange of knowledge using this unusually powerful source of information. Our areas of expertise directly align with current policy priorities involving the interplay between addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and public safety. The fact that our work has become increasingly relevant also means that our results are increasingly threatening to established interests. Valid points, and I hope that you continue to apply your expertise within the DIP, where the policy priorities noted above can be examined with much richer data.

In the months preceding the instruction to destroy data we had worked closely with the justice summit to provide relevant results for their November 2020 meeting and we had completed additional reports requested by you. Shortly after briefing Deputies on our advice to Minister Eby (and based on evidence generated with inter-ministry data) we received your letter giving us less than a month's notice to sanitize our hard drives and with no realistic means of recreating those data. We are challenged to understand why our work with inter-ministry data would suddenly and urgently pose an unacceptable risk to government. The fact that there remains no viable means of recreating our current data holdings indicates that ensuring continuity in our work was never a priority.

The "additional reports" and the research for the Justice Summit were deliverables for a sponsored research agreement —therefore it is unclear why these data would need to be recreated. In any case, while continuity of your work was a goal (as per our efforts to connect you with the DIP for an orientation/to discuss access to data moving forward), our priority is and always will be to align our efforts and capacity with the best interests of government. In this case, it is in the best interests of government for our Ministries to contribute to a program where there is equitable access to both academics and government researchers interested in generating insights from the data within it. It is hoped that once you see the wealth of data available, you too will see the value in this program.

I look forward to your reflections on the points numbered above and any additional insight regarding the impetus to disable our group from continuing our work developing evidence in the public interest. Just to reiterate, the intent of moving to the DIP is not to disable your group, but rather to move your work to a platform that will provide you, and others, access to a larger pool of data.

Sincerely,

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
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> On Sep 22, 2021, at 7:13 AM, Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca> wrote:
>
> Good morning Leigh,
>
> Thank you for your message and good wishes. s.22
> s.22
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> I'll discuss your comments with Akm.
>
> Meantime best wishes,
> Julian
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> Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
> Distinguished SFU Professor
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> > On Sep 21, 2021, at 5:06 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> > s.22
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> > As for the IMRI database and plans to replicate analyses, I am not entirely convinced a lot will be gained from that exercise beyond what we already know. While I understand working with the data will be different as it can't be exported/stored locally, we have made sure (via conversations with Akm/dataset comparisons) that the data we are putting into the DIP will be almost identical to that with which you worked with before (with the exception of court record information obviously, which isn't ours to disclose). The data provided by other Ministries is listed on the DIP's website (Data set listings | Population Data BC (popdata.bc.ca), so you can see what is included/missing here anytime. Beyond the inability to identify individuals who have consented to access their data (a limitation, at least at present, that we are already aware of), do you have a sense of what else this exercise might uncover?
> >
> > As for the DAR, let me know once you and Akm have had the chance to connect and have given some thought to next steps. Happy to discuss whenever you are ready!
> >
> > Leigh
> >
> > ---
> >
> > **From:** Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:33 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hi Leigh,

Thanks for your reply and updates. I'm delighted to hear that you enjoyed the summer. s.22
s.22
As I recall, it was around March/April that we discussed migrating to accessing data via DIP. We were considering examples of research that we've completed for government sponsors, and we were interested in knowing whether the same results could have been generated using DIP extracts. We learned, for example, that the DIP cannot provide access to data for individuals who give their consent for researchers to access particular fields of information. We asked for permission to NOT destroy the IMRI database so that when DIP data are available we can compare what they include, conduct analyses, and identify any meaningful differences in results. We would then relay a brief report for information. I'll talk with Akm tomorrow about the application process and will reenlist his active involvement!

I appreciate your help! I hope the above is useful and look forward to following up.

Julian

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> On Sep 20, 2021, at 4:47 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Julian,
>
> Nice to hear from you. I have had a lovely summer thanks, though it definitely went by too quickly! I hope you have had a great summer too!
>
> The Corrections data is very close to being added to the repository, but we are a few weeks out yet (some delays with our contractors and glitches with our extract unfortunately set things further back than planned). We are in the final stages of QA for the extract so I anticipate that we will have the data to the DIP in the next 3-4 weeks (assuming all goes as planned), at which point they then need to process it (which I am told takes 4-6 weeks if I recall correctly). All that being said, I think it makes sense to start the data access request so all is ready to go once the data is there. I believe you mentioned Akm was provided an orientation to the program—does he maybe want to reach out to Brittany to initiate the DAR process? Happy to set some time up for the three of us to chat with Brittany if that would be the best way to get things started too. Let me know your preference.
>
> As for an ISA extension, I would be happy to inquire as to whether another extension is possible. As I wasn't a part of the conversation with Brittany with respect to comparing results between the IMRI and the DIP, can you refresh my memory as to the purpose/intended outcomes of this exercise (and my

apologies if we have discussed this already)? If we are to extend the ISA until end of fiscal I want to make sure I can clearly relay the justification for doing so.

Thanks!
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hi Leigh,

I hope all is well and that you had a terrific summer!
We were wondering whether Corrections data have been added to the centralized repository and whether you'd recommend developing a data access request?
If the data aren't yet available it might nevertheless be worthwhile drafting the request in anticipation. Based on the availability of data and approximate timeline for processing the access request I wonder how much time would be needed to receive data? We appreciated the ISA extension, in part to enable comparison of DIP and IMRI results. However the Sept 30 date appears to have been to soon to accommodate that task. Would a further extension to end of fiscal be enough time in your opinion? I appreciate your advice!

With thanks and best wishes,
Julian

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> On Jun 16, 2021, at 5:03 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Thanks for this Julian.
>
> For your records, please find attached the fully executed ISA.
>
> As for the DIP Data Access Request (DAR), I haven't begun this yet, as we have been focusing on getting the data extract ready. However, we may be able to start the DAR now, in anticipation of the data being ready for use. I confirmed with Brittany that the

sponsoring Ministry doesn't need to hold the pen on this—perhaps this is something you and Akm can assist with? If so, let me know and I will get Brittany to point us to the application form. Happy to discuss anytime of course too.

Talk soon!
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hi Leigh,

At last, I'm happy to relay the executed addendum to our ISA. Thank you for your patience!

Akm inquired about our application to the DIP and offered support. As a government-directed project I understand that you would be the sponsor representing govt. We're happy to assist with any details that might be helpful such as inter-ministry variables and domains, past govt initiatives, current areas of focus, etc. Please advise if we can help.

And sorry for the delay with signing.

Thanks Leigh!

Julian

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> **Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature**
> **Date:** June 14, 2021 at 3:41:10 PM PDT
> **To:** Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
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> Dear Julian,
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> Thank you for your email. Please kindly note that Shane no longer works at SFU, but we'll be happy to assist you. We reviewed the amendment and have no

concerns. Please find attached the amendment signed by SFU. Kindly send it to the Ministry and send us a fully signed copy once available.

Thank you,
Andrea

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Sent: September 28, 2021 8:59:02 AM PDT
Attachments: Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf, PastedGraphic-2.tiff

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via email: Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca

September 28, 2021

Dear Leigh,

I am writing to request a reprieve from your instruction to destroy all data associated with SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) and your additional instruction to desist from any novel research involving the IMED.

The IMED was established in 2004 and is one of the world's only databases integrating health, social, and criminal justice information for an entire population. The IMED has been the basis for over 30 reports commissioned by the Provincial government and more than 60 peer reviewed publications detailing complex interactions between crime, addiction, mental illness, and homelessness.

Due to the unique richness of the IMED the federal government has commissioned its use as the primary basis for nationally important research investigating Drug Treatment Court and Recovery-Oriented Housing. The IMED has attracted national and international awards, has served as the basis for training the next generation of evidence-based policy scientists, and has attracted over $10 million in federal and international funding to BC.

In the past year the IMED was the basis for research commissioned by the BC Justice Summit and provided the empirical foundation for advice requested by Minister David Eby and presented in a Call to Action addressing Homelessness, Addiction, Mental Illness and Community Safety. The IMED is BC's leading source of information regarding practices that enable people to escape the revolving door between custody, hospital, and the streets, including the results of randomized controlled trials that directly compared alternative approaches.

Evidence produced from the IMED forms the most authoritative account of the costs of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness in BC, the comparative effectiveness and costs of different interventions, and the regions with the highest levels of need for effective services. As the recent Call to Action explains, the IMED is particularly powerful as a means of evaluating the effectiveness of new

investments in complex care housing by enabling their outcomes to be compared against benchmark values reported in previous BC studies that use the same data (e.g., reductions in crime, improvements in health and social wellbeing). The IMED is also a powerful resource to promote action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls for transparency and accountability.

In 2021 the urgent need for relevant evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness and community safety in BC has never been greater. Rather than abruptly terminating the IMED, my colleagues and I seek an opportunity to discuss the continuation of our work applying world-leading evidence to support the expansion of proven cost-effective services and policies for British Columbians. As the legacy of the IMED has grown over the past 17 years, so too has the expertise and strength of allies convened by SFU and representing multiple BC sectors and communities that together want to contribute to positive change. Thank you for your attention to this time-sensitive request.

Sincerely,



CC: Hon. David Eby
Hon. Mike Farnworth
Hon. Mike Harcourt
Dugan O'Neil, PhD, SFU VP Research & International
Joanne Curry, PhD, SFU VP External
Gaelene Askeland, ED BC First Nations Justice Council
Darrell Burnham, CEO Coast MH
Bill MacEwan, MD, Building Community Society

RE: IMED Request

From: van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>, Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2021 10:15:12 AM PDT
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Hello Leigh, I fully support the approach as well.

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Subject: RE: IMED Request

Thanks so much for keeping us in the loop on this Leigh. I have no concerns with what you propose.

Ceri

Ceri Sanderson (she/her), Director, Data Sharing Administration
DMS Branch | HSIAR | MOH
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Sent: September 28, 2021 11:34:25 AM PDT

Yes, sounds good. I am working on a draft now—ideally we can discuss sooner rather than later, so will send to you both as soon as its ready.

Would you suggest I also respond to his email (send to you yesterday Kimberley), or just try to embed that response into the letter I am drafting somehow? The points raised in his email are quite different, so I don't want to muddy the official response. I think sending the email might also be a good preview of what's to come in the letter. Thoughts?

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED Request

Hi Leigh – I think you should share your draft responses to Dr Somer's issues/points with Lisa and then we should discuss so that she is completely in the loop on the history and current status and can be ready to answer questions from DM or MMF if needed. tx K

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Calendar Item Type:	REQUEST

Hi Lisa,

Setting some time aside to discuss my response to the attached email/letter, and to provide a bit of history on the Inter-Ministry Evaluation database and the Data Innovation Program (where the IMED work is moving). I have also included our initial letter to Julian back in March 2021 for reference as well.

Will also attach my draft response to Julian to this invite once ready.

Thanks,

Leigh

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Letter to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Lapsley, Amy PSSG:EX <Amy.Lapsley@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 28, 2021 4:26:51 PM PDT
Attachments: Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf, Response- Dr. Somers- September 31, 2021.docx

Hi Amy,

Draft 1 for your review if you wanted to take a quick look. I will still be wordsmithing here and there, but think it's a good start. Look forward to hearing your impressions.

As mentioned, I will also send the Q and A summary once complete.

Cheers,

Leigh

Dr. Julian Somers
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September 30th, 2021

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Priority:	Normal (5)
Address:	(UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
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Just updating the invite to include the draft response letter, and some notes I made detailing why we are moving to the DIP (no need to review ahead of time—we can review/discuss together Friday). I also included the most recent research proposal he put forward (for awareness/discussion).

Talk to you Friday.

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- The identification and mitigation of the impacts of the pandemic and pandemic response including the secondary effects on the health of the population of BC.
- The impacts of rapid health service redesign and redeployment on health outcomes in BC.

Successful projects will build on BC-specific capacities and strengths, draw on available expertise and resources and include cross-institution collaborations where appropriate. Projects should have results available in time to help inform public health responses through the fall and winter of 2020/21.

2 page limit

Please provide a concise account of your proposed program of research in a way that is understandable by a multi-disciplinary group of scientific reviewers, including:

Blind Spots: People in Prison and Precarious Housing During COVID-19

The central key question being answered is how settings where mental illness, substance use, physical comorbidities, and poverty are prevalent can reduce viral transmission and medical complications in BC.

Populations exposed to custodial supervision or who live in precarious housing have high rates of chronic conditions placing them at personal risk for complications associated with COVID-19. These settings also include high proportions of people who require regular assistance related to physical, mental, and social challenges. Addressing these needs involves encounters with service providers spanning healthcare, social welfare, and justice sectors, as well as diverse other community members. Several reports describe outbreaks of COVID-19 in prisons, shelters, and substandard housing sites, as well as transmission in the community. However there is variability and not all comparable sites report similarly high risk for internal transmission, complications, and community transmission linked to their resident populations. Our project will investigate hospitalizations among people released from custody or living precariously during the first wave of COVID-19, and risk factors (e.g., specific settings, comorbid conditions, socio-demographics) that can inform decision-making and planning effective winter 2020.

Its relevance to BC

Diverting vulnerable people from custody and from precarious housing were policy priorities in BC before COVID-19. The current proposal builds on a 2019 Convene & Connect project that integrated relevant provincial ministries, housing service providers, and people with first-hand experience to expedite the implementation of evidence-based practices that reduce both homelessness and crime. Subsequent to COVID-19 the project team was informed by people who had experienced homelessness and detention in custody that these settings feel like “blind spots” and emphasized the need for evidence both to raise awareness and to inform actions that reduce risk to individuals and community members. The proposal also builds on SFU’s investment in advancing equity and action on social determinants of health through community-engaged scholarship, analyses of integrated data, and knowledge exchange with multiple communities and stakeholders.

Project aims, design and rationale

Aims were developed in consultation with an Inter-Ministry Steering Committee that oversees research involving population-level data spanning health, justice, and social welfare sectors. Data are maintained in secure facilities at Simon Fraser University and contain relevant details including records of all hospitalizations, time in custody, diagnoses, income assistance, 3-digit postal codes, mortality, and socio-demographics. Committee members supported two empirical Aims and one further Aim addressing the need for guidance on the appropriateness of compulsory testing in high risk populations that include people experiencing serious mental illness and substance dependence, and who refuse testing. A mid-year update of these data (to September 30 2020) will be requested to facilitate:

Aim 1: Were (a) periods of time in custody or (b) living in precarious housing associated with elevated risk for hospitalization related to COVID-19?
Aim 2: Were COVID-19-related hospitalizations concentrated among people with pre-existing comorbid physical conditions or other characteristics that could be used to identify risk and support decision-making by those working either in custody centres or with people in precarious housing?
Aim 3: Review current practices and rationale regarding compulsory testing for Covid-19 in comparable jurisdictions within Canada and internationally and develop recommendations for BC.

Methodologies

For Aim 1, individuals will be selected to create two groups: 1. those released from custody between February 01st and September 30th 2020; and 2. those who were living in precarious housing during the same period. Corrections records will be used to establish custody exposure. Precarious housing will be established by current location (i.e. 3-digit postal code for "unknown" location) and receipt of funds for "shelter payment".

Propensity scores will be used to create matched comparison groups for each of the two groups selected from those who were not exposed to custody and had no indication of precarious housing during the study period. In recent years about 3500-4000 people were released from custody in BC. Over 180,000 individuals are available for matching on: age, gender, ethnicity (white, Indigenous, other), education, acute and chronic physical conditions, immunosuppressive and other therapeutics, mental illness, substance use, income assistance (disability, shelter, crisis, etc.), criminal justice history and geographic location. Hospitalization will be determined from Discharge Abstracts Database using ICD-10 codes consistent with Covid-19 (U07.1/U07.2) recently introduced by WHO.

Aim 2 includes only cases with exposure to custody or precarious housing and uses multivariable modeling to test the strength of association between potential risk factors for medical complications (including physical and mental illnesses) and hospital admission for causes consistent with Covid-19.

For Aim 3, published and grey literature will be reviewed on current practices involving compulsory testing for Covid-19. Decisions (i.e., for vs against compulsory testing) will be noted alongside the arguments and rationale cited in support, relevance to BC, and recommendations. Draft versions of the outcomes of all 3 Aims will be distributed for review by team members in the current Convene and Connect project for feedback and to ensure further distribution and review by stakeholders. The review process will include virtual focus groups with people who have experienced homelessness and incarceration. Indigenous-led consultation with Indigenous men and women is essential due to their over-representation among marginalized peoples and their distinct histories, rights, and pathways to wellness. The advice and feedback received will be incorporated into final reports & recommendations.

Its expected outcomes and impacts

Empirical outcomes from Aim 1 of this project will reveal the extent to which particular settings were implicated in the spread of COVID-19 leading to medical complications, including variation between settings based on gender (e.g., custody centres for women versus men) or locations in BC. These outcomes will have the impact of informing decision makers about potential ongoing risks related to COVID-19 and, if indicated, strategies to identify high-risk individuals for isolation or further measures. Aim 2 will produce a summary of risk factors that could be used by people working in corrections, shelters, and other non-clinical settings to screen for risk among their clients. The output of Aim 3 will advise and inform decision-makers and citizens regarding compulsory testing for COVID-19.

Timeline, deliverables, and feasibility

A request for updated data will be submitted immediately upon confirmation of funding. Data stewards are currently overwhelmed, and our request will be entered into the cue several months in advance of the desired extract to maximize our ability to analyse data and deliver initial results by December 31st. A network of advisors & reviewers will be created immediately, including Province-wide stakeholders engaged by the current Convene & Connect project. Network members will be invited for advice on reports, recommendations, communications, and other project activities. Research related to Aim 3 will commence immediately. A draft report for Aim 3 will be complete by September 30th for review.

Note: Applicants are expected to integrate sex and gender into the research designs, methods and analyses and interpretation and/or dissemination of findings when appropriate.

Other requirements:

- Include any charts, tables, diagrams
- No appendices
- Please include references within the 2-page research proposal document

Page Format

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September 29, 2021

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Dear Dr. Somers,

Thank you for your letter dated September 28th, 2021 requesting our continued support of SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED). We appreciate the history of this initiative that you so clearly articulated in your letter and the leadership you and your team have shown in providing empirical evidence to support the work of government over the last 17 years. Respectfully, however, we are unable to endorse your request to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements to allow continued use of the IMED data for novel research.

As per our previous correspondence on March 5th, 2021 (see attached), the Ministries of Health (MoH), Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) and Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) are now providing data to the Data Innovation Program (DIP), where the work previously carried out with IMED data can continue, should you so choose. To be clear, the data you previously accessed through IMED will continue to be available through the DIP. In fact, this program will contain even more data from a wider cross-section of government ministries. As a reminder, the DIP, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. The data available extends beyond the justice, health and social service data provided to the IMED, and includes education data, children and family data, income and work data, and road safety data. It is very exciting that insights that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED can now be generated in this program.

I understand your concerns with respect to the impact this may have on the partnerships previously formed and expertise your team has built. However, I assure you that the intent of transitioning to the DIP is not to disable your group, but rather to move this work to a platform that will provide you, and others, access to a larger pool of integrated data. It is hoped that the partnerships and allies convened by SFU will remain and that novel and innovative research will

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continue in partnership with our Ministry and other social Ministries whose data were not previously available for analysis.

We concur with your sentiment that there is an urgent need for evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and community safety in BC. Considering this urgency, I hope you agree that it is in the best interests of government for our Ministries to contribute to an integrated data program where there is equitable and broader access to academics and government researchers interested in generating insights from the data within it.

Although *new* research will now be carried out within the DIP, I recognize that there may be a need to retain the IMED to support manuscript submissions for work previously carried out on behalf of the Ministries. As such, we will withdraw our request to destroy all data, and upon submission of a comprehensive list of existing manuscripts in preparation and their anticipated date of submission, will agree to extend the terms of our information sharing agreements to allow for the publication process to conclude.

We look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:



IMED- Letter to JS- March 5, 2021.pdf

A. Reasons for Discontinuing the IMED, and Transitioning to the DIP

1) We (Corrections) are contributing the same data to the DIP (or will be shortly), and while the path to access this data is different, the same data will be available for analysis, and access is FREE if sponsored by a Ministry.

- Data is safely stored within government (PopDataBC) and can only be used for specified purposes; all IMED work carried out previously for government can continue in this program.
- Storing the data with PopDataBC also helps to minimize risk
    - there were times where research ideas were proposed to the IMED steering committee following a fishing expedition of the data. SDPR exec were particularly alarmed by this approach as its not scientifically sound, nor should he be using the data for work that hasn't been directed/approved.
    - In the DIP, only outputs that have been approved can be taken out of the DIP environment (they have output checkers)- will ensure there are some safeguards around the use of the data (safeguards that were present to some extent via the IMED steering committee, but to which there was significant effort and time devoted).

2) SDPR has indicated they will <u>not</u> be updating their data in the IMED (as they are already providing data to the DIP as well), so the value of this dataset will diminish rapidly (they last provided data in 2017).

3) Moving the integrated data work will save each Ministry valuable resources and capacity.

- Keeping the data refreshed in the IMED requires regular updates to a series of ISAs, massive data extracts and linkage processes carried out by the three participating Ministries. With the DIP, each Ministry submits their own extract and Pop Data BC does the linking.
- No agreement updates are required
- Oversight of research carried out with the IMED data has historically happened via an IMED Steering Committee; now capacity can be devoted to sponsor projects as required by a Ministry.
- The IMED research as of late has mainly focused on Corrections—so the benefits to other Ministries has been minimal. This is one of the reasons they too would like to move to the DIP—this will allow them to devote capacity to working with academics on projects related to their own policy/program needs.

4) It is a prudent and equitable approach to allow other researchers access to the same integrated data.

- Though the letter suggests it is the only integrated data set of its kind, that is not the case anymore.
- Allowing access to the integrated data would allow for experts in different fields to apply their expertise to generate insights from the data.

5) Almost all of the concerns identified with respect to transitioning to the DIP can be addressed.

- Access will be quick (and free) once DARs are submitted, so long as government sponsors them.

- Nearly all data will be available in the DIP, and more, without any additional approvals required (e.g., Pharmanet data required special approvals—this data is now in the DIP so the only approval required is the DAR)
- Special projects requiring the data be linked to a sample of data collected in the community is possible (so long as the outputs remain safe—i.e., no cell size less than 10).
- The only limitation at present is Correction's data has yet to be submitted to the DIP. We should be ready to submit this next week though, so it will be there imminently.

B. Why transition now?

Part of the reason for the timing of this transition was that a) a data refresh would be required to carry out new work proposed, and b) existing projects had concluded, except for three dissertations for which the most recent ISA extension was granted. It is worth noting that we were only made aware of these after requesting the data be destroyed. When questioned, I was told they were projects that aligned with previously approved projects. I suspect that there may be other research in the works that falls under the umbrella of "previously approved projects" and could be one reason for this most recent request to maintain the data.

There have been several instances that a) his work has felt as though it was serving his agenda (KM can confirm), b) he completely missed analysis that were requested and had to re-do it, and c) his work didn't account for a body of evidence already established (instead he typically cites his own work). While this may not always have been the case, these factors are ones I have had to contend with and have made me question the value of our partnership.

Also see the attached email for a recent response to some of his other concerns and his response:



Re_ Addendum to ISA- for signature.msg

RE: IMED

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 10:57:09 AM PDT

For sure. I am just uploading everything now.

Leigh

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Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED

Hi – when you load the draft response in eapps, can you also load in some of the additional background information, including the emails from him with your responses. Mark is thinking he may phone Julian directly – which may ward off some other issues.

Thanks
Lisa

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED

Thanks Lisa.

I just replied to an email Julian sent Friday afternoon (attached for your reference) so let's wait to see if he replies to that and/or until you hear from MoH and we can connect end of day if need be. I told him in my email I would be in touch with a response to his letter in a few days, so if our response goes out Friday or Monday, that would be ok. What I suspect will happen is we will extend the ISA to allow for the publication of his pending manuscripts (something we hadn't considered until he raised it in his most recent email) so if this process starts next week, that would be ok.

And yes, I saw the former mayor/premier was cc'd. Pulling in everyone he can for support I suppose! I will remove him from the cc' list.

Leigh

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED

Hi Leigh,

If you see urgency to discussing today then I can make myself available. I have sent a note off to health and SDPR and so far SDPR has confirmed they continue to be in support of the direction. I'll let you know if I hear anything further from health.

Of interest in the letter, he copied Mike Harcourt…..that's a real blast from the past. s.22
s.22

Lisa

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED

Thanks Lisa. I have a response drafted, and have attached it here for your review (Amy is also reading it over so there may be a few edits yet). Do you want to try to connect today sometime to discuss or just wait until our scheduled time Friday? I recognize the agreement expires on September 30th, but even with the last extension, this wasn't signed off by SFU until June 2021 (despite expiring March 31, 2021), so I don't think it's the end of world if this has to wait a few days to sort out.

Leigh

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Subject: FW: IMED

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
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Subject: IMED

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Good morning,

I'm writing to draw your attention to a matter concerning the IMED and the expiration of the emergency ISA extension that you each supported. I regret troubling you and am hopeful that a positive next step can be identified that elevates the interests of people who are represented in the IMED. With best wishes,

Julian

Begin forwarded message:

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
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Date: September 28, 2021 at 8:37:55 AM PDT
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Dear Leigh,

Thank you for your attention to the attached letter.

Sincerely,
Julian

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RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Good morning everyone,

Just confirming before sending the attached letter that no one has any concerns with extending our ISAs to allow for publication processes to conclude (looking for confirmation from Ceri and Gerrit mainly). I hope to get this up to our DM later today, so if you can reply at your earliest convenience I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Hi all,

Just want to check in before responding. What are your thoughts around extending our respective ISA's to allow for publications of existing manuscripts? I would be comfortable with this so long as we were provided a list of what these are, and the planned date of submission so we can extend accordingly (Linda—fyi, Rob and I chatted before he went on leave, and he was ok with this approach—so long as the time extension was reasonable).

I also wanted to get your input on past practice. Part of the reason for the timing of this transition was that existing projects had concluded (with the exception of the dissertations for which the most recent ISA extension was granted), and a data refresh would be required to carry out the new work proposed. I haven't been with the IMED committee long enough to speak to whether there were any parameters around previously approved projects though—for example, when the At Home/Chez Soi project concluded (it was published in 2014), was there an understanding that related research would continue in that stream for the foreseeable future, given people consented to be followed up? What about the research carried out by his students—in my correspondence with him, he makes it sound as though their work aligned with previously approved projects. Has that been past practice (aside from Lauren's research mentioned below, which I recall being raised at an IMED steering committee meeting, I am not sure how the other research ties in to previous approved projects—are you)?

- *Lauren's research investigated the effectiveness of health services among people who experience homelessness, mental illness and institutional separations involving hospital or custody. She used IMRI data that were accessed with the consent of the individuals concerned, and she confirmed her results with a larger sample selected from the IMRI and as included in our previous work addressing continuity of care. Lauren focussed on people diagnosed with schizophrenia and investigated whether timely receipt of outpatient services following discharge or release affected the likelihood of readmission. Finally, Milad's research also involves a sample that provided consent to access and analyse IMRI data and his work focusses on ways to improve the effectiveness of recovery-oriented housing with a specific focus on CJI. We investigated several pathways of support among people who experience prolonged homelessness alongside mental illness, addictions, and CJI.*

Any other thoughts or reflections on the above or on Julian's email below, please let me know.

Also, I have drafted a response to the letter I forwarded you all yesterday, and will share this with you all once approved by my ADM.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Good morning Leigh,

Thank you for your message and responses to my email of the 24th. I'll look forward to your response to the letter sent yesterday and gather that I may not receive that until after September 30th.

Your comments in red touch on some of the issues elicited by the request to destroy data and sanitize hard drives effective immediately. There is a cascade of effects associated with your request. My initial response was sent to you the same day I received your request and was prompted by the extremely short timeline (about 3 weeks) that you gave SFU to destroy all data. My purpose in writing was not to detail an exhaustive list of the significant problems elicited by your request, but rather to demonstrate that some of the implications warranted immediate reconsideration.

The retention of data in support of manuscript development is standard practice. So is the retention of data beyond the publication date in order to support potential reanalyses at the request of investigators, editors, or others. Retaining data for several years is common. In addition, the IMED data holdings include data that correspond to individuals who provided their consent to have data received, analysed, and published. The rights of participants and the responsibilities of investigators are not uniform in relation to all data in the IMED. Your letter failed to acknowledge any of these factors.

If the goal was to migrate the IMED activities, including the MSFHR project, over to DIP then it would seem sensible to advise us that you were abandoning the agreed approach (which MoH had followed leading to a new ISA in January) and asking us to use the DIP. It would also seem sensible to retain the IMED data in the meantime and plan for their destruction as soon as a re-build had been completed via the DIP. Instead you directed us to destroy all data immediately and with no hope of recreating those data in a reasonable span of time. We would have been happy to engage in a discussion about the implications of destroying data and the steps necessary to minimize harms while honouring our responsibilities to trainees, fellow researchers, and the participants represented in our research. However your letter did not acknowledge any interest in these matters or in taking an approach that safeguarded our workflow. You conclude your comments below with an expression of hope that our work continues and expands in terms of its influence and the scope of information that we take into account. These sentiments would be elevated in credibility if you had taken an approach that safeguarded our successful migration rather than simply terminating our work with no reasonable recourse. Clearly a reasonable migration period to DIP would have lasted at least long enough to access Corrections data, something that remains impossible 7 months after your letter.

Our research team designed the project for MSFHR with several key hypotheses, some of which could be adapted to be testable using earlier data. These types of modifications are common and in this case our team has the necessary expertise in both: A) relevant clinical and scientific literature; and B) knowledge of the IMED data and local context, in order to make such modifications.

I look forward to feedback and follow through on the content of yesterday's letter.

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On Sep 29, 2021, at 10:32 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Julian,

Thank you for your email. I have responded to your concerns below in red, and cc'd the other IMED Steering Committee members for awareness.
Thank you also for your letter sent on Tuesday morning. I will respond to that separately in the coming days.

Leigh

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Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hello Leigh,

Our concerns related to destroying all data by September 30th 2021 are:

1. Following our established practices we are developing manuscripts based on results generated for the Province and presented in reports. Publishing results in peer reviewed journals confirms the appropriateness of our research methods and the soundness of our conclusions. Publication in high quality journals is part of our process and provides government with assurances related to quality and a reference for relevant findings. The reports in question include products prepared for the most recent justice summit and evidence of change over time in the corrections population. Editors and reviewers commonly request additional results and sometimes re-analyses of data. We cannot complete the publication process without retaining data. It is also common practice for researchers to retain data following publication in case reanalysis is indicated.

This is a valid point, though not one that was raised in the previous request for an extension. Can you please provide a list of all pending manuscript submissions and their estimated submission dates? We will consider these in your request for a further extension.

2. Given that updated data are not being provided to support our MSFHR proposal it is possible as a fall-back to use existing data for analyses related to our core hypotheses. However, the letter that you provided extending our information sharing until September 30th 2021 stipulated that no further uses of the existing data were permitted.

We previously discussed that the MSFHR proposal could *not* be fulfilled with the existing IMED data as it required data from 2020—my re-read of this proposal confirms that there is one deliverable that could be

completed (Aim #3) but this does not require any data. I offered our Ministries support as a project sponsor for a DIP project so this study could continue, and thought that was the plan moving forward. Please let me know if I misunderstood and you do not plan on drafting a Data Access Request for this project after all.

3. Meaningful differences in results may be produced by data accessed via the DIP when compared with results using the database we've developed. This may result from differences in variables included in data sets and cannot be established by visually reviewing descriptions of the DIP contents. Corrections data have been central to our analyses. When SFU was first instructed to destroy all data were were advised that Corrections data would be available via the DIP by end of April. We understand that Corrections data remain unavailable from the DIP.

Unfortunately, this is not a reason to retain the IMED data—as future integrated data work will be carried out within the DIP environment, the data available (which arguably is much richer than what is currently a part of the IMED) is what will be available to work with. And yes, despite our best efforts, Corrections data has indeed taken longer than planned to get into the DIP (this is one of many priorities we are juggling); however, we just finished our last round of UAT, so it will be available for use shortly.

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RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Sent: October 1, 2021 11:41:29 AM PDT
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Thanks Ceri. Yes, I agree—the addendum will need to clearly state the new purpose, and I think should also append the list of planned publications so there is a clear finish line to all of this.

As for how long of an extension we want to give, based on my experience with the publication process, I am not sure a year would be long enough—as a) it can sometimes take a couple of years to get through the revise and resubmit process, and b) as Julian mentions, data is "retained beyond the publication date in order to support potential reanalyses at the request of investigators, editors, or others". I think the former is where our responsibility lies, as I know that retaining data after publication doesn't always happen—especially when the data is coming from a secondary source (i.e., not collected by JS himself). In any case, I think we can wait and see how long of a list of pending publications there are and then decide what is reasonable, but I am inclined to extend for 2 years (at a minimum) for the reasons above.

Gerrit? Any additional thoughts?

Leigh

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Hi Leigh,
While I don't have an issue with supporting the plan to provide access to the data for a finite period, we can't just extend the ISA we have. It will actually require an amendment to reflect the new purpose – to allow for publication processes to conclude, as the existing ISA still reflects all of the originally approved work to continue to Sept 30 (while technically expired, given that this was in discussion prior to the 30th, I should be able to get it through as an amendment rather than a net new). Julian MUST however, provide that list of existing publications in the works that you request in your letter and with an identified end date that is reasonable. I'm thinking another 1 year extension ? (just pure guesswork on my part however). Does that seem reasonable to everyone?

Ceri

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Good morning everyone,

Just confirming before sending the attached letter that no one has any concerns with extending our ISAs to allow for publication processes to conclude (looking for confirmation from Ceri and Gerrit mainly). I hope to get this up to our DM later today, so if you can reply at your earliest convenience I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Hi all,

Just want to check in before responding. What are your thoughts around extending our respective ISA's to allow for publications of existing manuscripts? I would be comfortable with this so long as we were provided a list of what these are, and the planned date of submission so we can extend accordingly (Linda—fyi, Rob and I chatted before he went on leave, and he was ok with this approach—so long as the time extension was reasonable).

I also wanted to get your input on past practice. Part of the reason for the timing of this transition was that existing projects had concluded (with the exception of the dissertations for which the most recent ISA extension was granted), and a data refresh would be required to carry out the new work proposed. I haven't been with the IMED committee long enough to speak to whether there were any parameters around previously approved projects though—for example, when the At Home/Chez Soi project concluded (it was published in 2014), was there an understanding that related research would continue in that stream for the foreseeable future, given people consented to be followed up? What about the research carried out by his students—in my correspondence with him, he makes it sound as though their work aligned with previously approved projects. Has that been past practice (aside from Lauren's research mentioned below, which I recall being raised at an IMED steering committee meeting, I am not sure how the other research ties in to previous approved projects—are you)?

- *Lauren's research investigated the effectiveness of health services among people who experience homelessness, mental illness and institutional separations involving hospital or custody. She used IMRI data that were accessed with the consent of the individuals concerned, and she confirmed her results with a larger sample selected from the IMRI and as included in our previous work addressing continuity of care. Lauren focussed on people diagnosed with schizophrenia and investigated whether timely receipt of outpatient services following discharge or release affected the likelihood of readmission. Finally, Milad's research also involves a sample that provided consent to access and analyse IMRI data and his work focusses on ways to improve the effectiveness of recovery-oriented housing with a specific focus on CJI. We investigated several pathways of support among people who experience prolonged homelessness alongside mental illness, addictions, and CJI.*

Any other thoughts or reflections on the above or on Julian's email below, please let me know.

Also, I have drafted a response to the letter I forwarded you all yesterday, and will share this with you all once approved by my ADM.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Good morning Leigh,

Thank you for your message and responses to my email of the 24th. I'll look forward to your response to the letter sent yesterday and gather that I may not receive that until after September 30th.

Your comments in red touch on some of the issues elicited by the request to destroy data and sanitize hard drives effective immediately. There is a cascade of effects associated with your request. My initial response was sent to you the same day I received your request and was prompted by the extremely short timeline (about 3 weeks) that you gave SFU to destroy all data. My purpose in writing was not to detail an exhaustive list of the significant problems elicited by your request, but rather to demonstrate that some of the implications warranted immediate reconsideration.

The retention of data in support of manuscript development is standard practice. So is the retention of data beyond the publication date in order to support potential reanalyses at the request of investigators, editors, or others. Retaining data for several years is common. In addition, the IMED data holdings include data that correspond to individuals who provided their consent to have data received, analysed, and published. The rights of participants and the responsibilities of investigators are not uniform in relation to all data in the IMED. Your letter failed to acknowledge any of these factors.

If the goal was to migrate the IMED activities, including the MSFHR project, over to DIP then it would seem sensible to advise us that you were abandoning the agreed approach (which MoH had followed leading to a new ISA in January) and asking us to use the DIP. It would also seem sensible to retain the IMED data in the meantime and plan for their destruction as soon as a re-build had been completed via the DIP. Instead you directed us to destroy all data immediately and with no hope of recreating those data in a reasonable span of time. We would have been happy to engage in a discussion about the implications of destroying data and the steps necessary to minimize harms while honouring our responsibilities to trainees, fellow researchers, and the participants represented in our research. However your letter did not acknowledge any interest in these matters or in taking an approach that safeguarded our workflow. You conclude your comments below with an expression of hope that our work continues and expands in terms of its influence and the scope of information that we take into account. These sentiments would be elevated in credibility if you had taken an approach that safeguarded our successful migration rather than simply terminating our work with no reasonable recourse. Clearly a reasonable migration period to DIP would have lasted at least long enough to access Corrections data, something that remains impossible 7 months after your letter.

Our research team designed the project for MSFHR with several key hypotheses, some of which could be adapted to be testable using earlier data. These types of modifications are common and in this case our team has the necessary expertise in both: A) relevant clinical and scientific literature; and B) knowledge of the IMED data and local context, in order to make such modifications.

I look forward to feedback and follow through on the content of yesterday's letter.

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On Sep 29, 2021, at 10:32 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Julian,

Thank you for your email. I have responded to your concerns below in red, and cc'd the other IMED Steering Committee members for awareness.
Thank you also for your letter sent on Tuesday morning. I will respond to that separately in the coming days.

Leigh

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Hello Leigh,

Our concerns related to destroying all data by September 30th 2021 are:

1. Following our established practices we are developing manuscripts based on results generated for the Province and presented in reports. Publishing results in peer reviewed journals confirms the appropriateness of our research methods and the soundness of our conclusions. Publication in high quality journals is part of our process and provides government with assurances related to quality and a reference for relevant findings. The reports in question include products prepared for the most recent justice summit and evidence of change over time in the corrections population. Editors and reviewers commonly request additional results and sometimes re-analyses of data. We cannot complete the publication process without retaining data. It is also common practice for researchers to retain data following publication in case reanalysis is indicated.

This is a valid point, though not one that was raised in the previous request for an extension. Can you please provide a list of all pending manuscript submissions and their estimated submission dates? We will consider these in your request for a further extension.

2. Given that updated data are not being provided to support our MSFHR proposal it is possible as a fall-back to use existing data for analyses related to our core hypotheses. However, the letter that you provided extending our information sharing until September 30th 2021 stipulated that no further uses of the existing data were permitted.

We previously discussed that the MSFHR proposal could *not* be fulfilled with the existing IMED data as it required data from 2020—my re-read of this proposal confirms that there is one deliverable that could be

completed (Aim #3) but this does not require any data. I offered our Ministries support as a project sponsor for a DIP project so this study could continue, and thought that was the plan moving forward. Please let me know if I misunderstood and you do not plan on drafting a Data Access Request for this project after all.

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Bullets for DM Sieben

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Sent: October 4, 2021 12:02:59 PM PDT
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Hi Kimberley,

As discussed, here are the high-level bullets I drafted for DM Sieben (my response letter is also attached):

Issue:

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- Although we ask that any *new* research be carried out within the DIP, the IMED Steering Committee members have agreed to extend their respective ISAs to allow for the publication process to conclude for existing manuscripts in preparation once a comprehensive list of these has been received.

Two arguments he may raise, that I will flag for Lisa to bring up with Mark:

1. JS has received funding for a Micheal Smith Foundation for Health Research grant to examine whether periods of time in custody or living in precarious housing is associated with elevated risk for hospitalization related to COVID-19. This proposal was one the IMED steering committee reviewed in May 2020, however, only two days prior to the funding submission deadline, and therefore there was not time to have it endorsed by ACD leadership. Following receipt of the award, it was decided that we could support it but only within the DIP as a) a data refresh would be required if using the IMED and b) we (BC Corrections) wanted to be more involved to ensure that the analysis and results were placed in the appropriate context, in light of the risk mitigation strategies employed by ACD over the course of the pandemic. In recent correspondence, JS has suggested using the existing data for analysis related to their core hypotheses, however, the steering committee would rather that existing projects wrap up so that the transition to the DIP and the dissolution of the IMED can conclude.
2. JS has argued that the "IMED data holdings include data that correspond to individuals who provided their consent to have data received, analysed, and published." I believe this refers to research that has been carried out under previously approved projects, such as Housing First (2013). I have confirmed with the DIP that research of this nature, whereby participants consent to linking their information to administrative data, can continue in the DIP, so long as the outputs from this analysis remains safe.

Leigh

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October 1, 2021

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Dear Dr. Somers,

Thank you for your letter dated September 28th, 2021 requesting our continued support of SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED). We appreciate the history of this initiative that you so clearly articulated in your letter and the leadership you and your team have shown in providing empirical evidence to support the work of government over the last 17 years. Respectfully, however, we are unable to endorse your request to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements to allow continued use of the IMED data for novel research.

As per our previous correspondence on March 5th, 2021 (see attached), the Ministries of Health (MoH), Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) and Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) are now providing data to the Data Innovation Program (DIP), where the work previously carried out with IMED data can continue, should you so choose. To be clear, the data you previously accessed through IMED will continue to be available through the DIP. In fact, this program will contain even more data from a wider cross-section of government ministries. As a reminder, the DIP, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. The data available extends beyond the justice, health and social service data provided to the IMED, and includes education data, children and family data, income and work data, and road safety data. It is very exciting that insights that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED can now be generated in this program.

I understand your concerns with respect to the impact this may have on the partnerships previously formed and expertise your team has built. However, I assure you that the intent of transitioning to the DIP is not to disable your group, but rather to move this work to a platform that will provide you, and others, access to a larger pool of integrated data. It is hoped that the partnerships and allies convened by SFU will remain and that novel and innovative research will

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continue in partnership with our Ministry and other social Ministries whose data were not previously available for analysis.

We concur with your sentiment that there is an urgent need for evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and community safety in BC. Considering this urgency, I hope you agree that it is in the best interests of government for our Ministries to contribute to an integrated data program where there is equitable and broader access to academics and government researchers interested in generating insights from the data within it.

Although *new* research will now be carried out within the DIP, I recognize that there may be a need to retain the IMED to support manuscript submissions for work previously carried out on behalf of the Ministries. As such, we will withdraw our request to destroy all data, and upon submission of a comprehensive list of existing manuscripts in preparation and their anticipated date of submission, will agree to extend the terms of our information sharing agreements to allow for the publication process to conclude.

We look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve.

Sincerely,

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RE: For Information - Bullets for call with JS

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Sounds good. Thanks Lisa.

Leigh

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Hi Leigh….just an fyi that a meeting invitation will be forthcoming for a quick chat with Mark.

Lisa

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A quick call with yourself and Leigh would be useful, Lisa. No further materials needed. I'll ask Nikki to set that up.

And , Nikki please reach out to Julian and set up a call for he and I a day or two after the call with Leigh and Lisa.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 4, 2021, at 2:20 PM, Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Mark,
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> Leigh has pulled together several bullets to support a conversation with Julian Somers. Please advise if you'd like to have a short call set up with Leigh in advance of your call with him.
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> Hi Lisa,

As requested, here are a few bullets for DM Sieben, and a couple of arguments Dr. Somers may raise in conversation with Mark that you may wish to make him aware of (both were alluded to in the emails I had forwarded, but I am not sure he had the opportunity to review them).

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- Although we ask that any *new* research be carried out within the DIP, the IMED Steering Committee members have agreed to extend their respective ISAs to allow for the publication process to conclude for existing manuscripts in preparation once a comprehensive list of these has been received.

Two arguments raised in recent correspondence to be aware of:

1. JS has received funding for a Micheal Smith Foundation for Health Research grant to examine whether periods of time in custody or living in precarious housing is associated with elevated risk for hospitalization related to COVID-19. This proposal was one the IMED steering committee reviewed in May 2020, however, only two days prior to the funding submission deadline, and therefore there was not time to have it endorsed by ACD leadership. Following notification that the application was successful in December 2020, it was decided that we could support it but only within the DIP as a) a data refresh would be required if using the IMED and b) we (BC Corrections) wanted to be more involved to ensure that the analysis and results were placed in the appropriate context, in light of the risk mitigation strategies employed by ACD over the course of the pandemic. In recent correspondence, JS has suggested using the existing data for analysis related to their core hypotheses, however, the IMED steering committee would rather that existing projects wrap up so that the transition to the DIP and the dissolution of the IMED can conclude.
2. JS has argued that the "IMED data holdings include data that correspond to individuals who provided their consent to have data received, analysed, and published." I believe this refers to research that has been carried out under previously approved projects, such as Housing First (2013). I have confirmed with the DIP that research of this nature, whereby participants consent to linking their information to administrative data, can continue in the DIP, so long as the outputs from this analysis remains safe (i.e., there is no risk of identifiably, given the intent of the DIP is to carry out population level analysis).

Let me know if you need any additional context, or if there is anything else I can do to assist.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Sent: October 6, 2021 3:22:29 PM PDT

Good afternoon Julian,

My apologies for the delayed response. I have been asked to provide a briefing on this issue and will respond more fulsomely once that has occurred.

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:49 AM
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Good morning Leigh,

Thank you for your message and responses to my email of the 24th. I'll look forward to your response to the letter sent yesterday and gather that I may not receive that until after September 30th.

Your comments in red touch on some of the issues elicited by the request to destroy data and sanitize hard drives effective immediately. There is a cascade of effects associated with your request. My initial response was sent to you the same day I received your request and was prompted by the extremely short timeline (about 3 weeks) that you gave SFU to destroy all data. My purpose in writing was not to detail an exhaustive list of the significant problems elicited by your request, but rather to demonstrate that some of the implications warranted immediate reconsideration.

The retention of data in support of manuscript development is standard practice. So is the retention of data beyond the publication date in order to support potential reanalyses at the request of investigators, editors, or others. Retaining data for several years is common. In addition, the IMED data holdings include data that correspond to individuals who provided their consent to have data received, analysed, and published. The rights of participants and the responsibilities of investigators are not uniform in relation to all data in the IMED. Your letter failed to acknowledge any of these factors.

If the goal was to migrate the IMED activities, including the MSFHR project, over to DIP then it would seem sensible to advise us that you were abandoning the agreed approach (which MoH had followed leading to a new ISA in January) and asking us to use the DIP. It would also seem sensible to retain the IMED data in the meantime and plan for their destruction as soon as a re-build had been completed via the DIP. Instead you directed us to destroy all data immediately and with no hope of recreating those data in a reasonable span of time. We would have been happy to engage in a discussion about the implications of destroying data and the steps necessary to minimize harms while honouring our responsibilities to trainees, fellow researchers, and the participants represented in our research. However your letter did not acknowledge any interest in these matters or in taking an approach that safeguarded our workflow. You conclude your comments below with an expression of hope that our work continues and expands in terms of its influence and the scope of information that we take into account. These sentiments would be elevated in credibility if

you had taken an approach that safeguarded our successful migration rather than simply terminating our work with no reasonable recourse. Clearly a reasonable migration period to DIP would have lasted at least long enough to access Corrections data, something that remains impossible 7 months after your letter.

Our research team designed the project for MSFHR with several key hypotheses, some of which could be adapted to be testable using earlier data. These types of modifications are common and in this case our team has the necessary expertise in both: A) relevant clinical and scientific literature; and B) knowledge of the IMED data and local context, in order to make such modifications.

I look forward to feedback and follow through on the content of yesterday's letter.

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Director CARMHA
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On Sep 29, 2021, at 10:32 AM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Julian,

Thank you for your email. I have responded to your concerns below in red, and cc'd the other IMED Steering Committee members for awareness.
Thank you also for your letter sent on Tuesday morning. I will respond to that separately in the coming days.

Leigh

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Hello Leigh,

Our concerns related to destroying all data by September 30th 2021 are:

1. Following our established practices we are developing manuscripts based on results generated for the Province and presented in reports. Publishing results in peer reviewed journals confirms the appropriateness of our research methods and the soundness of our conclusions. Publication in high quality journals is part of our process and provides government with assurances related to quality and a reference for relevant findings. The reports in question include products prepared for the most recent justice summit and evidence of change over time in the corrections population. Editors and reviewers commonly request additional results and sometimes re-analyses of data. We cannot complete the publication process without retaining data. It is also common practice for researchers to retain data following publication in case reanalysis is indicated.

This is a valid point, though not one that was raised in the previous request for an extension. Can you please provide a list of all pending manuscript submissions and their estimated submission dates? We will consider these in your request for a further extension.

2. Given that updated data are not being provided to support our MSFHR proposal it is possible as a fall-back to use existing data for analyses related to our core hypotheses. However, the letter that you provided extending our information sharing until September 30th 2021 stipulated that no further uses of the existing data were permitted.

We previously discussed that the MSFHR proposal could *not* be fulfilled with the existing IMED data as it required data from 2020—my re-read of this proposal confirms that there is one deliverable that could be completed (Aim #3) but this does not require any data. I offered our Ministries support as a project sponsor for a DIP project so this study could continue, and thought that was the plan moving forward. Please let me know if I misunderstood and you do not plan on drafting a Data Access Request for this project after all.

3. Meaningful differences in results may be produced by data accessed via the DIP when compared with results using the database we've developed. This may result from differences in variables included in data sets and cannot be established by visually reviewing descriptions of the DIP contents. Corrections data have been central to our analyses. When SFU was first instructed to destroy all data were were advised that Corrections data would be available via the DIP by end of April. We understand that Corrections data remain unavailable from the DIP.

Unfortunately, this is not a reason to retain the IMED data—as future integrated data work will be carried out within the DIP environment, the data available (which arguably is much richer than what is currently a part of the IMED) is what will be available to work with. And yes, despite our best efforts, Corrections data has indeed taken longer than planned to get into the DIP (this is one of many priorities we are juggling); however, we just finished our last round of UAT, so it will be available for use shortly.

4. We have developed the current database with the formal approval of program areas that oversee specific databases such as PharmaNet. It is not clear whether these program areas would authorize access to linkable data via the DIP in respect of permissions that have previously been granted or instead may require new letters of application. Therefor the complexity and resources and time needed to re-build the current dataset are unknown and may be substantial.

Pharmanet data is available within the DIP so will be accessible to use without any additional approvals beyond the initial Data Access Request. I note that when the MoH's Data Stewardship Committee gave approval for access to this data most recently (letter dated May 29, 2018), they suggested you entertain storage of this data on PopData BC's SRE moving forward. Moving to the DIP aligns with this advice.

The instruction we received on March 5th 2021 (Friday 5pm) was to destroy all data by March 31. We were advised that recreating the database would be achievable in a matter of weeks. That appears to have been incorrect and remains unachievable now after nearly 7 months. As you know, our team has invested over 17 years developing an internationally recognized database that has played a central role informing policies and practices at multiple levels of government. Although our research consistently addresses questions of public importance in BC, the vast majority of funds used to support our research have been obtained from sources outside BC, further benefiting BC taxpayers. We have prepared the next generation of applied researchers and cultivated a high degree of expertise in all aspects of the analysis and exchange of knowledge using this unusually powerful source of information. Our areas of expertise directly align with current policy priorities involving the interplay between addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and public safety. The fact that our work has become increasingly relevant also means that our results are increasingly threatening to established interests. Valid points, and I hope that you continue to apply your expertise within the DIP, where the policy priorities noted above can be examined with much richer data.

In the months preceding the instruction to destroy data we had worked closely with the justice summit to provide relevant results for their November 2020 meeting and we had completed additional reports requested by you. Shortly after briefing Deputies on our advice to Minister Eby (and based on evidence generated with inter-ministry data) we received your letter giving us less than a month's notice to sanitize our hard drives and with no realistic means of recreating those data. We are challenged to understand why our work with inter-ministry data would suddenly and urgently pose an unacceptable risk to government. The fact that there remains no viable means of recreating our current data holdings indicates that ensuring continuity in our work was never a priority.

I look forward to your reflections on the points numbered above and any additional insight regarding the impetus to disable our group from continuing our work developing evidence in the public interest.
Sincerely,

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Sent: October 13, 2021 11:26:53 AM PDT
Attachments: Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-October 13 2021.pdf

Good morning Julian,

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Sincerely,
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To: Lapsley, Amy PSSG:EX <Amy.Lapsley@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 14, 2021 2:07:46 PM PDT

Thanks!

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From: Lapsley, Amy PSSG:EX <Amy.Lapsley@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: IMED Request

FYI—see Lisa's update below. I'll flag for GCPE just in case!

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Lapsley, Amy PSSG:EX <Amy.Lapsley@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
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Did you hear from Mark about how the meeting with Julian went? s.22
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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 8:51 AM
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Hi Amy,

For your records/info.

I briefed Mark and Lisa on this, and Mark had a phone call with Julian earlier this week as well, so think we have covered all of our bases.

Let me know if you wish to discuss anything further.

Thanks,
Leigh

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To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 22, 2021 3:32:18 PM PDT

Hi Lisa,

Quick update—still no reply from Julian, so I sent a follow-up email this afternoon (cc'ing the other IMED Steering Committee members). Will let you know if/when it prompts a response.

Leigh

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Sent: October 25, 2021 8:33:06 AM PDT
Fyi.

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:14 AM
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Thanks you again,
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Sent: November 1, 2021 11:11:30 AM PDT

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s.13 In any case, she thinks it would be good for me to suggest that we *all* connect so everyone is on the same page and has the same details. I will reply just letting him know that based on conversations with Mark, I understood we would be having a call with Joanne/Sobhana for a more fulsome discussion, and ask that he set that up that call early next week.

Leigh

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Touch base

Hi – you may want to check with Sobhana as it sounds like it's out of step with the process that was outlined. If she confirms that she will joining that call we can look to find some time with Mark this week.

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:16 AM
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Subject: FW: Touch base

Good morning!

How would you like me to proceed here? He makes no mention of the meeting being with anyone else, so not sure if he plans to invite Sobhana and Joanne. Do you want to try to connect with Mark this week, and I can ask that Julian set up the call early next week (in case this is the group call I was waiting on an invite for)?

Leigh

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Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Sobhana Jaya Madhavan <sobhana_jaya_madhavan@sfu.ca>
Sent: November 1, 2021 11:18:11 AM PDT

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Thanks again,
Leigh

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To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Touch base

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Good day!

Sobhana Jaya Madhavan
AVP, External Relations
Simon Fraser University
778.668.7803

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Sobhana Jaya Madhavan <sobhana_jaya_madhavan@sfu.ca>
Sent: November 2, 2021 9:59:01 AM PDT

Good morning Sobhana,

Sorry to have to bother you with this again, but I replied to Julian yesterday to suggest he arrange a meeting for the four of us to have a more fulsome discussion (as per what I was told was a next step from Mark) and asked that he set that up for early next week. His reply was that he had talked to you and Joanne, and his outreach to me was his next step, and while he would have preferred to chat first, in the interest of time, perhaps he should just simply send his letter.

s.13

Thanks in advance for your input.

Leigh

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From: Sobhana Jaya Madhavan <sobhana_jaya_madhavan@sfu.ca>
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To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Touch base

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Sounds good, Leigh...I think the group call is a good idea. Our Prez Joy Johnson and VP Joanne Curry are meeting Mark this week while in Victoria. Though this won't come up, makes sense we are all working towards resolving the issue. s.13 Let me know if you need anything from my end, Leigh.

Thanks and take care.

Sobhana

Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan

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RE: Touch base

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 4, 2021 12:53:29 PM PDT

Ok, great. Will reply shortly.

Will also let the IMED committee know of these new developments (given their agreements have all expired already too).

L.

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From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:53 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Touch base

I can't think of anything that is at risk as a result.

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:52 PM
To: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Touch base

s.22

I will suggest the 19th, if you don't think there is an issue leaving it that long?

Leigh

From: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:49 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Touch base

I can do it Monday at 830 but have to leave by 820.
Next time that looks clear is nov 19 before 11.

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sylvia Wong Patey <sylvia_wong_patey@sfu.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Touch base

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Hi Kimberley and Leigh,

I've received some date/time options below and wonder if any work for you both?
Many thanks!

Nov 08, before 11 or 2-3pm
Nov 15, 2-3pm
Nov 16, after 3pm
Nov 19, before 11am or after 2pm

Julian

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RE: Checking in

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>, XT:Curry , Joanne E AEST:IN <joannec@sfu.ca>
Sent: January 7, 2022 3:07:13 PM PST

Good afternoon Julian,

Happy new year to you--I hope you enjoyed the holidays and found some time to relax and unwind.

Just following up once again—any updates?

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:29 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; XT:Curry , Joanne E AEST:IN <joannec@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: Checking in

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Good morning Leigh,

Thank you for your message in follow up to our meeting. We're waiting for additional advice on ethics and appreciate your patience.
I do expect to send a reply to your letter within a few days and before the holidays. Thanks again, and best wishes,

Julian

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
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> On Dec 6, 2021, at 3:03 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> Good afternoon Julian,
>
> I hope all is well. I just wanted to check-in to see when we may expect to receive the response you referenced on our call a few weeks ago. I know you said you had some follow-up to do with your ethics board, but do you anticipate getting something to us before the holidays so we can get our addendums drafted?

Thanks in advance for the update.

Cheers,
Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX <Nikki.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 11, 2022 11:28:31 AM PST
Attachments: IMED- Letter to JS- March 5, 2021.pdf, Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-October 13 2021.pdf, Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf, Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf

Hi Nikki,

No problem—see the Post-Meeting Nov 2021 attachment.

I have attached the entirely of our formal communication with Dr. Somers as well if this is helpful.

Leigh

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From: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX <Nikki.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Attached Lette

Hi Leigh,
Would it be possible to share the letter Mark is discussing? I'm setting up a call w. Mark and Doug (new DSG) so Mark can give some history.

Thanks!
Nikki

From: Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 7:58 PM
To: Sieben, Mark PREM:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Clancy, Siobhan PREM:EX <Siobhan.Clancy@gov.bc.ca>; Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX <Nikki.Duncan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Attached Lette

Sounds great Mark – thanks.

Doug

From: Sieben, Mark PREM:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 10, 2022 5:21 PM
To: Scott, Douglas S PSSG:EX <Douglas.S.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Clancy, Siobhan PREM:EX <Siobhan.Clancy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Attached Lette

Hi Doug –Not imminently urgent but there is some context that would be useful for you given the recent history and interest. Worth a short conversation if you can fit it in during the next week or so. I'll note for Siobhan and , if okay by you, ask she catch up with Nikki to find us 15 minutes sometime later this week.

M.

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 5:06 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLean, Kimberley M PSSG:EX <Kimberley.McLean@gov.bc.ca>; XT:Curry , Joanne E AEST:IN <joannec@sfu.ca>; Sieben, Mark PREM:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
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Hello Leigh,

As mentioned in our recent email exchange, please find a letter attached.
I look forward to your reflections.

Meantime, best wishes,
Julian

BRITISH COLUMBIA

October 13, 2021

Dr. Julian Somers
Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA)
SFU Faculty of Health Sciences
Blusson Hall 11300
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, BC
V5A 1S6

Dear Dr. Somers,

Thank you for your letter dated September 28th, 2021 requesting our continued support of SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED). We appreciate the history of this initiative that you so clearly articulated in your letter and the leadership you and your team have shown in providing empirical evidence to support the work of government over the last 17 years. Respectfully, however, we are unable to endorse your request to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements to allow continued use of the IMED data for novel research.

As per our previous correspondence on March 5th, 2021 (see attached), the Ministries of Health (MoH), Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) and Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) are now providing data to the Data Innovation Program (DIP), where the work previously carried out with IMED data can continue, should you so choose. To be clear, the data you previously accessed through IMED will continue to be available through the DIP. In fact, this program will contain even more data from a wider cross-section of government ministries. As a reminder, the DIP, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. The data available extends beyond the justice, health and social service data provided to the IMED, and includes education data, children and family data, income and work data, and road safety data. It is very exciting that insights that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED can now be generated in this program.

I understand your concerns with respect to the impact this may have on the partnerships previously formed and expertise your team has built. However, I assure you that the intent of transitioning to the DIP is not to disable your group, but rather to move this work to a platform that will provide you, and others, access to a larger pool of integrated data. It is hoped that the partnerships and allies convened by SFU will remain and that novel and innovative research will continue in partnership with our Ministry and other social Ministries whose data were not previously available for analysis.

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We concur with your sentiment that there is an urgent need for evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and community safety in BC. Considering this urgency, I hope you agree that it is in the best interests of government for our Ministries to contribute to an integrated data program where there is equitable and broader access to academics and government researchers interested in generating insights from the data within it.

Although *new* research will now be carried out within the DIP, I recognize that there may be a need to retain the IMED to support manuscript submissions for work previously carried out on behalf of the Ministries. As such, we will withdraw our request to destroy all data, and upon submission of a comprehensive list of existing manuscripts in preparation and their anticipated date of submission, will agree to extend the terms of our information sharing agreements to allow for the publication process to conclude.

We look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve.

Sincerely,

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Sent: January 11, 2022 2:00:07 PM PST

Hello Julian,

Thank you for your letter. I will share this with the rest of the IMED steering committee and be in touch with our response shortly.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Julian

From: Prouten, James CITZ:EX <James.Prouten@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2022 2:05 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Cc: Richardson, Irina CITZ:EX; Conly, Russell CITZ:EX
Subject: RE: Innovation Program--replicating integrated data analysis

Hi Leigh – let me set up some time tomorrow with the two of us and Russ.
Cheers

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 25, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Prouten, James CITZ:EX <James.Prouten@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Richardson, Irina CITZ:EX <Irina.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Innovation Program--replicating integrated data analysis

Hi James,

I see Irina is out of office the next couple of days, so am hoping you are able to assist with my request below. There is some urgency to this, as I am needing to draft a formal response to a letter we received from Julian a couple of weeks ago (which was also directed to my Deputy Minister).

Would you have time for a quick call today or tomorrow by chance? Or if not, is there someone else at the DIP I can reach out to to assist?

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Richardson, Irina CITZ:EX <Irina.Richardson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Prouten, James CITZ:EX <James.Prouten@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Innovation Program--replicating integrated data analysis

Good morning Irina,

I hope all is well, and happy Friday! I mentioned this when we spoke a few weeks ago, but now need to follow up for some confirmation.

As you may recall, for over a decade, an academic at SFU (Dr. Julian Somers) has been working with an integrated dataset that the Ministries of SDPR, MoH, PSSG provided to him (one we have updated almost annually). For a number of reasons, we have asked that he move this integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program. However, one of his concerns is that he won't be able to replicate previous analyses in the DIP (in the event this is asked of him from

journals or other academics). In conversations with Brittany Decker late last year, it was suggested that he try to replicate some of the analysis he had carried out on his data set with data available in the DIP. We will be extending the terms of his information sharing agreements to allow for this, and for the finalizing of several manuscripts in preparation. However, before I connect with Julian to talk about next steps, can we set up a quick call at your earliest availability to discuss a) if this is still possible, and b) how we would go about this?

Thanks,
Leigh

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FW: IMED-Response to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 27, 2022 2:20:28 PM PST
Attachments: Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf, Response- Dr. Somers-January 20, 2022.doc

Hi Lisa,

For your review, I have attached my response to Julian Somers' most recent letter (and included his letter as well). The IMED steering committee have reviewed/approved of the messaging already.

I also wanted to check with you as to who you feel should be cc'd? I added you and removed Kimberley, but should I also swap out Mark for Doug? Thoughts?

Erin, cc'ing you for awareness—happy to catch you up if interested.

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:09 PM
To: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX <Robert.Bruce@gov.bc.ca>; van der Leer, Gerrit HLTH:EX <Gerrit.vanderLeer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: IMED-Response to JS

Hi everyone,

Sorry for the delay in getting this out for your review, but please find attached the letter I drafted in response to Julian's most recent letter (also attached). Let me know if you are happy with the messaging and/or if you feel there is anything missing.

Hoping to send this out later this week/early next week, so if you can provide any edits/suggestions at your earliest convenience, that would be greatly appreciated.

Gerrit, I know you weren't able to make it to our last call—let me know if you want to connect briefly to get caught up (though the letter probably explains things).

Thanks,
Leigh

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Leigh Greiner, PhD
Director Research & Strategic Planning
BC Corrections, Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
via email: Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca

January 7, 2022

Dear Leigh,

Glad tidings for 2022. I'm writing in follow up to our meeting of November 16th in which we were joined by Kimberley McLean and Joanne Curry. At his request I've also copied Mark Sieben.

During our meeting we discussed the migration of work from the inter-ministry research database that has been collaboratively developed over previous years to the Province's data innovation program (DIP). Since SFU received the instruction to terminate data in March 2021 we have had the opportunity to work together with you and colleagues associated with the DIP. We were advised that Corrections data were not yet available through the DIP and that their inclusion was forthcoming. We were also advised that several of the clinical and psychosocial analyses conducted under the previously established platform (requiring patient consent) could not be replicated via the DIP.

Issues arising in our meeting included: a) ethical and legal considerations associated with platform change; b) the execution of funded research sponsored by the Inter-Ministry committee; c) outstanding publications involving the inter-ministry research database.

For guidance on legal and ethical issues I consulted senior colleagues with expertise in law, data, and ethics, including SFU's Director of Research Ethics. I advised my consulting colleagues that the DIP is expected to soon serve as a means of accessing all of the data needed to replicate our published findings, with the exception of those noted above. I also noted that we had received support from the Province to retain data throughout the process of publishing several papers based on findings already generated, and that we had been assured that government would ensure that SFU receives data needed for the outstanding sponsored research noted above.

In assessing the duration of data retention we were advised to consider the

uniqueness and impact of related published findings. In the current case, publications produced using the inter-ministry research database are highly unique and have been cited in support of policies affecting highly vulnerable people in BC, federally, and internationally. Retention of data becomes more salient when the derived results diverge from subsequently published findings using comparable methods. Conversely, the case for retention lessens if subsequently published findings corroborate and reinforce the robustness of the outcomes reported.

It was recommended that while finalizing manuscripts, and following the receipt of DIP data, SFU should selectively replicate published findings using data accessed from the DIP. We were advised to record our results, and assuming that the replicated findings are essentially the same as those published, document the similarities as the basis for destroying the original database. Any legally or ethically grounded queries received by SFU related to the replication of findings would then be pursued via the DIP as necessary. Queries related to analyses conducted with individual consent would be referred to the Province.

I appreciate your consideration of this plan and would be happy to speak in follow up. As mentioned in our meeting, we would be grateful for your assurance that SFU will receive the data necessary for the funded Michael Smith Foundation research as a government-sponsored project via the DIP, and your support to retain data in support of publications (noted on the following page). Several colleagues recommended that I carefully describe and disseminate the context surrounding the termination of data resources. I've included the related paper in the list, although it is based on personal notes and information in the public domain rather than analyses of data. Finally, every attempt has been made to provide a comprehensive list of papers in production. In the event of an oversight I will amend the list and notify you immediately.

Thank you and best wishes,



CC: Kimberley McLean, MPA, Provincial Director, Strategic Operations,
BC Corrections
Joanne Curry, PhD, SFU VP External
Mark Sieben, LLB, Deputy Solicitor General

List of Papers Pending Publication and Based on Analyses of Inter-Ministry Data
(Working Titles and Related Projects)

a. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Detained in Custody (results and report requested by BC Corrections)
b. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Supervised Under Community Supervision (results and report requested by BC Corrections)
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d. Cheque-day and Associations with Hospitalization (results requested by Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction)
e. Overall and Cause-specific Poisoning Mortality and Associated Individual Risk Factors (results requested by Ministry of Health)
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g. The Characteristics of Abstainers Among Those Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Illness (Vancouver At Home)
h. Factors Associated with Criminal Convictions After Receiving Recovery-Oriented Housing (Vancouver At Home)
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j. The Denouement of a Longstanding Inter-Ministry & Academic Collaboration (recommended by ethical and legal experts)

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January 26, 2022

Dr. Julian Somers
Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health and Addiction (CARMHA)
SFU Faculty of Health Sciences
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Vancouver, BC
V6B 5K3

Dear Julian,

Thank you for your letter dated January 7th, 2022, in follow-up to our November 16th, 2021 meeting. I appreciate the synopses of our discussion, and the summary of the advice you received from your colleagues.

I have consulted with the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) Steering Committee, and upon review of the manuscripts listed in your letter and consideration of the timeframe in which the referenced projects were carried out, we have agreed to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements until March 31st, 2023. Each ministry representative will be in touch shortly to arrange for these extensions. Just a reminder that the extensions are being provided solely for the completion of existing manuscript submissions, as per the list provided, and not for novel research.

I am also pleased to reaffirm BC Corrections' support and sponsorship to carry out the Micheal Smith Foundation Research that you brought to the IMED Steering Committee for endorsement in May 2020. I am happy to work with you and your team to develop the Data Access Request (DAR) for submission to the Data Innovation Program (DIP) so this work may begin.

I have also consulted with colleagues at the DIP to ensure that access to program data will be permitted to replicate select published findings as we had discussed. They have confirmed that this approach is feasible, and asked that as a part of the DAR for the above-noted project, we identify this as a secondary objective and list the analyses to be replicated.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support as we navigate the transition of this work to the DIP. I look forward to discussing next steps for the DAR at your convenience.

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Sincerely,

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

CC:
Mark Sieben, LLB, Deputy Solicitor General, MPSSG
Lisa Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Corrections
Joanne Curry, PhD., SFU VP External

RE: IMED-Response to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2022 8:50:25 AM PST

Great, thanks Lisa. Will get this sent out later today!

Leigh

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Subject: RE: IMED-Response to JS

Good morning Leigh,

I've made a few minor edits in the attached for your consideration and can confirm that Doug Scott and I should be copied.

Thanks
Lisa

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: IMED-Response to JS

Hi Lisa,

For your review, I have attached my response to Julian Somers' most recent letter (and included his letter as well). The IMED steering committee have reviewed/approved of the messaging already.

I also wanted to check with you as to who you feel should be cc'd? I added you and removed Kimberley, but should I also swap out Mark for Doug? Thoughts?

Erin, cc'ing you for awareness—happy to catch you up if interested.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Subject: IMED-Response to JS

Hi everyone,

Sorry for the delay in getting this out for your review, but please find attached the letter I drafted in response to Julian's most recent letter (also attached). Let me know if you are happy with the messaging and/or if you feel there is anything missing.

Hoping to send this out later this week/early next week, so if you can provide any edits/suggestions at your earliest convenience, that would be greatly appreciated.

Gerrit, I know you weren't able to make it to our last call—let me know if you want to connect briefly to get caught up (though the letter probably explains things).

Thanks,
Leigh

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FW: Attached Letter

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Sent: February 2, 2022 9:56:31 AM PST
Attachments: Response- Dr. Somers-January 28 2022.pdf

Hi all,

Just wanted to send a quick note to let you know our response has been sent (see attached for your records). I have yet to hear back from Julian, but will be drafting our ISA addendums in the next week or two to get this rolling. I will also start the addendum for the ISA between our Ministries. Ceri/Rob—let me know if this works for both of you, or if you would prefer your Ministry take the lead on this (Ceri, I seem to recall you mentioning the need to draft an entirely new ISA? Hopefully an addendum to the existing agreement, with a comment as to why the addendum is being made, will suffice, but if not, let me know).

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Leigh

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Subject: RE: Attached Letter

Good afternoon Julian,

Thank you again for your letter. Please see attached our response.

I look forward to discussing next steps with you at your convenience.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 5:06 PM
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Subject: Attached Lette

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Hello Leigh,

As mentioned in our recent email exchange, please find a letter attached.
I look forward to your reflections.

Meantime, best wishes,
Julian

FW: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Selena PSSG:EX Horsburgh (Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca) <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2022 10:57:33 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png, 18-017-_02 IMED IISA 6-month extenstion_Fully Executed.pdf

Here you are! Sorry, this was buried…

Leigh

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From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:48 PM
To: 'julian_somers@sfu.ca' <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 18-017_02 Interministry Information Sharing Agreement six-month Amendment
Importance: High

Dear Dr. Somers,

Please find attached fully executed amendment for ISA 18-017_02.

Please note that this amendment is extended until September 30, 2021, which would allow students to finish their thesis. No new thesis should be started with previously provided data.

Furthermore, it is expected that in October you send us a confirmation letter that the data has been destroyed and that all media storage devices that housed Ministry data has been sanitized.

Thank you,

Leo

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Please visit the Health Data Central website for information about available Ministry of Health administrative health data and the health data application process.





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April 21, 2021

This document is an Addendum to extend the term of the Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) between the BC Ministries of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction, dated April 3, 2018.

The purpose of this Addendum is to extend the **Term and Termination** date in Section 3 and **Terms of Agreement** date in Section 13. The extension is being provided to allow for the continued use of the data by doctoral trainees at Simon Fraser University finalizing their respective dissertations under the supervision of Dr. Somers.

The ISA document signed in 2018 provided access to records until **March 31, 2021**.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that the ISA dated April 3, 2018 is hereby amended as follows:

1) As per Section 3 and Section 13, the **Term of Agreement** will now end on **September 30, 2021**.

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	**Ministry of Health**
Lisa Anderson Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Corrections	Martin Wright Assistant Deputy Minister Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting
Date: May 5, 2021	Date: April 30, 2021
Signature:	Signature:
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction	**Ministry of Health**
Suzanne Christensen Assistant Deputy Minister Innovation and Policy Division	Andrew Elderfield Executive Director and Chief Data Steward
Date: May 5, 2021	Date:
Signature:	Signature:

Conversation with Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2022 10:19:02 AM PST

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:40 AM:
Good morning Ceri! Quick question for you--I currently have Andrew Elderfield and Martin Wright as signatories for MoH on the ISA for the IMED. Is that still accurate?

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:47 AM:
I'm not sure why Martin would be on there, let me check with Andrew to see if it should be going to both. Typically it's just Andrew signs on our agreements.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:47 AM:
and if it's an amendment, it's usually me

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:48 AM:
What's the number on that please Leigh?

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:48 AM:
ok, thanks. Let me know. Our ISA addendums for the ISAs have always been signed at the ADM level for some reason

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:48 AM:
I will see if I can find it. Hang on

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:48 AM:
for the IMED*

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:49 AM:
yes - and we do see older agreements were signed by both, but not always sure that was necessary.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:51 AM:
the last addendum was 18-017-_02. The original agreement was 17-099 (I think)

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:51 AM:
thanks! I take a look

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:51 AM:
we label ours differently, so assume these are your identifiers

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:52 AM:
*I'll - talking in shorthand for some reason this morning!

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:52 AM:
haha...I read right through it.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 9:56 AM:
Ok, so it was just Andrew on the original - 17-099, and me on amendment 18-017-2. If this is just to extend dates, not adding anything new - it can probably be amendment 18-017-3. Which would mean me signing

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:58 AM:
my fully executed version has Andrew and Martin on the addendum... (signed April 30 2021)

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 9:58 AM:
Happy to put whomever you would like though :)

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 10:08 AM:
what a mish-mash! So signatures seemed to have varied across the documents, depending on who was running things here at the time. There should be an embarrassed face emoji! For a new agreement, just Andrew is fine. If we are simply going to extend the one I see in force that combines the two, and expired on March 31, it permits an extension of not more than 2 years beyond March 31, 2021 in section 13.07 based on written agreement by the parties; MoH, and SFU. We could do a simple one page amendment extending that one. I'll send it to you to take a look.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 10:09 AM:
do you have a sec for a quick call?

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 10:09 AM:
sure

10:09 AM Connected to Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX (+1 (250) 516-7382).

10:16 AM Call with Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX (+1 (250) 516-7382) has ended. Duration: 0:06:43

RE: Attached Letter

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2022 2:25:55 PM PST
Attachments: DAR-government sponsored project.pdf

Hi Julian,

Thanks for following up—taking the others off this thread as we tackle next steps. Hope that is ok.

I think it makes sense to tackle the action items concurrently. I have already drafted an addendum to the ISA (between SFU and Corrections) and will be sending this to you early next week for signature. You can expect to receive similar addendums from SDPR and MoH in the coming week or two.

As for the research to be carried out via the DIP, we can start the Data Access Request anytime! It needs to be submitted online by the government sponsor, but what would be helpful is if you and/or Akm want to start populating Section 3 of the attached pdf-version of the DAR. Once this is ready, perhaps we can set up some time to meet and go through the other pieces of the DAR before submitting? You will notice that Corrections data isn't listed in the "Data Requested" section yet (they have yet to revise their forms), but it should be by the time we submit the DAR, so we can ignore this for now and just identity the other data sources needed.

Does this plan work for you? Happy to set up some time next week to discuss further before getting too far on the DAR if that is helpful. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Leigh

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Hello Leigh,

Thank you for your letter. I've conferred with members of our team and we'll be very glad to follow up as described.
I believe there are separate action items addressing ISA renewal and commencement of research via DIP.
We're able to lend support to these immediately and I wonder if you would prefer to address items sequentially or in parallel. Either if fine at our end.

Thank you again and I look forward to following up.

Meantime best wishes,
Julian

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
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On Jan 28, 2022, at 1:18 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Julian

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Project Title:

Date Generated: Feb. 4, 2022

Section 1: Project Team Information

This form (the 'DAR' or 'Data Access Request') is the application to request access to the data through the Data Innovation Program. This form must be completed by the main contact for the project (the 'Project Main Contact').

List the Project Main Contact and all Project Team Members in this section. Each Project Team Member who will work on the project, including the Project Main Contact, will be engaged pursuant to section 3 of the *Statistics Act*, must sign an Engagement Agreement and take the *Statistics Act* Oath of Secrecy and successfully complete privacy training before accessing any data. Project Team Members who require access to data will receive a unique login account. Teams are encouraged to include a diversity of skillsets and perspectives to provide input on the research and ensure it is useful.

1.1 Project Main Contact

The Project Main Contact: must be an employee of government; is legally and ethically responsible for the project; bears the overall responsibility for the conduct of the project, including the activities of Project Team Members; is responsible for submitting all project documentation, including the Data Access Request, any amendments and any data or pre-publication requests, to the Data Innovation Program; is responsible for providing Project Team Members with all project documentation and acting as a liaison between the Project Team and the Data Innovation Program.

Fill in information for Project Main Contact:

Institution or Organization:
Role Project Lead/Main Contact

1.2 Data Science Partnerships (DSP) Program Support

Note: The Data Science Partnerships (DSP) program may be available to help ministries make the most efficient and effective use of the Data Innovation Program to meet information needs (e.g., methodological and data science assistance). A Data Science Partnership Program Project Lead will have the same level of access to a project's data and findings as the Project Main Contact. If interested in exploring DSP options, contact Alex.Mendelev@gov.bc.ca. If your project is not working with the DSP, please leave this section blank.

Data Science Partnerships Program Project Lead:

Last Name:
Given Name(s):

1.3 Project Team Members

Project Team Members are individuals, in addition to the Project Main Contact, who will work on the project in the Secure Analytics Environment or need access to project data or findings prior to pre-publication review

and approval. In cases where a Project Team Member has multiple emails, their primary e-mail must be provided. If a Project Team Member has an academic affiliation or has a for-profit /industry affiliation, the applicable contract or other governing instrument must be provided to demonstrate their relationship to the project.

Fill in information for each Project Team Member:

1.4 Special Circumstances

Are any Project Team Members accessing the Secure Analytics Environment from outside of Canada? If yes, please note that they will also be subject to a Research Agreement.

If yes, please provide list of name(s) and their countries of access below.

1.5 Contracted Employees

For any Project Team Members who are contracted employees of the government, ensure they are listed as Project Team Members above, and in addition, you must upload a copy of their contract(s) below.

Uploaded Files:
None

Section 2: Project Purpose

2.1 Research Purpose and Outcomes:

Select the main purpose(s) for the research and for each purpose provide: a detailed explanation of how the project supports the purpose statement, anticipated research outcomes or impacts (e.g. program or policy changes), and how you will know if the project achieves its purpose (e.g. measures and targets).

The goals and priorities of government

No

The ministry mandate

No

Other organizational or cross-ministry initiative(s)

No

Improved government services or programs

No

Section 3: About Your Project

3.1 Project title

Enter the title of your project.

Note: project titles are published on our website.

3.2 Project description

Using plain language (e.g. no technical jargon), provide a brief summary about your project. Include the ultimate goal of this research, topics to be investigated and relationship, if relevant, to any other prior, current or potential future studies.

Note: Project descriptions are published on our website. To see examples, see https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/about-data-management/data-innovation-program/projects

3.3 Project Study Design and Defining Study Population

Project Objectives

List the project objectives below.

Public interest requirement

Select from the list below the public interest criteria that are best met by your project.

Note: a project does not need to meet all of the public interest requirements.

No - 1. To provide an evidence base for decisions which are likely to significantly benefit the quality of life, society or economy of people in B.C.

No - 2. To provide an evidence base for public policy decision making

No - 3. To provide an evidence base for service delivery decisions

No - 4. To replicate, validate or challenge existing research or statistics

No - 5. To improve the quality, coverage or presentation of existing statistical information

No - 6. To significantly extend understanding of social or economic trends or events by improving knowledge or challenging widely accepted analyses

Research Questions

What are your project's research question(s)? Please make these questions as clear, specific and data-oriented as possible.

Population of interest

Using plain language, describe the population of focus for your project.

a) What is the approximate size of your population of interest and what are the population characteristics of interest?

b) Describe how you will maximize benefit to the population and minimize or mitigate any risk of harm to individuals or communities (e.g. stigma, reinforcing stereotypes). The focus of your response should be on the interpretation of information beyond the privacy and confidentiality controls established by the program.

Hypotheses and Analytic Approach

What are your project's hypotheses, and what data analysis techniques will you be using to test your hypotheses and answer your research questions?

Overall Impacts

a) What will the project outputs be used for? How will the project outputs be used to inform the purpose(s) identified in section 2 and public interest (section 3.3)?

b) Describe how ministry government programs, policies and/or services could be impacted as a result of the findings?

c) How will you know you have achieved the intended outcomes of this research?

3.4 Timeframe

Please indicate when you need access to data.

Preferred starting date:
Project end date (Please note that this is an estimated date and projects can be extended for valid reasons):
Additional factors that may influence timeline:

3.5 - Data Requested

The Data Innovation Program enables access to de-identified data for approved projects.

Note: The Data Innovation Program removes direct personal identifiers from the datasets. Access to data is governed by the *Statistics Act*, which means the Data Innovation Program is legally required to protect confidential information for individual persons, organizations and businesses.

- Data Set Contents (Click to expand/collapse)

Data Set Name	Data Set Description	Files Within Data Set
01. BC Housing Corporation (SAFER/RAP)	Private Market Rent Supplements for Eligible Seniors and Working Families (SAFER/RAP)	Private Market Rent Supplements for Eligible Seniors and Working Families (SAFER/RAP)
02. Community Living BC (Community Living Programs)		Community Living Programs
03. Insurance Corporation of BC (Contraventions)		
03. Insurance Corporation of BC (Crash)		
03. Insurance Corporation of BC (Driver Licensing)		
03. Insurance Corporation of BC (Traffic Accident System (TAS))		
03. Insurance Corporation of BC (Vehicle Population)		
04. Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (Labour Market Programs)		Labour Market Programs
05. Ministry of Attorney General (Family Maintenance and Enforcement Program)		Family Maintenance and Enforcement Program
06. Ministry of Children and Family Development (Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH))		Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH)
06. Ministry of Children and Family Development (Child Welfare Program)		Child Welfare Program Child Welfare Program
07. Ministry of Education (K to 12 Socio Economic Status (SES) Index)	This was created by the Ministry of Education.	K to 12 Socio Economic Status (SES) Index
07. Ministry of Education (K to 12 Student Demographics and Achievements)		K to 12 Student Demographics and Achievements
08. Ministry of Health (Central Demographics File) + (Census Geodata)	MSP Registration and Premium Billings, Client Roster & Census Geodata. This is a consolidated file of the MSP Health Registration and Premium Billings (source system is Client Roster) with the addition of Census-Geodata	Consolidation File
08. Ministry of Health (Chronic Disease Registry)		Chronic Disease Registry
08. Ministry of Health (COVID Testing Data)		Covid19 Test Results
08. Ministry of Health (Discharge Abstract Database (Hospital Separations))		Discharge Abstracts Database (Hospital Separations)

08. Ministry of Health (Home and Community Care)		Home and Community Care
08. Ministry of Health (Medical Services Plan (MSP) Payment Information File)		Medical Services Plan Payment Information File
08. Ministry of Health (Mental Health Services)		Mental Health Services
08. Ministry of Health (National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS))		National Ambulatory Care Reporting System
08. Ministry of Health (PharmaCare)		PharmaCare
08. Ministry of Health (PharmaNet)		PharmaNet
08. Ministry of Health (Registry and Premium Billings (RPB Lite, unconsolidated)	Unconsolidated MSP Registration & Premium Billings	Unconsolidated Registration and Premium Billings
08. Ministry of Health (Vital Events and Statistics)		Vital Statistics Births Vital Statistics Deaths Vital Statistics Stillbirths Vital Statistics Marriages
09. Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants Program)		Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants
09. Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Provincial Nominee Program)		Provincial Nominee Program
10. Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (BC Employment and Assistance)	BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA)	BC Employment and Assistance (BCEA)
11. Provincial Health Services Authority (Perinatal)		BC Perinatal Data Registry
12. Statistics Canada (BC Population Projections 2018 - 2041)		BC Population Projections 2018 to 2041
12. Statistics Canada (Income Band by Postal Code) + Ministry of Health (Census GeoData)	Census-Geodata data is included as well.	Income Bands - Standard Income Bands - Custom

3.6 Notify on Data Updates

Do you wish to be notified when updates to the data are available? Types of updates may include annual updates or addition of fields or files.

No - Yes, I would like to be notified when the data is updated.

Section 4: Public Dissemination

4.1 Review of materials before public dissemination of results

Before public dissemination of project results, the Project Main Contact is required to send the materials in final draft form to the Data Innovation Program, for confirmation that the terms of the Engagement Agreement have been complied with and, in particular, that privacy and confidentiality requirements have been upheld; there has been no misuse of data; and the data has been appropriately referenced and cited. Project results must not be communicated externally until the Data Innovation Program has informed the Project Main Contact that the review has been completed.

4.2 Intended public dissemination

List any intended plans for public dissemination of project results, (e.g. journal article(s), PhD theses, published reports, seminars, conference presentations). The more specific you can be the better, so if you already have in mind a specific publisher or journal, you'll be submitting your output to, or a specific conference or forum you intend to present your research to, please mention it here.

Applicable: False

Section 5: Submission Acknowledgements

A) Publication of project information

For transparency and to communicate the value of projects facilitated through integrated data, the Data Innovation Program publishes information about approved projects where appropriate. This basic information may include: project number and title, Project Team Members' names and organizations, project description, data requirements, project timelines, and publications. The information published is pulled from this DAR application and posted on the Data Innovation Program website and other program communications materials. You hereby grant the Province a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, world-wide and royalty-free license to use, reproduce, distribute, modify and publish the information provided by you in this DAR for this purpose.

If you would like to request an exemption to having basic information about the project published, please provide the following information below.

Choose the classification level of the project information and materials. (Note, this is not the classification level of the data used for the project, but classification of the basic project information listed above).

Classification

Provide a rationale of how project information and materials meet the Security Classification selected above.

This rationale should closely adhere to the criteria outlined in the description of the Protected classifications in the Information Security Classification Standard. Please provide specific reasons for requesting this level of protection; for example, the reasons and likelihood the publication of any of the basic project information listed above would cause harm to an individual, organization or government, and how and why the severity of the harm corresponds to the level of protection.

DIP has the right to review and consider this request.

Justification

B) Output checking

When any analysis is complete within the Secure Analytics Environment, the Project Team Members must anonymize all outputs and submit them to an Output Checker for manual review via the Output Checking Workflow Application. Once approved, outputs will be released from the Secure Analytics Environment. Time required for outputs to be reviewed depends on the size and complexity of the outputs, as well as the workload and availability of Output Checkers.

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Acknowledgement

False

Section 6: Declaration

Project Advisors

Please attach the DAR Project Advisors form, which should contain the names and organizations of any Project Advisors. Project Advisors are individuals who are considered ‘internal’ to the project, but have not been granted access to the Secure Analytics Environment. Project Advisors may have access to the project’s approved outputs prior to a pre-publication review, but any project information that has not been approved for release from the Secure Analytics Environment must not be discussed with Project Advisors.

Uploaded Files:
None

Declaration

False
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this Data Access Request form is complete and accurate and I will immediately notify the Data Innovation Program, in writing, if there is a change in circumstances that affects the completeness or accuracy of this Data Access Request.
Print Name and Title::

Project approval and commitment

Please provide the full name, Ministry and email address of the person who will be approving the submission of this DAR for your project. In most cases, an Executive Director or Assistant Deputy Minister level is appropriate. The Ministry Approver will be required to sign off on the submission of the DAR and by doing so, is ensuring that the appropriate staff and resources are assigned to complete it.

Name(s) of the designated ministry approver(s):

Project Review Status as of Feb. 4, 2022:

Approver	Status
Pre-Review - ()	Yet to be approved
Director of Statistics - ()	Yet to be approved

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Sent: February 7, 2022 1:27:50 PM PST

Thanks Julian. Sounds good. I will send a Teams invite now so it is in our calendars. And yes, any details for the DAR you are able to work out ahead of time would be greatly appreciated.

Talk soon.

Leigh

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ISA Addendum

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: March 1, 2022 11:47:08 AM PST
Attachments: SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2022 (BCC signed).pdf

Good morning Julian,

My apologies for the delay in getting this to you, but please find attached an ISA addendum for SFU's signature.

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February 7, 2022

This document is an Addendum to the Information Sharing Agreement (the "Original Agreement") between Simon Fraser University and the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (formally, the BC Ministry of Justice), dated June 28, 2016.

The purpose of this Addendum is to extend the term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement, specifically the expiry date for access to data as noted in Section 12. The extension is being provided to allow for the completion of existing manuscripts (as per Appendix A). Note that no new projects will be initiated following extension of this agreement.

An Addendum to the original Information Sharing Agreement was signed July 20, 2016 and extended the data sharing arrangement until March 31, 2021. An additional Addendum was signed on June 15, 2021, to extend the data sharing arrangement until September 30, 2021 to allow use of the data by doctoral trainees at Simon Fraser University finalizing their respective dissertations under the supervision of Dr. Somers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1) The term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement now ends on **March 31, 2023**, as per Section 12 of the original agreement and allows for the completion of existing manuscripts only**.**

For Simon Fraser University	**For Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Name:	**Name: Lisa Anderson** Assistant Deputy Minister BC Corrections, PSSG
Date:	**Date:** March 1, 2022
Signature:	**Signature:**

Appendix A

List of Papers Pending Publication and Based on Analyses of Inter-Ministry Data

a. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Detained in Custody

b. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Supervised Under Community Supervision

c. Short-term Custody and Risk Factors Associated with Recidivism

d. Cheque-day and Associations with Hospitalization

e. Overall and Cause-specific Poisoning Mortality and Associated Individual Risk Factors

f. Medication Adherence Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia Pre, During, and Post Custody

g. The Characteristics of Abstainers Among Those Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Illness

h. Factors Associated with Criminal Convictions After Receiving Recovery- Oriented Housing

i. Hospital Admission Following Release from Custody Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia

**Note that while every effort was made to provide a comprehensive list of papers in production, in the event of an oversight, Dr. Somers will notify the Ministries to request this list be amended.*

RE: ISA Addendum

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: March 21, 2022 9:17:53 AM PDT

Great, thanks Julian! Appreciate you following up, and sharing your previous correspondence. I will wait to hear from your contract folks then.

Cheers,
Leigh

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Julian

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RE: ISA Amendment 18-017_3 SFU MOH

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: April 6, 2022 9:29:51 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Thanks Julian. I appreciate the update! Though I see the attached agreement was one with the MoH. Has the ISA with PSSG had to go through a similar process? Any ETA on a signature on the addendum I forwarded?

Hope all is well with you too!

Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: ISA Amendment 18-017_3 SFU MOH

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: ISA Amendment 18-017_3 SFU MOH
Date: April 5, 2022 at 1:37:21 PM PDT
To: "Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX" <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>, Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>

Hi Leonardo,

I have attached the above-noted Amendment signed by SFU. Please return the fully executed Amendment to me.

Regards,
Norm Deeb
Research Contracts Officer
Simon Fraser University, Discovery 2
8888 University Dr., Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6
T: 778-782-5717

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Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>; Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: Copies of ISA 18-017 and amendment 17-099_03
Importance: High

Good morning Deeb and Julian,

All involved Ministries agreed to extend the agreement 18-017, despite the gap that happened since September 30, 2021.

This agreement is related to the ISA 17-099, which was also recently extended. Please see attached the amendment signed by Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

In the attachment, there is also the original ISA 18-017 that you requested.

Hopefully, this clarifies the situation on your end.

If you have any other question, please let me know.

Thanks,
Leonardo

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
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The only reference to this matter that I'm aware of is the text in the Feb 07 ISA extension stating:
"The term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement now ends on **March 31, 2023**,"

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On Mar 29, 2022, at 4:36 PM, Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca> wrote:

Hi Julian,

I would like to see the agreement wherein "the expiry of the previous agreement and its relationship with the current extension is stated in the contract…"

If either of you could attach that agreement, it would be appreciated.

Regards,
Norm

From: Julian Somers
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Cc: Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Re: Request for FE copy of 18-017_02
Importance: High

Hello Norm,

Thank you for copying me on this query. A previous ISA expired on March 31 2021, then in July was extended to September 30 2021. The current ISA extension has been under discussion and applies retroactively to the previous agreement. The expiry of the previous agreement and its relationship with the current extension is stated in the contract, indicating that the sponsor is aware of the temporal sequence and raises no concern. If further assurance is needed I'm sure the project sponsor Leigh Greiner would be happy to confirm the above. I hope this is helpful.

Best wishes,
Julian

Julian M Somers MSc PhD RPsych
Distinguished SFU Professor
Director CARMHA
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On Mar 29, 2022, at 4:14 PM, Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca> wrote:

Hi Leonardo,

The previous Addendum ISA 18-017_2 (attached), seems to have extended the term of ISA 18-017 to September 30, 2021. It appears that the current

Addendum seeks to extend the end date of the "Data Sharing Agreement" to March 31, 2023.

I don't have any document to show that ISA 18-017 or the "Information/Data Sharing Agreement" did not expire on September 30, 2021. Was there any document that extended the Data/Information Sharing Agreement after September 30, 2021? The concern is that the Data/Information Sharing Agreement might have expired on September 30, 2021.

Regards,
Norm

From: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Cc: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for FE copy of 18-017_02
Importance: High

No problem, Alec. Here it is.

FYI, in May 2021, we shared the executed copy with Dr. Somers, who was our only contact at SFU.

Cheers,
Leonardo

From: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2022 9:00 AM
To: Zanella, Leonardo HLTH:EX <Leonardo.Zanella@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Subject: Request for FE copy of 18-017_02

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Good morning Leonardo,

While beginning work on the newest amendment to the Information Sharing Agreement between MoH and SFU involving Dr. Julian Somers (18-017_03) we noticed that we did not have a copy of the fully executed second amendment in our records (18-017_02). I really apologize for this past error, but would you happen to have a copy of the fully signed amendment in your records that you could send to us?

Thank you and I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.
Kind regards,
Alec Allan
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Simon Fraser University | Discovery 2
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T: 778 938 9552
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<18-017_02 - SFU IMED_Fully Executed.pdf><SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2022 (BCC signed).pdf>

RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2022 2:17:50 PM PDT
Attachments: SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2022 (BCC signed).pdf, image001.png

Thanks Julian, but Leonardo is with the MoH. The agreement I need signed is attached (with BC Corrections). Can you check in on this one?

Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
B.C. Corrections, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
778.698.8197 (office) | s.17 (cell)

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hi Leigh,

Thank you for your message following up on the ISA approval.
Please see below. I hope this reminder expedites action!

Best wishes,
Julian

Begin forwarded message:

From: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature
Date: May 3, 2022 at 2:13:09 PM PDT
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Cc: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>

Hi Julian,

Thanks for following up – I will contact Leonardo again to see when we can expect to have the fully executed Addendum.

Regards,
Norm Deeb
Research Contracts Officer
Simon Fraser University, Discovery 2
8888 University Dr., Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6
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From: Julian Somers
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 2:10 PM
To: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Cc: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Hello Norm,

I hope this finds you well! I received the query below related to our ISA renewal and wonder if the status has advanced.
Thank you for your feedback.

Best wishes,
Julian

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX" <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature
Date: May 3, 2022 at 1:52:52 PM PDT
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>

Hi Julian,

Just following up on this again—it has been a couple of months, so hoping its made its way through the queue of contracts needing signature. Can you please follow up to see where this is at?

Thanks, and I hope all is well!

Leigh

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 6:03 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Hi Leigh,

SFU's contract area requested your contact details in support of the ISA extension.
I assumed they would be in touch with you soon. I'll inquire internally and please let me know if things don't progress.

Best wishes,

RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2022 2:43:02 PM PDT

Great, thanks!!

Leigh

From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

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Yes, thank you Leigh. I sent a follow up message specifying BC Corrections.

J

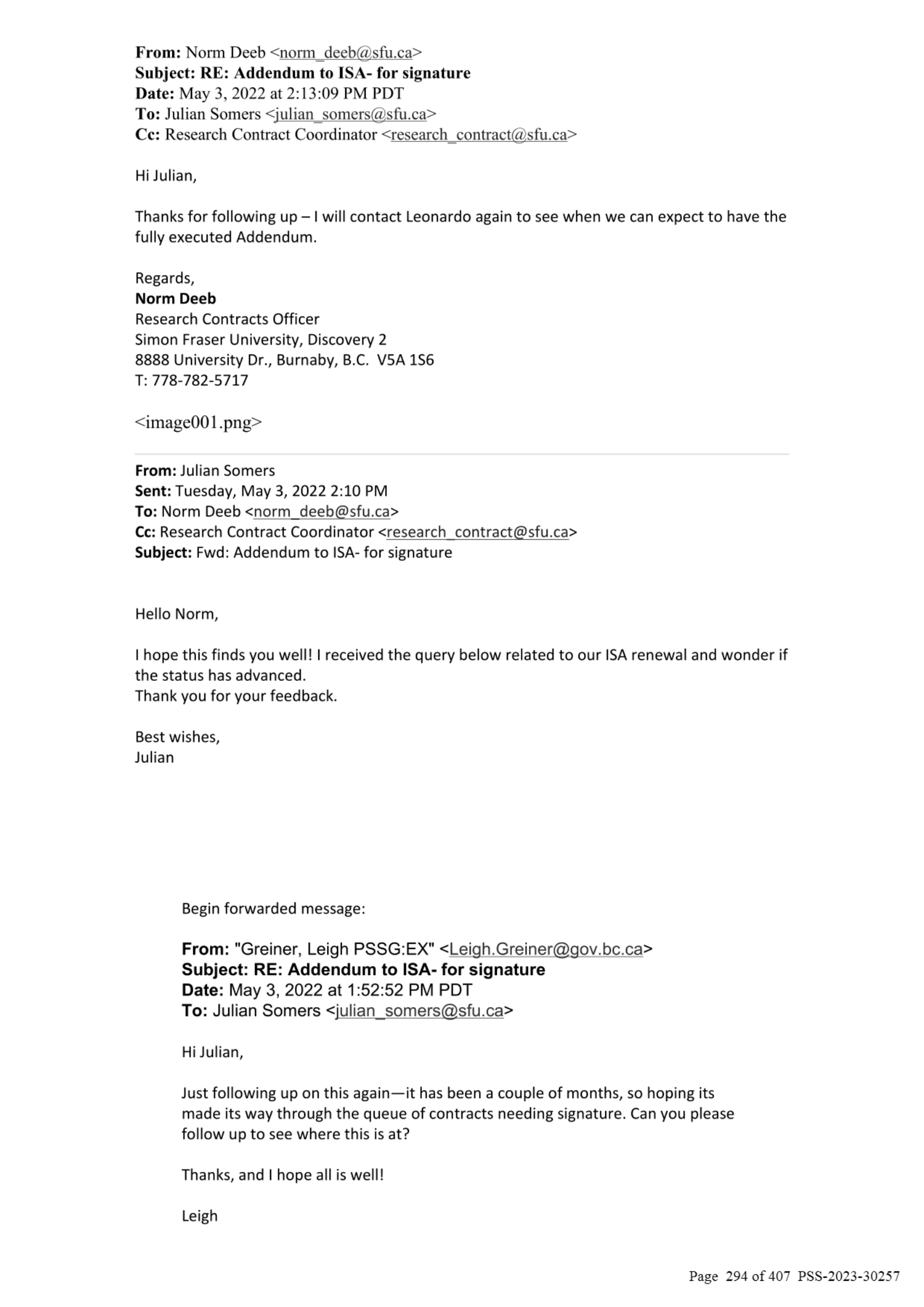
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> Leigh
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> ---
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> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 2:16 PM
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> **Subject:** Fwd: Addendum to ISA- for signature
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Cc: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>

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Regards,
Norm Deeb
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Julian

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FW: Addendum to ISA- for signature BC Corrections, Ministry of Public Health and Solicitor General

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Selena PSSG:EX Horsburgh (Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca) <Selena.Horsburgh@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Margaret PSSG:EX Erickson (Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca) <Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2022 3:05:27 PM PDT
Attachments: SFU Information Sharing Agreement Addendum BC Corrections 2022 FE.pdf, image001.png

Hi Selena,

Can you file this away please?

Thanks,
Leigh

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From: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Subject: RE: Addendum to ISA- for signature BC Corrections, Ministry of Public Health and Solicitor General

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Hi Leigh,

I have attached the fully executed Addendum.

Regards,
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Best wishes,
Julian

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Date: March 11, 2022 at 9:18:30 AM PST
To: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Cc: Norm Deeb <norm_deeb@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for your note and query. I've pasted the requested details below.

Best wishes,
Julian

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On Mar 11, 2022, at 8:58 AM, Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca> wrote:

Dear Julian,

Norm Deeb (cc'd) is reviewing this addendum. Could you please send us the contact information of the person at the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General?

Thank you!
Andrea

Andrea Laguna Galvez
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From: Julian Somers
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:40 PM
To: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Super! So glad I could help.

Bw,
Julian

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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> On Mar 8, 2022, at 2:38 PM, Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca> wrote:
>
> Thank you so much! This is exactly what we needed.
>
> We will review the new addendum and come back to you shortly.
>
> Best,
> Andrea
>
> **Andrea Laguna Galvez**

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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca>
Subject: Re: Addendum to ISA- for signature

Dear Andrea,

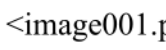
Thank you for your note and good wishes.
I have pasted below my most recent version of the interim extension.

Best wishes,
Julian

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Faculty of Health Sciences

> On Mar 8, 2022, at 2:12 PM, Research Contract Coordinator <research_contract@sfu.ca> wrote:
>
> Dear Julian,
>
> I hope this email finds you well.
>
> Aniko forwarded your email to sign the addendum to us. I just noticed that we never received the fully signed copy of the first addendum (attached). Could you please send it to me? We need to have our files completed so we can work on the new amendment.
>
> Thank you,
> Andrea
>
> **Andrea Laguna Galvez**

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February 7, 2022

This document is an Addendum to the Information Sharing Agreement (the "Original Agreement") between Simon Fraser University and the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (formally, the BC Ministry of Justice), dated June 28, 2016.

The purpose of this Addendum is to extend the term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement, specifically the expiry date for access to data as noted in Section 12. The extension is being provided to allow for the completion of existing manuscripts (as per Appendix A). Note that no new projects will be initiated following extension of this agreement.

An Addendum to the original Information Sharing Agreement was signed July 20, 2016 and extended the data sharing arrangement until March 31, 2021. An additional Addendum was signed on June 15, 2021, to extend the data sharing arrangement until September 30, 2021 to allow use of the data by doctoral trainees at Simon Fraser University finalizing their respective dissertations under the supervision of Dr. Somers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree that:

1) The term of the Data-Sharing Arrangement now ends on **March 31, 2023**, as per Section 12 of the original agreement and allows for the completion of existing manuscripts only**.**

For Simon Fraser University	**For Public Safety and Solicitor General**
Name: Aniko Takacs-Cox	**Name: Lisa Anderson** Assistant Deputy Minister BC Corrections, PSSG
Date: 4/5/22	**Date:** March 1, 2022
Signature: 	**Signature:** 

Appendix A

List of Papers Pending Publication and Based on Analyses of Inter-Ministry Data

a. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Detained in Custody

b. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Supervised Under Community Supervision

c. Short-term Custody and Risk Factors Associated with Recidivism

d. Cheque-day and Associations with Hospitalization

e. Overall and Cause-specific Poisoning Mortality and Associated Individual Risk Factors

f. Medication Adherence Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia Pre, During, and Post Custody

g. The Characteristics of Abstainers Among Those Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Illness

h. Factors Associated with Criminal Convictions After Receiving Recovery- Oriented Housing

i. Hospital Admission Following Release from Custody Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia

**Note that while every effort was made to provide a comprehensive list of papers in production, in the event of an oversight, Dr. Somers will notify the Ministries to request this list be amended.*

RE: Touching base

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: June 8, 2022 1:58:03 PM PDT

Thanks Julian! Look forward to connecting soon then.

Cheers,
Legh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:32 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Touching base

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Hi Leigh,

Thank you for connecting on the points raised in your message. I'll check with Akm regarding the DAR process and next steps.
The citation for the 2021 report appears accurate to me! We'll relay an additional reference when the work is published. A journal article will necessarily be briefer and may include fewer tables/figures. So it may be relevant to cite one or the other depending on focus.
Thanks again and I hope all is going well!

Best wishes,
Julian

> On Jun 6, 2022, at 4:00 PM, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Julian,
>
> I hope all is well, and you are enjoying the cooler weather (like how I spun that into being a good thing?)! I for one am ready for some summer sunshine, but can't complain I suppose—at least we are delaying fire season.
>
> Anyways, as we haven't connected in some time, I wanted to touch base with you on a couple of things:
>
> Firstly, how is the DIP Data Access Request coming along (to initiate the COVID related work, if still required, and the data reconciliation planned between the IMED and the DIP)? Anything you need from me?
>
> Second, I have had a couple of people inquire as to how best cite the recent MHSU prevalence stats we are using (i.e., 69% of people in custody has MH and/or SU diagnoses). I want to make sure your team gets credit for this work but am not sure the best way to cite this, or if you have a manuscript in preparation

that may be more appropriate to cite? Assuming there is nothing published yet, I was thinking this could work, if you are good with it:

- Somers, J.M., Moniruzzaman, A., Rezansoff, S.N., Russolillo, A., & Parpouchi, M. (2021) .The increasing role of custody in the management of addiction and mental illness in British Columbia: 2007-17. [Unpublished report]. Inter-Ministry report commissioned by BC Corrections, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; conducted by Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Canada.

Thoughts?

Leigh

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RE: IMED- tweet

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>, Rose, Cindy PSSG:EX <Cindy.Rose@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 8, 2022 4:35:16 PM PDT
Attachments: Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-Oct. 13, 2021.pdf, Response- Dr. Somers-January 28 2022.pdf, IMED- Letter to JS- March 5 2021.pdf

Hi again,

Just to follow up —the snip I shared (from LinkedIn, not Twitter—my mistake) was also s.13
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s.13 which is often tied to his research (most recently here: Public Hearing - July 25 - Speaker Dr. Julian Somers & Questions - YouTube).

I had a quick call with Kathleen Assaf (BC Stats) to strategize, and am going to share with her some of the correspondence we drafted previously in response to JS's earlier letters (Erin/Cindy—attaching these letters for your reference). I think that this will be a good place to start, but we will also be drafting some messaging to highlight some of the existing government-led integrated data projects in the works (e.g., the homelessness cohort).

s.13

Thanks,
Leigh

From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>; Rose, Cindy PSSG:EX <Cindy.Rose@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IMED- tweet

And fyi, I've also sent this over to our former DM….

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>; Rose, Cindy PSSG:EX <Cindy.Rose@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: IMED- tweet

Hi Lisa,

Just wanted to share a recent "tweet" from Dr. Somers for your awareness (Carmen Z. was kind enough to flag this for me). s.22

Leigh

Leigh Greiner, Ph.D.
Director, Research & Strategic Planning
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correspondence to JS

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Assaf, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Assaf@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 9, 2022 8:29:08 AM PDT
Attachments: IMED- Letter to JS- March 5 2021.pdf, Response- Dr. Somers-January 28 2022.pdf, Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-Oct. 13, 2021.pdf

Good morning Kathleen,

It was nice to see you yesterday!

As discussed, I have attached our correspondence with Dr. Somers re: the IMED --some of the messaging may help should we be required to draft a response.

Hope this helps, and happy to discuss further anytime.

Thanks!

Leigh

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Dr. Julian Somers
Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health & Addiction (CARMHA),
SFU Faculty of Health Sciences
Suite 2400, 515 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, BC
V6B 5K3

March 5, 2021

Dear Dr. Somers,

I want to thank you for the long-standing partnership we have established between your team at Simon Fraser University and the Ministries of Public Safety & Solicitor General (MPSSG), Health (MoH) and Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) over the last 17 years. The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) has supported independent empirical evaluations of Justice, Social and Health sector initiatives designed to improve public safety, health, housing, and employment outcomes for justice-involved individuals and has optimized the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of available resources spanning multiple sectors.

When the IMED was first established in 2005, it was a nationally unique data platform—one that was able to provide key insights on government initiatives such as the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver, the Prolific Offender Management Pilot program, and the Homelessness Intervention Project. These projects, among many others, have revealed interdependencies between sectors, and allowed our Ministries to advance best practices guided by evidence.

We appreciate the leadership CARMHA has shown in supporting Government policy development and providing evidence to support the work we do, and to promote the changes government needs to make. What we have been able to accomplish together over the last nearly 20 years has truly been remarkable and has laid the groundwork for other parts of government to initiate their own data linking initiatives. One such initiative is the Data Innovation Program, developed by the Ministry of Citizens Services.

The Data Innovation Program, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. As you know, every B.C. ministry collects and manages its own data; however, the Data Innovation Program securely links and de-identifies data from multiple ministries, to support specific population-level research projects.

Since 2018, the MoH, MPSSG and MSDPR have been providing data to the Data Innovation Program—data that is, or will be, broader in scope than that which is currently provided to the IMED. Additionally, beyond justice, health and social services data, within the Data Innovation Program there resides education data, children and family data, income and work data, and road safety data (see the updated listings of data holdings and metadata for all sets here: https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/group/data-

innovation-program). Transitioning integrated data research to this platform will allow us to leverage these new data sources and allow all social ministries to carry out more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis.

Streamlining our data sharing to one platform will also save valuable time and resources as this will negate the need for regular updates to a variety of data-sharing agreements and the need to facilitate the data matching process each time a new extract is created—a process that has historically been quite onerous and costly. It will also allow us to make data linkages and partner with other social Ministries whose data was not previously available, and to be able ask questions that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED.

We believe that the Data Innovation Program will be a powerful resource for us to capitalize on to drive future innovations in cross-sectoral policy development and public transparency. We look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions with CARMHA on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve. You would also be interested to know that the Data Innovation Program supports not only government-sponsored projects but has also recently opened the program to academics. Therefore, independent research can also be carried out within the new program should you so choose.

As you are aware, the information sharing agreements established between the Ministries (MoH, MPSSG and MSDPR) and Simon Fraser University to support the IMED are set to expire on March 31, 2021. Going forward, access to Ministries' data will be via the Data Innovation Program. Therefore, it is expected that use of the data within the IMED will discontinue at the end of March 2021. Further, all data must be destroyed and all media storage devices that housed Ministry data must be sanitized. This includes all backup copies, uploads and data on any media devices. Once complete, please send me a confirmation letter that these steps have occurred, and the data has been destroyed.

Again, many thanks for the excellent support we received from you and we look forward to continuing to collaborate as we transition to working within this new program.

Sincerely,

Leigh Greiner

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January 28, 2022

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Dear Julian,

Thank you for your letter dated January 7, 2022, in follow-up to our November 16, 2021 meeting. I appreciate the synopses of our discussion, and the summary of the advice you received from your colleagues.

I have consulted with the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) Steering Committee, and upon review of the manuscripts listed in your letter and consideration of the timeframe in which the referenced projects were carried out, we have agreed to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements until March 31, 2023. Each ministry representative will be in touch shortly to arrange for these extensions. As a reminder, these extensions are being provided solely for the completion of existing manuscript submissions, as per the list provided, and not for novel research.

I am also pleased to reaffirm BC Corrections' support and sponsorship to carry out the Micheal Smith Foundation Research that you brought to the IMED Steering Committee for endorsement in May 2020. I look forward to working with you and your team to develop the Data Access Request (DAR) for submission to the Data Innovation Program (DIP) so this work may begin.

I have also consulted with colleagues at the DIP to ensure that access to program data will be permitted to replicate select published findings as we had discussed. They have confirmed that this approach is feasible, and asked that as a part of the DAR for the above-noted project, we identify this as a secondary objective and list the analyses to be replicated.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support as we navigate the transition of this work to the DIP. I look forward to discussing next steps for the DAR at your convenience.

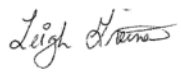
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Dear Dr. Somers,

Thank you for your letter dated September 28th, 2021 requesting our continued support of SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED). We appreciate the history of this initiative that you so clearly articulated in your letter and the leadership you and your team have shown in providing empirical evidence to support the work of government over the last 17 years. Respectfully, however, we are unable to endorse your request to extend the terms of the data sharing agreements to allow continued use of the IMED data for novel research.

As per our previous correspondence on March 5th, 2021 (see attached), the Ministries of Health (MoH), Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) and Social Development and Poverty Reduction (SDPR) are now providing data to the Data Innovation Program (DIP), where the work previously carried out with IMED data can continue, should you so choose. To be clear, the data you previously accessed through IMED will continue to be available through the DIP. In fact, this program will contain even more data from a wider cross-section of government ministries. As a reminder, the DIP, supported by Population Data BC, is a data integration and analytics program that allows for population level analysis of government data. The data available extends beyond the justice, health and social service data provided to the IMED, and includes education data, children and family data, income and work data, and road safety data. It is very exciting that insights that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED can now be generated in this program.

I understand your concerns with respect to the impact this may have on the partnerships previously formed and expertise your team has built. However, I assure you that the intent of transitioning to the DIP is not to disable your group, but rather to move this work to a platform that will provide you, and others, access to a larger pool of integrated data. It is hoped that the partnerships and allies convened by SFU will remain and that novel and innovative research will continue in partnership with our Ministry and other social Ministries whose data were not previously available for analysis.

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We concur with your sentiment that there is an urgent need for evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and community safety in BC. Considering this urgency, I hope you agree that it is in the best interests of government for our Ministries to contribute to an integrated data program where there is equitable and broader access to academics and government researchers interested in generating insights from the data within it.

Although *new* research will now be carried out within the DIP, I recognize that there may be a need to retain the IMED to support manuscript submissions for work previously carried out on behalf of the Ministries. As such, we will withdraw our request to destroy all data, and upon submission of a comprehensive list of existing manuscripts in preparation and their anticipated date of submission, will agree to extend the terms of our information sharing agreements to allow for the publication process to conclude.

We look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve.

Sincerely,

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RE: IMED- tweet

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Sent: August 9, 2022 8:36:43 AM PDT

I missed it—CTV? Maybe I can find it online…

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From: Anderson, Lisa R PSSG:EX <Lisa.R.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
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He was interviewed on the news last night too in relation to the homeless issue on the DTES. Not sure if you caught that clip…..

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Thanks all.

Alicia, feel free to reach out if you have questions/want to discuss further (and just a small clarification—MCFD is not a part of the IMED—just SDPR and MOH—in any case, that was a good reminder to loop in my fellow steering committee members in for their awareness, in the event something comes of this :).

Leigh

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Thanks for looping me in Erin! Much appreciated. s.13

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Hi. Thanks for the update. I support the current approach- s.13

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Hi all,

Looping Alicia in as well, s.22

Alicia, for background, Julian Somers posted a statement to LinkedIn (attached image) about his displeasure that the Inter-ministry Evaluation Database (IMED), which he ran at SFU, was discontinued. Leigh was the chair of the IMED Steering Committee which was comprised of reps from MCFD, SDPR, MCFD, and Health and was the lead in previous responses to Julian (attached). In place of IMED, the Data Innovation Program was launched and is run by CITZ. Leigh has looped in CITZ to discuss how to respond to this recent post.

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s.22 Alicia, if you have thoughts on a different approach, please let us know.

Erin

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Subject: RE: IMED- tweet

Hi again,

Just to follow up —the snip I shared (from LinkedIn, not Twitter—my mistake) was also s.13
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s.13 which is often tied to his research (most recently here: Public Hearing - July 25 - Speaker Dr. Julian Somers & Questions - YouTube).

I had a quick call with Kathleen Assaf (BC Stats) to strategize, and am going to share with her some of the correspondence we drafted previously in response to JS's earlier letters (Erin/Cindy—attaching these letters for your reference). I think that this will be a good place to start, but we will also be drafting some messaging to highlight some of the existing government-led integrated data projects in the works (e.g., the homelessness cohort).

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Thanks,
Leigh

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Subject: RE: IMED- tweet

And fyi, I've also sent this over to our former DM….

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Hi Lisa,

Just wanted to share a recent "tweet" from Dr. Somers for your awareness (Carmen Z. was kind enough to flag this for me).s.22

Leigh

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CBC Article - Prolific Offenders

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Sent: September 15, 2022 10:09:13 AM PDT

Sharing FYI. Julian Somers is quoted within about the demise of the inter-ministry database.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/prolific-offenders-communities-struggle-1.6581526

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I am grateful to work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen people, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and the W̱SÁNEĆ First Nations.

RE: Media

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: October 3, 2022 3:07:09 PM PDT

Hi Julian,

Thanks for the heads up--much appreciated.

I hope all is well.

Leigh

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From: Julian Somers <julian_somers@sfu.ca>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Media

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Hello Leigh,

A Global TV reporter expressed interest in the order sfu received to destroy data and requested the related letter, which I forwarded. I don’t know what the reporter’s plans are but thought you should know.

Best wishes,
Julian

Conversation with Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:50 PM:

Rob--just a heads up the media latched on to one of Julian's comments, and we are needing to respond to some questions now. Here is one: **1. Why did you ask Somers and his team to delete the portal? Why not just transfer the data Somers collected into your database?**

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:51 PM:

I plan to respond that the data administrative data provided by the ministries, not data he collected personally (alongside some more context on the history of the IMED probably). Anything else you feel worth adding?

Bruce, Robert SDPR:EX 4:09 PM:

All the data we provided to him is in the DIP, plus a lot more. Also, as stewards of the data we are required to ensure the protection of the data. Now with the DIP providing world-class data protection, we have the ability to provide researchers with access to the best data available while protecting the privacy of BC residents. We would be negligent to not use the DIP.

RE: FOR ADVICE: Follow-up Media Request: Downtown Community Court

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Sent: November 3, 2022 5:35:20 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png, image002.jpg, Response- Media (JS- IMED).docx

Here are a couple draft bullets (and some extra info if you think its worth adding at the bottom). Purposefully kept the second response super high level—happy to chat in the morning (before 9am—in interviews after that).

Leigh

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Thanks Erin, and yes we will want to review it, and our GCPE folks too.

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Hi Cindy,

Just looping you in… I suspect you and Lisa will want eyes on the response Leigh is preparing?

Erin

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Oh ok. No problem. I will find time later today then and will aim to send you a draft response tomorrow morning.

Leigh

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Hi Leigh,

Thanks for offering to help with this – the reporter goes to print on Sunday, so we'd need to get this all wrapped up by tomorrow afternoon (then to MO for sign-off).

Is there any chance you might be able to draft something for tomorrow? I recognize this is a big ask – everyone's been working extra duty it seems these days.

With much appreciation,

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Thanks Sharon.

I can definitely help draft a response to the highlighted questions (though may need some input on the second one). When do you need this by? I am in interviews today and tomorrow, but can find time Monday to put something together if that isn't too late.

Leigh

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1. **The province has said ICBC funding remained consistent throughout the pandemic. However, LePard said in the B.C.-commissioned report (P. 105): "ICBC funding is insecure, and there have been recent cutbacks that have impacted programming."**
    a. **Does B.C. dispute this?**
        i. **If not, what programs have been impacted by these 'cutbacks' LePard is referring to?**
        ii. **To confirm, the province did not reply to our earlier inquiry, asking if it plans to seek a new, more secure funding source for the community court.**

With respect to question #2, I believe that is the case but cannot answer this change was between Dr. Somers at SFU and PSSG research department. Leigh Greiner PSSG may be able to help with this. I'm cc'ing her so she is in the loop.

1. **SFU's Dr. Julian Somers, who helped establish B.C.'s Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database – used to analyze data from the community court – showed us a letter from the Ministry that ordered him to destroy the portal so it could move forward with an in-house data collection portal.**
    a. **Why did you ask Somers and his team to delete the portal? Why not just transfer the data Somers collected into your database?**
    b. **Why did B.C. stop data long-term collection/follow-up on the outcomes of the DCC?**

Thanks

Sharon

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Robin Williams

"We all come from the same soil, live off the same soil, and when we die, we are buried in the same soil. The question is only, will we get this point now, or when we are buried".
Sadhguru

I acknowledge that I live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – the sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓íl̓witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations.



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• The Downtown Community Court (DCC) brings together justice, health and social services in one location.
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• DCC new case volumes increased by 10% in the last year comparing 2021 (2,052) with 2020 (1,793). However, compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019 (3,170), 2021 DCC caseload saw a 35% decrease.
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• The Lepard and Butler report provided 28 recommendations and the government is reviewing all of them with urgency to assess how to best address the issue of repeat offending in BC.
• Three specific recommendations are already being acted on, including bringing back the successful Repeat Offender Management program that was ended in 2012 – these pilots were shown to reduce repeat offending by as much as 40% in their first year.

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To: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 29, 2022 10:21:22 AM PST
Attachments: Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-Oct. 13, 2021.pdf, Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf, Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf, Response- Dr. Somers-January 28 2022.pdf, IMED- Letter to JS- March 5 2021.pdf

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Subject: RE: Media

Hi Cindy,

Here are the three letters we wrote, and Julian's two responses attached. Assuming we only want to share the letter Julian sent (IMED- letter to JS- March 5, 2021), but sending the rest for your info.

Leigh

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No concerns from me either. s.22 but will dig up the series of letters and forward them to you when I get home, Cindy.

Leigh

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Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 5:21:59 PM
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No concerns with sharing.

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No we don't - but I wasn't sure if it would come to us or AG since Eby is named as the cause in the cbc article - so want to give a heads up and share this in case needed.

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Leigh has the series of letters that have gone back and forth. Do we have a media request?

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Hi, I was just looking on the LAN to see what the letter he forwarded contained, and/or if was from us etc, and found this one telling them we were withdrawing the request. I think we should give GCPE a heads up Global has the original from Somers now and provide them with this one, along with the CBC article from September, for their information- in case Global is making inquiries. I wasn't able to find the letter Somers sent them so if anyone knows where that is we should share that with GCPE too.

Does anyone have concerns with that?

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Thanks for advising

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FYI.

Leigh

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Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 2:13 PM
To: Leigh Greiner EX <leigh.greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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Hello Leigh,

A Global TV reporter expressed interest in the order sfu received to destroy data and requested the related letter, which I forwarded. I don't know what the reporter's plans are but thought you should know.

Best wishes,
Julian

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To: Margaret PSSG:EX Erickson (Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca) <Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 29, 2022 11:02:17 AM PST
Attachments: Response- Dr. Somers-January 28 2022.pdf, Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021-Oct. 13, 2021.pdf

I see James took you off the thread—see our draft response below.

Leigh

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To: Prouten, James CITZ:EX <James.Prouten@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bosomworth, Eowynn CITZ:EX <Eowynn.Bosomworth@gov.bc.ca>; Assaf, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Assaf@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Urgent | Request for media comment

Thanks James.

We did formally respond (see attached), and have extended his agreements until end of this fiscal. What has been shared with the media was selective it appears.

My comms team and I have drafted a response below. Let me know if you have any thoughts/concerns before we send this along.

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Cc: Bosomworth, Eowynn CITZ:EX <Eowynn.Bosomworth@gov.bc.ca>; Assaf, Kathleen CITZ:EX <Kathleen.Assaf@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Leigh – thanks for the heads up. Eowynn and I are holding the fort this week; Kathleen is back next week and will also be acting ADM.

I do have a question though – based on Dr. Somers' request from September 2021, wondering if there was a formal response? Did we allow an extension?
Cheers

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To: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 29, 2022 11:11:06 AM PST
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I like some of Ceri's arguments (sharing in case you want to use any of it).

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Thanks Ceri. It certainly has been spun to fit a narrative, hasn't it.

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Happy holidays to you all!

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Great, thanks all!

Leigh

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Agree also. Well done Leigh and team.

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Thanks leigh, it's a good response.

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Cc: Hayes, Sean SDPR:EX <Sean.Hayes@gov.bc.ca>; Erickson, Margaret PSSG:EX <Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks Ceri. s.22

For your awareness, here is the response my comms team and I have drafted (it is still being fine-tuned):

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Will keep you apprised as to what else comes of this.

Happy holidays to you all!

Leigh

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Cc: Hayes, Sean SDPR:EX <Sean.Hayes@gov.bc.ca>; Erickson, Margaret PSSG:EX <Margaret.Erickson@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks Leigh, and sorry you need to deal with this now. Now I understand why so many news stories say "we reached out but ___ didn't respond by the time this went to press".

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s.22 It belongs to citizens, and we are only the stewards of that data on their behalf- including keeping track of what hands it is in and ensuring that it is appropriately disposed of as per the managed agreements signed to access it in the first place.
s.22 I know he was offered DIP access. If he has chosen not to make the shift to that new platform to continue his work, that's entirely up to him.

Ceri

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Good morning,

I just wanted to give you all a heads up that we received another request to respond to a media story about by Dr. Somers, this time from the National Post (see below). We (BC Corrections) will be taking the lead on a response, but happy to share this with you once ready if you like. If you would like to discuss anything further, please give me a call (I am of today, but will be online until our response has been drafted).

Thanks,
Leigh

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Hi,

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A summary of his argument can be found here. I've also attached the email which you sent him.

Would you be able to answer the following questions by 11pm EST tonight?

1. Why are Dr. Somers' accusations reasonable or unreasonable?
2. Why was the request to delete the IMED done so abruptly?
3. Is there any element to this story which is missing from Dr. Somers' account that the Canadian public should know about?
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All the best,

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To: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 29, 2022 1:13:33 PM PST

Exact same questions? Will our response work for both?

Leigh

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Subject: RE: Time-sensitive | Request for media comment

Hi Leigh,

Thanks for making time for us to connect via phone and talk these out… I have a few suggested tweaks for flow… any concerns? Also can you please provide the March, October, November and January letters noted below in your response (I will flip them to Lisa for her FYI). Thank you thank you!

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Hi Alicia,

Here are the bullets we drafted—sharing for you to finetune. I have also shared with the DIP folks, so will let you know when I hear back if they have any suggested edits/additions.

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Thank you Leigh. Because I don't know the answers to those questions, I am not sure how specific we want to get – I appreciate any additional context you can provide and from there we can decide what makes sense to release publicly. I will standby. Thanks again.

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Thanks Alicia. This is a good start, but it would be good if we could respond a bit more directly to the questions (or maybe we don't want to—will leave that to you to decide what is the best approach). In any case, I will put a few thoughts down on paper, and then give you a call if that works.

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Subject: RE: Time-sensitive | Request for media comment

Hi! Thanks all! This request just came through GCPE as well. This is what I have so far below… thoughts? Cindy managed this request previously so I am jus getting myself up to speed on background… happy to connect via phone too whatever works best.

Background:

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- Further to the letter to Dr. Somers dated March 5, 2021, whereby it was requested that use of the IMED data discontinue, and that the data be destroyed upon expiration of the Information Sharing Agreements, Dr. Somers has been provided continued access to the IMED. This was done to support SFU publishing work previously carried out on behalf of the ministries and to allow for the continuation of Dr. Somers work in this new platform.

- Data remains available and continues to be collected to allow for further DCC evaluations in the future.

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Cc: Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Time-sensitive | Request for media comment

Hi all,

I can help out with a response for this. Alicia, let me know if you want to connect.

The other Ministries involved in the IMED should be looped in: SDPR, MOH, and MMHA—my contacts there are Rob Bruce (SDPR), Ceri Sanderson (MOH). Gerrit Van der Leer (MMHA), I will shoot them an email now to let them know we will be taking the lead on a response and give them a heads up more generally, but if there are others at their Ministries that should be looped in, maybe you can reach out Alicia?

Going to shoot the Data Innovation Folks a quick email too to give them a heads up (they knew this was coming at some point).

Leigh

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Good morning Alicia,

We received the below request this morning from the National Post with regards to Dr. Julian Somers. This is my first media request (Leigh is off today) and Erin communicated that you are our point person for this. Although Leigh was the main person in communication with Julian in the recent years I can try to provide additional context/background if needed.

Please let me know if there's anything you require from me at this stage. I'm around for a call as well.
Thanks so much in advance,
Margaret

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A summary of his argument can be found here. I've also attached the email which your colleague, Leigh Greiner, sent him. I tried contacting Leigh initially, but received an out-of-office response which included you as an emergency contact.

Would you be able to answer the following questions by 12pm tomorrow (Vancouver time)?

1. Why are Dr. Somers' accusations reasonable or unreasonable?
2. Why was the request to delete the IMED done so abruptly?
3. Is there any element to this story which is missing from Dr. Somers' account that the Canadian public should know about?
4. What do you make of Dr. Somers' accusation of being "frozen out" of communication with the government for the past two years?
5. Do you have any general comments to add which are not captured by the previous email?

All the best.

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To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 3, 2023 4:11:34 PM PST
Attachments: PSSG - IBN for DSG - J. Somers (minor edit).docx

Just found three really small things I thought I would send you – you can send back to Lisa if you want when you hear back from the others… will leave it to you to decide.

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:01 PM
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Hi Lisa,

I very quickly put together a draft IBN that hopefully covers off what you need (thanks to Alicia for her review/help!)

I am going to send it quickly to my IMED Steering committee colleagues in case they have anything to add, but wanted to send to you ASAP in case you feel it needs more/less detail. I have also included the attachments referenced in the note (see attached)

Look forward to your thoughts.

Leigh

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Hi – I've just been asked to send the background to the PO. Ok if that comes by email – can I get that by end of day?

Thanks
Lisa

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I will take a look, but I don't think we actually did a note up for this previously, likely because Mark was so intimately involved in conversations with JS and SFU when this all started. I will take a look though, and pull something together if I can't find anything.

Lisa, how much has Doug been briefed on this? Just wondering how deep to go in the background…

Leigh

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I thought we had a note on this previously. We could dust that one off, if required.

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Yes it's frustrating as we did note the various correspondence and phone call that took place as the answer to that question. Perhaps the reporter was referring to other areas of government (health, mental health and addictions) who may no longer be engaged with him.

Leigh was asked from the health ministries if a Information Note existed on this – is there any desire that one be drafted?

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Thanks for sharing, Leigh. Interesting that the article makes it sound like we didn't respond at all…

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Assuming you both saw this, but sharing if not: The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post

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Thanks Alicia. This is a good start, but it would be good if we could respond a bit more directly to the questions (or maybe we don't want to—will leave that to you to decide what is the best approach). In any case, I will put a few thoughts down on paper, and then give you a call if that works.

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- Further to the letter to Dr. Somers dated March 5, 2021, whereby it was requested that use of the IMED data discontinue, and that the data be destroyed upon expiration of the Information Sharing Agreements, Dr. Somers has been provided continued access to the IMED. This was done to support SFU publishing work previously carried out on behalf of the ministries and to allow for the continuation of Dr. Somers work in this new platform.

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I can help out with a response for this. Alicia, let me know if you want to connect.

The other Ministries involved in the IMED should be looped in: SDPR, MOH, and MMHA—my contacts there are Rob Bruce (SDPR), Ceri Sanderson (MOH). Gerrit Van der Leer (MMHA), I will shoot them an email now to let them know we will be taking the lead on a response and give them a heads up more generally, but if there are others at their Ministries that should be looped in, maybe you can reach out Alicia?

Going to shoot the Data Innovation Folks a quick email too to give them a heads up (they knew this was coming at some point).

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Good morning Alicia,

We received the below request this morning from the National Post with regards to Dr. Julian Somers. This is my first media request (Leigh is off today) and Erin communicated that you are our point person for this. Although Leigh was the main person in communication with Julian in the recent years I can try to provide additional context/background if needed.

Please let me know if there's anything you require from me at this stage. I'm around for a call as well.
Thanks so much in advance,
Margaret

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Hi Margaret,

I'm a columnist with the National Post and am working on a story about Dr. Julian Somers. Dr. Somers alleges that the BC government is censoring him because he criticized the province's current policies on homelessness and drug addiction. Specifically, he alleges that, in retaliation to his criticisms, the government asked him to decommission the IMED in March 2021 and that he has since been "frozen out" by the provincial government.

A summary of his argument can be found here. I've also attached the email which your colleague, Leigh Greiner, sent him. I tried contacting Leigh initially, but received an out-of-office response which included you as an emergency contact.

Would you be able to answer the following questions by 12pm tomorrow (Vancouver time)?

1. Why are Dr. Somers' accusations reasonable or unreasonable?
2. Why was the request to delete the IMED done so abruptly?
3. Is there any element to this story which is missing from Dr. Somers' account that the Canadian public should know about?
4. What do you make of Dr. Somers' accusation of being "frozen out" of communication with the government for the past two years?
5. Do you have any general comments to add which are not captured by the previous email?

All the best.

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INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

PREPARED FOR: Doug Scott, Deputy Solicitor General,
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE

- Dr. Julian Somers' media allegations regarding the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED).

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- Following this request, a series of correspondence took place via letters (see attachments 2, 3 and 4) and a meeting with Dr. Somers, PSSG representatives, and SFU representatives in November 2021, where concerns were raised and thought to be addressed.

- Dr. Somers was encouraged to access this new program and raise any concerns with available data. As a gesture of goodwill, the Ministries also amended the original request to allow continued use of the IMED until March 31, 2023. This was done to allow existing projects to conclude, to replicate select published findings within the DIP.

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Media Attention

- The most significant impact of the decision to dismantle the IMED is that Dr. Somers will no longer be the sole proprietor of this data. However, Dr. Somers has reached out to the media on several occasions to allege that government's decision to terminate the IMED is to suppress evidence that contradicts government's current response to address homelessness, mental health, and addiction.

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Other Ministries Impacted/Consulted

- The IMED was governed by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Ministries of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The decision that the IMED be dissolved, and that Dr. Somers be asked to continue his work in the Data Innovation Program, was the result of months of discussions among this group.

BACKGROUND:

- Transitioning integrated data research to this platform will allow ~~us~~ government to leverage new data sources and allow all social ministries, and other academics, to carry out more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis. It will also allow government ~~us~~ to make data linkages and partner with other social Ministries whose data was not previously available, and to be able ask questions that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- **Attachment 1-** IMED- Letter to JS- March 5, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 2-** Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 3-** Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021- Oct. 13, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 4-** Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 5-** Response-Dr. Somers- January 28, 2022.pdf

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Hi Lisa,

I have incorporated a few pieces of feedback from SDPR, MOH and Erin (and made note of him having access to the data since 2005), and attached the final version here (re-attaching attachments for ease of forwarding too). Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Thanks,
Leigh

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Hi Leigh,

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Thanks
Lisa

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Hi Lisa,

I very quickly put together a draft IBN that hopefully covers off what you need (thanks to Alicia for her review/help!)

I am going to send it quickly to my IMED Steering committee colleagues in case they have anything to add, but wanted to send to you ASAP in case you feel it needs more/less detail. I have also included the attachments referenced in the note (see attached)

Look forward to your thoughts.

Leigh

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I will take a look, but I don't think we actually did a note up for this previously, likely because Mark was so intimately involved in conversations with JS and SFU when this all started. I will take a look though, and pull something together if I can't find anything.

Lisa, how much has Doug been briefed on this? Just wondering how deep to go in the background…

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Yes it's frustrating as we did note the various correspondence and phone call that took place as the answer to that question. Perhaps the reporter was referring to other areas of government (health, mental health and addictions) who may no longer be engaged with him.

Leigh was asked from the health ministries if a Information Note existed on this – is there any desire that one be drafted?

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Assuming you both saw this, but sharing if not: The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post

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Thanks Alicia. This is a good start, but it would be good if we could respond a bit more directly to the questions (or maybe we don't want to—will leave that to you to decide what is the best approach). In any case, I will put a few thoughts down on paper, and then give you a call if that works.

Leigh

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Hi! Thanks all! This request just came through GCPE as well. This is what I have so far below… thoughts? Cindy managed this request previously so I am jus getting myself up to speed on background… happy to connect via phone too whatever works best.

Background:

- The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) held at Simon Fraser University (SFU) by Dr. Somers was comprised of administrative data collected by the ministries of Health, Public Safety and Solicitor General and Social Development and Poverty Reduction. This data was incorporated into the new Data Innovation Program (DIP) that allows for increased data collection from other areas within government and provides broader and equitable access for other academics and researchers.

- Further to the letter to Dr. Somers dated March 5, 2021, whereby it was requested that use of the IMED data discontinue, and that the data be destroyed upon expiration of the Information Sharing Agreements, Dr. Somers has been provided continued access to the IMED. This was done to support SFU publishing work previously carried out on behalf of the ministries and to allow for the continuation of Dr. Somers work in this new platform.

- Data remains available and continues to be collected to allow for further DCC evaluations in the future.

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Hi all,

I can help out with a response for this. Alicia, let me know if you want to connect.

The other Ministries involved in the IMED should be looped in: SDPR, MOH, and MMHA—my contacts there are Rob Bruce (SDPR), Ceri Sanderson (MOH). Gerrit Van der Leer (MMHA), I will shoot them an email now to let them know we will be taking the lead on a response and give them a heads up more generally, but if there are others at their Ministries that should be looped in, maybe you can reach out Alicia?

Going to shoot the Data Innovation Folks a quick email too to give them a heads up (they knew this was coming at some point).

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Good morning Alicia,

We received the below request this morning from the National Post with regards to Dr. Julian Somers. This is my first media request (Leigh is off today) and Erin communicated that you are our point person for this. Although Leigh was the main person in communication with Julian in the recent years I can try to provide additional context/background if needed.

Please let me know if there's anything you require from me at this stage. I'm around for a call as well.
Thanks so much in advance,
Margaret

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Hi Margaret,

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A summary of his argument can be found here. I've also attached the email which your colleague, Leigh Greiner, sent him. I tried contacting Leigh initially, but received an out-of-office response which included you as an emergency contact.

Would you be able to answer the following questions by 12pm tomorrow (Vancouver time)?

1. Why are Dr. Somers' accusations reasonable or unreasonable?
2. Why was the request to delete the IMED done so abruptly?
3. Is there any element to this story which is missing from Dr. Somers' account that the Canadian public should know about?
4. What do you make of Dr. Somers' accusation of being "frozen out" of communication with the government for the past two years?
5. Do you have any general comments to add which are not captured by the previous email?

All the best.

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September 28, 2021

Dear Leigh,

I am writing to request a reprieve from your instruction to destroy all data associated with SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) and your additional instruction to desist from any novel research involving the IMED.

The IMED was established in 2004 and is one of the world's only databases integrating health, social, and criminal justice information for an entire population. The IMED has been the basis for over 30 reports commissioned by the Provincial government and more than 60 peer reviewed publications detailing complex interactions between crime, addiction, mental illness, and homelessness.

Due to the unique richness of the IMED the federal government has commissioned its use as the primary basis for nationally important research investigating Drug Treatment Court and Recovery-Oriented Housing. The IMED has attracted national and international awards, has served as the basis for training the next generation of evidence-based policy scientists, and has attracted over $10 million in federal and international funding to BC.

In the past year the IMED was the basis for research commissioned by the BC Justice Summit and provided the empirical foundation for advice requested by Minister David Eby and presented in a Call to Action addressing Homelessness, Addiction, Mental Illness and Community Safety. The IMED is BC's leading source of information regarding practices that enable people to escape the revolving door between custody, hospital, and the streets, including the results of randomized controlled trials that directly compared alternative approaches.

Evidence produced from the IMED forms the most authoritative account of the costs of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness in BC, the comparative effectiveness and costs of different interventions, and the regions with the highest levels of need for effective services. As the recent Call to Action explains, the IMED is particularly powerful as a means of evaluating the effectiveness of new

investments in complex care housing by enabling their outcomes to be compared against benchmark values reported in previous BC studies that use the same data (e.g., reductions in crime, improvements in health and social wellbeing). The IMED is also a powerful resource to promote action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls for transparency and accountability.

In 2021 the urgent need for relevant evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness and community safety in BC has never been greater. Rather than abruptly terminating the IMED, my colleagues and I seek an opportunity to discuss the continuation of our work applying world-leading evidence to support the expansion of proven cost-effective services and policies for British Columbians. As the legacy of the IMED has grown over the past 17 years, so too has the expertise and strength of allies convened by SFU and representing multiple BC sectors and communities that together want to contribute to positive change. Thank you for your attention to this time-sensitive request.

Sincerely,



CC: Hon. David Eby
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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
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INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

PREPARED FOR: Doug Scott, Deputy Solicitor General,
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ISSUE

- Dr. Julian Somers' media allegations regarding the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED).

SUMMARY:

- The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED), held at Simon Fraser University (SFU) by Dr. Somers since 2005, was comprised of administrative data collected by the ministries of Health, Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

- In March 2021, the IMED steering committee requested that Dr. Somers terminate the data held in the IMED and transition his integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program—a new program that would allow for increased data collection from other areas within government and provide broader and equitable access for other academics and researchers (see attachment 1).

- This request coincided with the expiration of the existing information sharing agreements between Dr. Somers and the Ministries, and the development of the new integrated data program (i.e., the Data Innovation Program) with which Dr. Somers could continue his research on chronic homelessness, addiction, and community safety.

    - Note that as per FOIPPA s.33(h)(i-v), research agreements require that data provided by the Province of BC is destructed at the end of a project to ensure the chain of custody is maintained and no unapproved use of public data occur.

- Following this request, a series of correspondence took place via letters (see attachments 2, 3, 4, and 5) and a meeting with Dr. Somers, PSSG representatives, and SFU representatives in November 2021, where concerns were raised and thought to be addressed.

- Dr. Somers was encouraged to access this new program and raise any concerns with available data. As a gesture of goodwill, the Ministries also amended the original request to allow continued use of the IMED until March 31, 2023. This was done to allow existing projects to conclude, to replicate select published findings within the DIP.

- To date, Dr. Somers has not accessed nor provided any feedback on the new data program available to him, despite being encouraged to do so.

Media Attention

- The most significant impact of the decision to dismantle the IMED is that Dr. Somers will no longer be the sole proprietor of this data. However, Dr. Somers has reached out to the media on several occasions to allege that government's decision to terminate the IMED is to suppress evidence that contradicts government's current response to address homelessness, mental health, and addiction.

- Most recently, Dr. Somers implied in a news article (see: The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post) that the decision to dismantle the IMED was somehow tied to a proposal he presented to several Deputy Ministers in February 2021. The decision to dismantle the IMED, and request his work continue in the DIP, was made several months earlier by the IMED Steering Committee.

Other Ministries Impacted/Consulted

- The IMED was governed by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Ministries of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The decision that the IMED be dissolved, and that Dr. Somers be asked to continue his work in the Data Innovation Program, was the result of months of discussions among this group.

BACKGROUND:

- Transitioning integrated data research to the new platform will allow government to leverage new data sources and allow all social ministries, and other academics, to carry out more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis. It will also allow government to make data linkages and partner with other social Ministries whose data was not previously available, and to be able ask questions that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED.

- Other advantages include:
    - Data is updated on a regular basis without the administrative burden of Information Sharing Agreements.
    - The program has been tested, and enthusiastically endorsed, by over 40 of Canada's leading academics who assisted with BC's Basic Income Project.
    - The program is based on world-leading best practices for managing safe access to confidential or sensitive data (i.e., the internationally recognized Five Safes model).

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- **Attachment 1-** IMED- Letter to JS- March 5, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 2-** Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 3-** Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021- Oct. 13, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 4-** Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 5-** Response-Dr. Somers- January 28, 2022.pdf

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Hi all,

I have attached the IBN that was shared with the Premier's Office and our DM. I also attached the series of letters referenced in the note (to my knowledge, only the first two were shared with the media).

Hope this helps with your respective briefings!

Cheers,
Leigh

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Thanks, that would be helpful. I can use the material you prepare to brief my ADM rather than preparing a separate summary.

Thanks,
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Sounds good. Will do!

Leigh

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Share with us too please Leigh? I've added Andrew to this thread so he can stay up to speed and inform others of the situation as well as/if required.

Ceri

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Hi Rob,

Our new DM doesn't have any background on all of this yet, so yes, I will be putting something high level together for him. Happy to share with you once it's ready if you like.

Leigh

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Thanks Leigh. Is PSSG doing an IN?

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Hi all,

Assuming you already saw this, but sharing in case you haven't yet: The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post

Note that Global News also reached out for comments on a similar story they were running last week (we provided the same response). I have yet to hear/see anything from them yet, but will share if I do.

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Agree also. Well done Leigh and team.

Ceri

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Agree, nice response.

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Thanks leigh, it's a good response.

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Thanks Ceri. It certainly has been spun to fit a narrative, hasn't it.

For your awareness, here is the response my comms team and I have drafted (it is still being fine-tuned):

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- As per BC Corrections' correspondence with Dr. Somers (in March 2021, October 2021, November 2021, and January 2022), we look forward to collaborating on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best to support the populations we serve.

Will keep you apprised as to what else comes of this.

Happy holidays to you all!

Leigh

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Thanks Leigh, and sorry you need to deal with this now. Now I understand why so many news stories say "we reached out but ___ didn't respond by the time this went to press".

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s.22 It belongs to citizens, and we are only the stewards of that data on their behalf- including keeping track of what hands it is in and ensuring that it is appropriately disposed of as per the managed agreements signed to access it in the first place.

s.22 I know he was offered DIP access. If he has chosen not to make the shift to that new platform to continue his work, that's entirely up to him.

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Good morning,

I just wanted to give you all a heads up that we received another request to respond to a media story about by Dr. Somers, this time from the National Post (see below). We (BC Corrections) will be taking the lead on a response, but happy to share this with you once ready if you like. If you would like to discuss anything further, please give me a call (I am of today, but will be online until our response has been drafted).

Thanks,
Leigh

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1. Why are Dr. Somers' accusations reasonable or unreasonable?
2. Why was the request to delete the IMED done so abruptly?
3. Is there any element to this story which is missing from Dr. Somers' account that the Canadian public should know about?

4. What do you make of Dr. Somers' accusation of being "frozen out" of communication with the government for the past two years?

All the best,

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
BC CORRECTIONS
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

PREPARED FOR: Doug Scott, Deputy Solicitor General,
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ISSUE

- Dr. Julian Somers' media allegations regarding the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED).

SUMMARY:

- The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED), held at Simon Fraser University (SFU) by Dr. Somers since 2005, was comprised of administrative data collected by the ministries of Health, Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

- In March 2021, the IMED steering committee requested that Dr. Somers terminate the data held in the IMED and transition his integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program—a new program that would allow for increased data collection from other areas within government and provide broader and equitable access for other academics and researchers (see attachment 1).

- This request coincided with the expiration of the existing information sharing agreements between Dr. Somers and the Ministries, and the development of the new integrated data program (i.e., the Data Innovation Program) with which Dr. Somers could continue his research on chronic homelessness, addiction, and community safety.

    - Note that as per FOIPPA s.33(h)(i-v), research agreements require that data provided by the Province of BC is destructed at the end of a project to ensure the chain of custody is maintained and no unapproved use of public data occur.

- Following this request, a series of correspondence took place via letters (see attachments 2, 3, 4, and 5) and a meeting with Dr. Somers, PSSG representatives, and SFU representatives in November 2021, where concerns were raised and thought to be addressed.

- Dr. Somers was encouraged to access this new program and raise any concerns with available data. As a gesture of goodwill, the Ministries also amended the original request to allow continued use of the IMED until March 31, 2023. This was done to allow existing projects to conclude, to replicate select published findings within the DIP.

- To date, Dr. Somers has not accessed nor provided any feedback on the new data program available to him, despite being encouraged to do so.

Media Attention

- The most significant impact of the decision to dismantle the IMED is that Dr. Somers will no longer be the sole proprietor of this data. However, Dr. Somers has reached out to the media on several occasions to allege that government's decision to terminate the IMED is to suppress evidence that contradicts government's current response to address homelessness, mental health, and addiction.

- Most recently, Dr. Somers implied in a news article (see: The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post) that the decision to dismantle the IMED was somehow tied to a proposal he presented to several Deputy Ministers in February 2021. The decision to dismantle the IMED, and request his work continue in the DIP, was made several months earlier by the IMED Steering Committee.

Other Ministries Impacted/Consulted

- The IMED was governed by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Ministries of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The decision that the IMED be dissolved, and that Dr. Somers be asked to continue his work in the Data Innovation Program, was the result of months of discussions among this group.

BACKGROUND:

- Transitioning integrated data research to the new platform will allow government to leverage new data sources and allow all social ministries, and other academics, to carry out more innovative and comprehensive population level analysis. It will also allow government to make data linkages and partner with other social Ministries whose data was not previously available, and to be able ask questions that have historically been beyond the scope of the IMED.

- Other advantages include:
    - Data is updated on a regular basis without the administrative burden of Information Sharing Agreements.
    - The program has been tested, and enthusiastically endorsed, by over 40 of Canada's leading academics who assisted with BC's Basic Income Project.
    - The program is based on world-leading best practices for managing safe access to confidential or sensitive data (i.e., the internationally recognized Five Safes model).

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:

- N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- **Attachment 1-** IMED- Letter to JS- March 5, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 2-** Strengthening IMED 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 3-** Response to JS- Strengthening IMED 2021- Oct. 13, 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 4-** Post-Meeting Nov 2021.pdf
- **Attachment 5-** Response-Dr. Somers- January 28, 2022.pdf

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September 28, 2021

Dear Leigh,

I am writing to request a reprieve from your instruction to destroy all data associated with SFU's Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database (IMED) and your additional instruction to desist from any novel research involving the IMED.

The IMED was established in 2004 and is one of the world's only databases integrating health, social, and criminal justice information for an entire population. The IMED has been the basis for over 30 reports commissioned by the Provincial government and more than 60 peer reviewed publications detailing complex interactions between crime, addiction, mental illness, and homelessness.

Due to the unique richness of the IMED the federal government has commissioned its use as the primary basis for nationally important research investigating Drug Treatment Court and Recovery-Oriented Housing. The IMED has attracted national and international awards, has served as the basis for training the next generation of evidence-based policy scientists, and has attracted over $10 million in federal and international funding to BC.

In the past year the IMED was the basis for research commissioned by the BC Justice Summit and provided the empirical foundation for advice requested by Minister David Eby and presented in a Call to Action addressing Homelessness, Addiction, Mental Illness and Community Safety. The IMED is BC's leading source of information regarding practices that enable people to escape the revolving door between custody, hospital, and the streets, including the results of randomized controlled trials that directly compared alternative approaches.

Evidence produced from the IMED forms the most authoritative account of the costs of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness in BC, the comparative effectiveness and costs of different interventions, and the regions with the highest levels of need for effective services. As the recent Call to Action explains, the IMED is particularly powerful as a means of evaluating the effectiveness of new

investments in complex care housing by enabling their outcomes to be compared against benchmark values reported in previous BC studies that use the same data (e.g., reductions in crime, improvements in health and social wellbeing). The IMED is also a powerful resource to promote action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls for transparency and accountability.

In 2021 the urgent need for relevant evidence addressing addiction, homelessness, mental illness and community safety in BC has never been greater. Rather than abruptly terminating the IMED, my colleagues and I seek an opportunity to discuss the continuation of our work applying world-leading evidence to support the expansion of proven cost-effective services and policies for British Columbians. As the legacy of the IMED has grown over the past 17 years, so too has the expertise and strength of allies convened by SFU and representing multiple BC sectors and communities that together want to contribute to positive change. Thank you for your attention to this time-sensitive request.

Sincerely,



CC: Hon. David Eby
Hon. Mike Farnworth
Hon. Mike Harcourt
Dugan O'Neil, PhD, SFU VP Research & International
Joanne Curry, PhD, SFU VP External
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January 7, 2022

Dear Leigh,

Glad tidings for 2022. I'm writing in follow up to our meeting of November 16th in which we were joined by Kimberley McLean and Joanne Curry. At his request I've also copied Mark Sieben.

During our meeting we discussed the migration of work from the inter-ministry research database that has been collaboratively developed over previous years to the Province's data innovation program (DIP). Since SFU received the instruction to terminate data in March 2021 we have had the opportunity to work together with you and colleagues associated with the DIP. We were advised that Corrections data were not yet available through the DIP and that their inclusion was forthcoming. We were also advised that several of the clinical and psychosocial analyses conducted under the previously established platform (requiring patient consent) could not be replicated via the DIP.

Issues arising in our meeting included: a) ethical and legal considerations associated with platform change; b) the execution of funded research sponsored by the Inter-Ministry committee; c) outstanding publications involving the inter-ministry research database.

For guidance on legal and ethical issues I consulted senior colleagues with expertise in law, data, and ethics, including SFU's Director of Research Ethics. I advised my consulting colleagues that the DIP is expected to soon serve as a means of accessing all of the data needed to replicate our published findings, with the exception of those noted above. I also noted that we had received support from the Province to retain data throughout the process of publishing several papers based on findings already generated, and that we had been assured that government would ensure that SFU receives data needed for the outstanding sponsored research noted above.

In assessing the duration of data retention we were advised to consider the

uniqueness and impact of related published findings. In the current case, publications produced using the inter-ministry research database are highly unique and have been cited in support of policies affecting highly vulnerable people in BC, federally, and internationally. Retention of data becomes more salient when the derived results diverge from subsequently published findings using comparable methods. Conversely, the case for retention lessens if subsequently published findings corroborate and reinforce the robustness of the outcomes reported.

It was recommended that while finalizing manuscripts, and following the receipt of DIP data, SFU should selectively replicate published findings using data accessed from the DIP. We were advised to record our results, and assuming that the replicated findings are essentially the same as those published, document the similarities as the basis for destroying the original database. Any legally or ethically grounded queries received by SFU related to the replication of findings would then be pursued via the DIP as necessary. Queries related to analyses conducted with individual consent would be referred to the Province.

I appreciate your consideration of this plan and would be happy to speak in follow up. As mentioned in our meeting, we would be grateful for your assurance that SFU will receive the data necessary for the funded Michael Smith Foundation research as a government-sponsored project via the DIP, and your support to retain data in support of publications (noted on the following page). Several colleagues recommended that I carefully describe and disseminate the context surrounding the termination of data resources. I've included the related paper in the list, although it is based on personal notes and information in the public domain rather than analyses of data. Finally, every attempt has been made to provide a comprehensive list of papers in production. In the event of an oversight I will amend the list and notify you immediately.

Thank you and best wishes,



CC: Kimberley McLean, MPA, Provincial Director, Strategic Operations,
BC Corrections
Joanne Curry, PhD, SFU VP External
Mark Sieben, LLB, Deputy Solicitor General

List of Papers Pending Publication and Based on Analyses of Inter-Ministry Data
(Working Titles and Related Projects)

a. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Detained in Custody (results and report requested by BC Corrections)
b. Increasing Complexity Over Time Among Persons Supervised Under Community Supervision (results and report requested by BC Corrections)
c. Short-term Custody And Risk Factors Associated with Recidivism (results and report requested by BC Corrections)
d. Cheque-day and Associations with Hospitalization (results requested by Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction)
e. Overall and Cause-specific Poisoning Mortality and Associated Individual Risk Factors (results requested by Ministry of Health)
f. Medication Adherence Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia Pre, During, and Post Custody (results requested by Ministry of Health)
g. The Characteristics of Abstainers Among Those Experiencing Homelessness and Mental Illness (Vancouver At Home)
h. Factors Associated with Criminal Convictions After Receiving Recovery-Oriented Housing (Vancouver At Home)
i. Hospital Admission Following Release from Custody Among People Diagnosed with Schizophrenia (Vancouver At Home)
j. The Denouement of a Longstanding Inter-Ministry & Academic Collaboration (recommended by ethical and legal experts)

RE: data in the news

From: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Davison, Carolyn J MMHA:EX <Carolyn.Davison@gov.bc.ca>, Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 4, 2023 5:38:03 PM PST
Attachments: image001.jpg

Hi Leigh,
Carolyn actually forwarded me a copy of the finalized IBN. Are you able to forward both of us the attachments referred to on the last page please?

Ceri

From: Davison, Carolyn J MMHA:EX <Carolyn.Davison@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 4, 2023 3:20 PM
To: Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX <Ceri.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: data in the news

Hi there
Wondering if you could send me the attachments that go along with the IBN?
Thanks
Carolyn

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From: Davison, Carolyn J MMHA:EX
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Sent: January 3, 2023 1:25 PM
To: Davison, Carolyn J MMHA:EX <Carolyn.Davison@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Campbell, Darrion MMHA:EX <Darrion.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: data in the news

Hi Carolyn,

I suggest reaching out to Ceri Sanderson as well as Gerrit Van der Leer.

Thank you,
Christine

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Cc: Campbell, Darrion MMHA:EX <Darrion.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: data in the news

Hi Christine
I've received a number of questions about this article in the news:

The silencing of drug addiction experts who criticize 'safe supply' | National Post

One of Canada's leading experts on drug addiction (Dr. Julian Somers, CARMHA) says British Columbia's provincial government asked him to delete a crucial database in an attempt to censor criticism of the province's homeless policies. The incident appears to fit within a larger, nationwide campaign to silence experts who believe that, when it comes to homelessness and drugs, Canadian policy-makers are on the wrong track.

s.13

Does HSIAR have a Factsheet or BN on this issue? Who is the HSIAR lead? Is it still Cheri Sanderson? I see that Gerrit Van der Leer is the MHAD lead. Also, we are looking for a little more information on the Data Innovation Program supported by PopDataBC. Is the vision that this become part of the data to support the response to the toxic drug crisis? Perhaps we can discuss further on Thursday when we meet.

Take care,
Carolyn

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RE: FOR REVIEW: Media Request - Dr. Somers - IMED Data

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 5, 2023 9:40:25 AM PST

Happy to chat anytime! Weird that they reached out to us for comment on The Ministry's current relationship (given it's a relationship with MoH she is referencing).

Leigh

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From: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 9:26 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Media Request - Dr. Somers - IMED Data

Hi Leigh,

Please see the media request below and my recommended response. I married some of the new content from the BN with our previous media response. I am in a meeting from 830-930 tomorrow am but hoping we can connect after briefly prior to me forwarding this to Lisa for her final sign off.

Rumneek Johal, Reporter, Press Progress
Deadline: Thursday January 5, 2023 4:00PM
Request:
I'm a reporter with Press Progress. I'm inquiring as to the Ministry's current relationship with SFU's Dr. Julian Somers.
https://nationalpost.com/opinion/silencing-drug-addiction-experts-who-question-safe-supply
https://www.sfu.ca/carmha/projects/2021-BC-DCS.html
A recent article alleges he has been "silenced" by the BC government, but this rapid review shows he was commissioned by the ministry.
Is the relationship with Dr. Somers ongoing? Does the ministry have any statement on his claims he was shut out?

Response on background:

- The Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database held at Simon Fraser University by Dr. Somers was comprised of administrative data collected by the ministries of Health, Public Safety and Solicitor General and Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

- In March 2021, the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database steering committee requested that Dr. Somers terminate the data held in the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database and transition his integrated data work to the Data Innovation Program—a new program that would allow for increased data collection from other areas within government and provide broader and equitable access for other academics and researchers.

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- Dr. Somers has been encouraged to access the Data Innovation Program and raise any concerns with available data. Further, as a gesture of goodwill, in January 2022, Dr. Somers was informed that he could have continued

access to the Inter-Ministry Evaluation Database until March 31, 2023, to ensure any existing projects can conclude and allow time to replicate select published findings within the new Data Innovation Program.

- To date, Dr. Somers has not accessed nor provided any feedback on the Data Innovation Program available to him.

- As expressed in BC Corrections' written correspondence to Dr. Somers in March 2021, October 2021, and January 2022 and telephone meeting with Dr. Somers in November 2021, we look forward to collaborating with Dr. Somers on projects of mutual interest within this new program, and more broadly, to continue discussions on how to generate evidence to best support the populations we serve.

RE: FYI - DSG Correspondence Advice re: National Post article on Dr. Julian Somers

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Sent:	January 5, 2023 4:30:09 PM PST
Attachments:	FW: FOIPPA and FIPPA: Dr. Julian Somers refusing to destroy administrative health data - National Post

Thanks Shawna. Looping in Alicia too.

Leigh

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From: Laursen, Shawna PSSG:EX <Shawna.Laursen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 4:28 PM
To: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sweet, Lisa PSSG:EX <Lisa.Sweet@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI - DSG Correspondence Advice re: National Post article on Dr. Julian Somers

Hi Erin and Leigh,

Please see the attached message. It was shared with us by the Corporate Correspondence Unit for our info. (I have filed it.)

Thank you,
Shawna

FW: FOIPPA and FIPPA: Dr. Julian Somers refusing to destroy administrative health data - National Post

From: DMOFFICE, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.DMOFFICE@gov.bc.ca>
To: PSSG Correspondence PSSG:EX <PSSG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 5, 2023 7:21:37 AM PST

Good morning,

We received this incoming within our Deputy Minister's generic inbox, of which we will be assigning for a response. Sharing with PSSG for your information as the article states that the deletion request came from PSSG.

Kind regards,
Sandy Stevens *(she/her/hers)*

Issues Assessment and Liaison Analyst - Correspondence Lead
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I respectfully acknowledge with gratitude that I work, live and learn on the traditional homelands of the Cowichan Tribes and the Hul'qumi'num speaking people

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To: info@oipc.bc.ca; dore@sfu.ca; fhsdean@sfu.ca; DMOFFICE, HLTH HLTH:EX <HLTH.DMOFFICE@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOIPPA and FIPPA: Dr. Julian Somers refusing to destroy administrative health data - National Post

Hello,

Yesterday in the National Post, Dr. Julian Somers stated that he refused to destroy data when asked to do so by the Province of BC. This data included linked administrative health data on British Columbians that is subject to FOIPPA and FIPPA. Researchers cannot simply refuse to destroy this data when asked to do so, it belongs to the people of BC.

Does SFU condone this behavior and was the SFU Human Research Ethics Board aware that he is not complying with FOIPPA and FIPPA? What actions have been taken to ensure that this data is being properly managed?

This is the article from the Post: https://nationalpost.com/opinion/silencing-drug-addiction-experts-who-question-safe-supply

Thank you,
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Conversation with Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: January 6, 2023 12:17:50 PM PST

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 4:03 PM:
Hi Ceri! Would you have a few minutes to review a draft BN by chance? We have been asked by the Premier's Office for some background info by end of day, so needed to pull this together pretty quickly, and wouldn't mind a second set of eyes.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 4:03 PM:
sure!

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 4:04 PM:
great, thanks. Sending your way shortly!

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 4:05 PM:
(y)

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:42 AM:
Hi Ceri! Just wanted to check that you have all you need re: JS briefing materials? I saw you retracted your email, so am guessing you got the attachments via my earlier email?

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 8:44 AM:
I did! Thanks! I had just pushed send when I saw yours. Just that Kind of day!

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:45 AM:
haha. All good. Just a heads up that the media requests are still coming in....

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:45 AM:
we are mainly just pulling messaging from the BN now though

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 8:46 AM:
I've instructed all my staff the same. We directly interact with the research community of course, so they are on point to redirect any inquiries to myself or Andrew

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:46 AM:
ok, great.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 8:47 AM:
s.16; s.22

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:47 AM:
oh dear. Sorry to hear that. TGIF!

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 8:47 AM:
So I hope you enjoy a VERY restful and uninterrupted weekend :)

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 8:47 AM:
ME too! Hope yours is the same!

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 8:48 AM:
(sun)(d)

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 11:56 AM:
question for you....sec 33 doesn't specifically reference destructing the data. Is there another section of FOIPPA that would be better to reference?

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 11:56 AM:
Just responding to yet another request

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 11:58 AM:
I'll take a look - the recent amendments may have changed the language, but specific to Julian, his agreement did specifically include data destruction.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 12:01 PM:
great, thanks.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 12:09 PM:

- We just took out reference to FOIPPA for now: All information sharing / research agreements require that any data provided by the Province of BC is destructed at the end of a project / agreement. It is important to note, that the original data provided by the Province, remains the property of the province and is not destructed; only the copy of the data provided within the agreement is required to be destructed.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 12:13 PM:
that's fine. I'll follow up to see what we are doing re the new FOIPPA language

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 12:14 PM:

and that is totally accurate- it is still a clause in all our data sharing agreements.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 12:15 PM:

ok great. thanks

FW: Global News Story Jan 7 'SFU professor claims Victoria orders database destroyed'

From: Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX
To: Owens, Alicia PSSG:EX <Alicia.Owens@gov.bc.ca>, Gunnarson, Erin N PSSG:EX <Erin.Gunnarson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 9, 2023 8:43:15 AM PST

Morning!

Not sure you saw the Global story on the weekend (can send you the clip if interested—but it's the same narrative). Decided to quote my name in it, hence the email below. Hopefully it's a one off!

Just FYI.
Leigh

From: s.22
Sent: Saturday, January 7, 2023 9:44 PM
To: Chant.MLA, Susie LASS:EX <Susie.Chant.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Sturko.MLA, Elenore LASS:EX <Elenore.Sturko.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX <Leigh.Greiner@gov.bc.ca>; jsomers@sfu.ca; paul.johnson@globalnews.ca; mike <mike@cknw.com>
Subject: Global News Story Jan 7 'SFU professor claims Victoria orders database destroyed'

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Hi Susie Chant MLA,

re Global News Story Jan 7 'SFU professor claims Victoria orders database destroyed'

I can only think of one reason the BC Government would destroy 20 years of data on the drug addiction industry in Vancouver.

You don't want taxpayers to see the data.

I suspect Dr Julian Somers data reports that hundreds of millions (maybe billions??) of taxpayers dollars have been thrown at the drug addiction industry?
and the problem is worse than ever? The DTES is a war zone and getting worse every day?

I also suspect the data concludes that the 'solution' to the drug problem is to subsidize the drug addicts lifestyle choice with free drugs and free housing.
Basically pay them to sit around and do drugs all day.
Make them all Professional Heroin Addicts.

Obviously, to your average 40 hr/week working guy this would be an outrageous misuse of taxpayers money.
And the NDP would pay for it on election day.
I can appreciate that it's an unpleasant task to deal with.

Could I suggest we should be looking at places where this problem has been solved? If there are any?
Instead of trying to be San Francisco?

Best regards,
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PS note: Dr Somers, Thank you for not deleting your database.

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GLOBAL STORY: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBuGw0Ko5jM
FOX News story on SF: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCdzU15Nbtc

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Conversation with Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX

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Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:19 PM:

Hi Leigh- my team just did a quick review of the Sommers IMED agreement file we have here for pre-pub submissions. Our agreement DOES require that anything going for publication or presentation must be submitted for pre-pub review. Given the current situation, I want to be cautious and not inflame it. However, are you aware of anything Julian has published or presented related specifically to the IMED data to date? We have received NO documents/presentations/thesis/ etc. to date. Given that was the reason for the extension to March, this gives us some concern.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:23 PM:

Hi Ceri, I am sure there are lots of things that have been published that we haven't reviewed. That said, historical agreements weren't as nuanced as they should have been (e.g., giving approval for a project, but not laying out parameters as to what questions could be asked of the data). Probably best to have a quick call to discuss, and in the meantime, I will share with you what articles I am aware of in the last few years (a few anyways)

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:23 PM:

Great! thanks.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:23 PM:

oh you mean the most recent addendum....

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:23 PM:

I haven't seen anything from that list either

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:24 PM:

primarily the addendum - We haven't seen anything at all.

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:24 PM:

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Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:24 PM:

that's the thing! it was the reason for the extension but nothing coming in is a concern,

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:26 PM:

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s.22 In any case, I will be drafting a final letter soon, so will probably need some input on the language for that.

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:27 PM:

sounds good. We'll continue to monitor and watch for anything coming in (although I really don't expect him to bother with the agreement requirements).

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:27 PM:

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But sounds good. We will do the same!

Sanderson, Ceri HLTH:EX 3:28 PM:

I just thought I'd check in with you as I expect its something Andrew may ask about. Thanks!

Greiner, Leigh PSSG:EX 3:28 PM:

No problem. :)