

MINUTES FOR PPCBC TELECONFERENCE

DATE: October 5, 2022

Chair: Stacey Miller

Recorder: Val Poirier

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MCFD

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

Present: Stacey, Fabiola, Beth, Sara Zboya (for Robyn), Andrea, Kim, Kate, Colleen Hobson (MCFD guest), Estera, Trish, Diane

Regrets: Kristin, Sally, Rowan, Robyn

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Estera
2. **MEETING MINUTES RECORDER** – Val

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3. PROVINCIAL UPDATES

- a. Andrea Soo, PABC: slow over the summer, task force regarding the MCFD changes reconvening this Fall. How can PABC help pediatric PTs in BC with recruitment? Connect with Andrea by email (andrea.soo@bc-cfa.org) or phone with any ideas.
- b. Stacey Miller, BCCH: no new updates, new positions created and mostly filled.
- c. Diane Wickenheiser, SHHC: no update, PMT team on outreach, plans with Child Development Rehabilitation website is moving forward, no updates on when it will relaunch.
- d. Kate Evans, MCFD:
 - MCFD creating Workforce Collaborative, first meeting will be Oct 20th. Meeting will include PT Council Chair, OT Council Chairs, representative from SLP, PABC, B.I., BCACDI. Plan to contract a 3rd party facilitator, for 2 years, action oriented. Not involving other Ministries for now. Early stages of conversation but if the group decides consultation with other ministries is appropriate then that is possible. Public and private will be represented
 - Early implementation FCCs - Finished request for proposals. Successful sites have been contacted. Announcement planned for early Nov. Early implementation sites in 4 communities: Kelowna, Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert. As far as we know, timeline has not shifted. Regarding the early implementation projects, what happens to the agency if they had MCFD funding and do not win the bid? Parallel work going on at the same time, duplicate funding for smooth supportive transition. Unions been not been involved in the talks - out of scope for this project (will be between the employer and the Unions)

4. Previous meeting minutes - Approved

5. Business Arising

- a. PT/OT Council Questions submitted to MCFD via Kate in July 2022: Kate will revisit the list of questions and will answer the ones that can be answered right away, striving to get the information out consistently and accurately.
- b. Terms of reference: met with OT council (Susan, Ingrid, Stacey), draft attached to meeting invite, minor changes have been made.

ACTION: Council members to read prior to next meeting, plan to discuss if needed and approve changes at the next meeting.

- c. CMEDS document update: Val met with Rob Boscacci (HME Owner) and Michelle Harvey (CMEDS Manager). Added following to document: AHP list of preferred

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vendors, timeline: 5 months to get a quote and 1 year to purchase equipment if not available in CMEDS, and ability to contact CMEDS technician to view equipment in warehouse. Still need to make it “look pretty” and confirm who notifies AHP when equipment return (CMEDS or Therapist?)

ACTION: Val will send updated version for feedback prior to the next joint OT/PT council meeting, plan to post document to BCACDI website. Val to find out which sites HME is meeting with quarterly and suggest inviting therapists to meetings. Val will also share document with HME for feedback.

- d. Where to store our Council minutes? Can only link on the therapybc.ca website. We have permission to post on the BCACDI site – public or with ULR or password protected? Council agreed to post to BCACDI website publicly.

ACTION: Stacey to connect with Jason G about posting

- e. MCFD Equipment

Discussion from last meeting:

- Question came up about having to send back equipment before reassigning instead of transferring from one to another. In some regions able to get a local rep to look at the equipment and then re-circulate.
- Online list is not being updated, last updated in February 2022.
- Concerns that with increase in funding will be more equipment, how is that going to be managed.
- Is there a capacity issue around the knowledge of what is in the warehouse? Is there currently limited capacity in equipment knowledge that leads to equipment being declared as unavailable?
- Differences when requesting growth or maintenance. Issues with growth being done wrong, taking multiple service visits to correct. Finding that the technicians are not getting the training they need to do the repairs. Therapists are not always involved in appointments.
- How to recycle equipment? Could it be sent to other countries?
- Could there be a push to buy new from HME versus using equipment from CMEDS? Especially with the increases in funding.
- Unable to get two pieces simultaneously to trial, can only request for a long-term loan. Cannot use CMEDS for trial.
- **ACTION:** Kate will take these concerns to Kristin at MCFD, the policy analysis who is an expert in equipment policies.

UPDATE: still in the works, table to next meeting. Kate on Agenda at joint OT/PT council meeting to present changes to AHP.

- f. Chair-Elect: Stacey’s 2-year term ends in January 2023

ACTION: please email Stacey if interested.

- g. Workshops/Training/Resouces section of minutes - Discussed whether the section could be removed. Decided to change to Announcement section with agreement that

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announcements typically found on another site would not be repeated here. For job vacancies, we could post the active link for pediatric postings.

ACTION: Val to talk to Carley Townsend about possibility of adding a list of available education to add to minutes.

6. New Business

- a. Recruitment: How are PTs licensed with issues related to licencing exam - UBC running OSCI part of exam.
- b. Quality Practice - Quality Assurance Committee of College developing new guidelines; no intent of going back to RCA exam. Advise PTs to look to college website for more info - (<https://cptbc.org/physical-therapists/quality-practice/>)
- c. Update Pediatric PT list – Diane previously managed and updated list which took a lot of time and was hard to stay on top of. She would add anybody who asked to be added to the list. Not an inclusive list. Diane would also check with PT College to ensure PTs were registered at the time of printing. Agreed that each region will update their own private PT list.

ACTION: Diane will send the list and info collected to region reps. Council to plan to review/update yearly.

Next Meeting: November 30, 2022, joint OT/PT Councils, invite has been sent.