

Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions
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MINISTRY PROFILE

Ministry:

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions leads the Province of British Columbia in efforts to improve the mental well-being and reduce substance use-related harms for all British Columbians. The ministry has overall responsibility for the development of a coherent, accessible, and culturally safe mental health and addictions system that is effective for individuals and families throughout the province. The ministry is responsible for leading and escalating the response to the province's overdose public health emergency. The ministry also works in collaboration with other agencies to strengthen social supports and services that impact mental health and problematic substance use (for example, housing, employment, poverty reduction, education, childcare, and workplaces).

People's mental health and addictions experiences are influenced by a broad range of economic, social, cultural, environmental, and personal factors. The ministry brings mental health and addictions into focus to address some of society's most complex, misunderstood, and stigmatized issues.

Ministry Mandate:

The ministry leads the transformation of B.C.'s mental health and addictions system by setting the strategic direction for the province through cross-sector planning and driving system-level improvement through research, policy development, and evaluation. To realize this mandate, the ministry undertakes a whole-government, multi-systems approach in partnership with other ministries, Indigenous Peoples, service delivery partners, researchers, local and federal levels of government, families, youth, advocates, and people with lived and living experience.

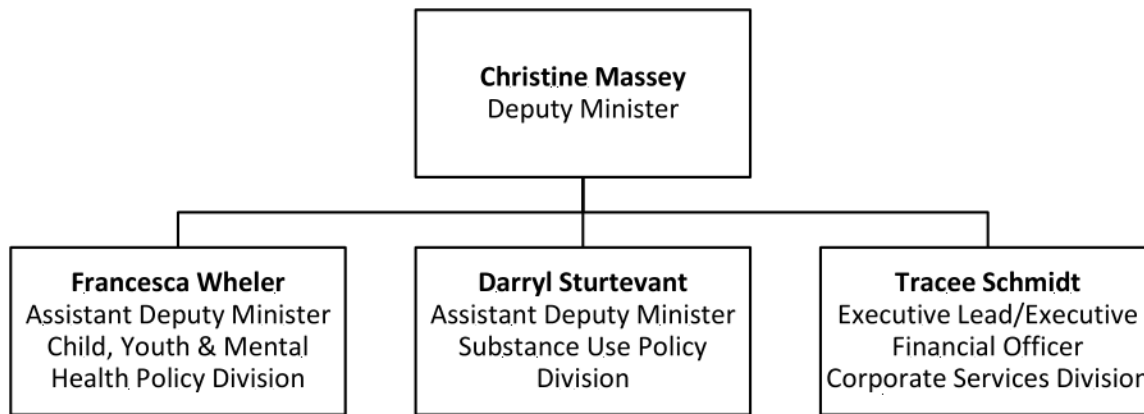
MMHA has a mandate to develop policies, standards, guidelines, and strategies, and monitor and evaluate programs across the sectors, using a multi-system level, "whole-of-government" approach in relation to mental health and substance use services, working with the Ministry of Health, social ministries, Indigenous Peoples and organizations, local and federal levels of government, service delivery partners, researchers, families, youth, advocates, and people with lived experience in supporting the development of a cross-sector approach.

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs):

As of September 30, 2022, the ministry has 128 FTEs, which includes five FTEs in the Minister's Office.

	Minister's Office	Deputy Minister's Office	Corporate Services Division	Child, Youth & Mental Health Division	Substance Use Policy Division	Total
Total 2022 FTE Count	5	7	14	54	48	128

Executive Organizational Chart:



Budget:

Core Business Area	2021/22 Restated Estimates ¹	2022/23 Estimates	2023/24 Plan	2024/25 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Policy Development, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation	18,785	21,554	22,093	22,160
Executive and Supports Services	2,596	3,048	3,057	3,057
Total	21,381	24,602	25,150	25,217
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Supports Services	1	3	3	3
Total	1	3	3	3

EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Christine Massey
Deputy Minister
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Christine (she/her) is the Deputy Minister of the BC Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. The Ministry is responsible for working with government ministries, Indigenous organizations, municipalities, and community partners to ensure a coherent, accessible, and culturally safe mental health and addictions system that is effective for individuals and families across the lifespan. The ministry is also responsible for leading an immediate response to the province's overdose public health emergency.

Before being appointed as Deputy Minister, Christine served as ADM in BC's Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) from February 2018 to November 2020. In her time at MCFD, Christine had different responsibilities including childcare policy and programs, policy for child welfare, child and youth mental health services, as well as policy and provincial programs for the early years and children and youth with extra support needs.

Christine's other experience in the BC Government includes as Executive Director at the Ministry of Advanced Education where she led the transfer of the regulation of private career colleges from an external Crown agency to the ministry; five years at the Ministry of Health, where she led the Seniors' Action Plan as well as a number of legislative initiatives including the BC Services Card, the new *Pharmaceutical Services Act* and the *Seniors Advocate Act*. From 1995 to 2009, Christine worked in the post-secondary sector, including positions with the Research Universities' Council of British Columbia, the Ministry of Advanced Education, UBC and SFU.

Christine holds an undergraduate degree (B.A.) from the University of Ottawa and a Master's degree (M.A.) from Simon Fraser University.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Darryl Sturtevant
Assistant Deputy Minister
Substance Use Policy
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Darryl (he/him) oversees the Substance Use Policy Division in the BC Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. He joined MMHA in April 2021. In December 2021, Darryl was also appointed ADM, Mental Health and Substance Use Division in the Ministry of Health.

Darryl is an experienced public sector leader who has worked at all levels of government in Manitoba, British Columbia and Ontario. Prior to joining MMHA, he was an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ontario public service overseeing the Strategic Policy and Planning Division and led the creation of the new Child Welfare and Protection Division of Ontario's Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Highlights of Darryl's career as an Assistant Deputy Minister include co-developing the Ontario Indigenous Child and Youth Strategy with Indigenous partners, a transformative policy framework and action plan that addresses the complexities of Indigenous jurisdiction and reconciliation. He also led the amendments for a new *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, developed and implemented an Ontario Youth Action Plan and a Black Youth Action Plan, and collaborated across ministries to develop a Special Needs Strategy.

Since joining MMHA, the Substance Use Policy Division has led several "first-in-Canada" policy initiatives related to the decriminalization of people in possession of small amount of illicit drugs for personal use and prescribed safer supply as well as implementation of Budget 2021 commitments related to overdose prevention, nurse prescribing and the creation of new bed-based treatment and recovery services.

