

AGENDA FOR PPCBC TELECONFERENCE

DATE: March 1, 2023 DRAFT

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1. Kate Evans Kathaleen.Evans@gov.bc.ca

Present: Stacey Miller, Andrea Soo, Fabiola Toyota, Val Poirier, Diane Wickenheiser, Robyn Homgren, Tami Hirasawa, Kate Evans, Estera Hazlewood, Kim Carter, Beth Ott, Sally Woodard, Trish Lee

1. **Land Acknowledgement (Fabiola)**
 2. **Meeting Minutes Recorder (Andrea)**
 3. **Previous meeting minutes (October 5, 2022) - Approved**
 4. **Provincial Updates**
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- a. Andrea Soo, PABC – no update
- b. Stacey Miller, BCCH – no update
- c. Diane Wickenheiser, SHHC – no update
- d. Kate Evans, MCFD
 - Kate will update on service changes and plans for formally engaging with therapists when information is available.
 - Will answer questions related to CYSN framework and spend time during the April 17, 2023 joint OT/PT Council meeting. This will allow for the information to be shared with both Councils, and more information should be available by April.
 - Will be able to provide a presentation on AHP to this Council.
 - Details around the budget announcement are unknown at this time and what this means for SAET and SAT.
 - Kate expressed that she understands the frustration with this process and acknowledges these frustrations in the therapist community. With the announcement in November of ongoing individualized Autism Therapy and SAET, there was a pause in the engagement group. Kate will continue to work on including therapists in these conversations. Kate will work on sharing information as much as possible and answer questions.

ACTION: Council to send list of questions related to CYSN framework and related to AHP equipment funding approvals to Kate and Kristen Chan (MCFD) who will try to answer prior to our next meeting. Val will include feedback from Positioning and Mobility regarding getting equipment approved through AHP. Val will invite Kristen to joint OT/PT council meeting in April to answer our equipment questions.

5. Business Arising

- a. PT/OT Council questions related to new CYSN framework – emailed to Kate Evans July 19, 2022. Will send updated list of questions with these minutes.
- b. Terms of reference – Finalized with OTs (see attached)
 - i. Stacey met with OTs to review, compare and make sure we had similar language.
 - ii. Do we need to consider changing the terms of reference to include private therapists who are subcontract with public funding? Further conversation required once more information is available.
ACTION: PT Council TOR to be finalized at the September meeting. Val will send out 2 weeks prior to meeting for review. Council to propose language re: publicly funded therapists sub contracted.

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- c. CMEDS Info Sheet/Feedback to HME re: concerns related to COI (V. Poirier)
 - i. Val will connect with Jason Gordon to be able to share on BCACDI website. IT will post as soon as their team is able.
 - ii. Will include with the next set of minutes and distribute to OT council so it can be shared now. Will add a footer with date and that it will be shared on the BCACDI website.
- d. MCFD Equipment – see Kate's update above
- e. Storing meeting minutes – BCACDI website – approved
- f. Workshops/Training/Resources – see attached

6. New Business

- a. Private Pediatric Physiotherapy List
 - i. Diane has emailed everyone on the list.
 - ii. Will separate the list into regions.
 - iii. List is used quite well coming out of BCCH, also within EIT programs and SAT programs.
 - iv. Please send any additional names to Diane.
 - v. Question around whether we include private practice therapist working in traditional orthopedic clinics who would see kids. Decided that at this time these clinics will not be included, exceptions may be made for underserved regions.
ACTION: Updated list will be sent out with meeting minutes.
- b. Conversation around changes in the FCC roll-out:
 - i. Starbright's contract will be extended for 2 years. Work happening regarding how to run dual services in that region. The announcement in November provided an opportunity to pause and emphasize that the pilot sites are a model with a big vision for the way we deliver services. Policies are interim to help guide this process, and can be adjusted.
 - ii. In Terrace, any new applications for the AHP were on hold until a new At-Home-Program eligibility process in place. Conversation on how best to do this to get kids service who need it. Came up with an interim plan. Therapists were asked to put thoughts down on paper, which is what the letter from Terrace Child Development Centre is about.
 - iii. Question around who can we voice our concerns to around the process. Kate reports that this council is a good place to start. Now that MCFD is in the place that they are in now, there is a need for that connection. The council will collate concerns and bring them to Kate. Reminder that this is a pilot, recognizing that it should have had more involvement with therapist from the start.
 - iv. Concerns around conflict of interest when public and private services are offered in the same building. How will these services be evaluated? Will this be looked at with a business lens? Kate will bring this back to her leaders to

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discuss transparency around the decisions. Kate also does not know how these services will be evaluated. Concern that those who are evaluating the program may not understand the basis for the program.

- v. Concerns around recruitment of therapists is being heard around the province. Takes many years to build pediatric specific skillset. Experience and knowledge is at risk of being lost due to non-union sites winning the bids.
- vi. Concerns that the comment that “family can pick their therapist” is very much a private practice approach. Andrea is the public practice rep on the PABC and will continue to bring a public practice voice to the committee. Who else sits on the committee?
- vii. Reminder that HSA meeting on March 8th at 7pm for members of a CDC.
- viii. Being a remote and sole practice physiotherapist, it is difficult to process this information. How can this council create an opportunity to come together and connect? Revisit next meeting.
- ix. Is there a way that we can add something to our meeting minutes to let PTs around the province know that this is being talked about? The letter being written may help to acknowledge this.

ACTION: The Council will draft a letter to advocate and indicate what our thoughts are on the changes. Plan to send the letter to Kate and other appropriate decision makers at MCFD as well as MLAs. **ACTION:** Tami will start and circulate to the council.