

Minutes: PPCBC & POTC JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: November 17, 2025

Attendees: (P = present, R = regrets)

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Chair: Diane Wickenheiser (PPCBC)

Recorder: Ingrid Kusnierczyk & Susan Stacey (POTC)

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** provided By Chair. Members shared where they were calling in from
- 2. Meeting Minutes Recorder** Ingrid Kusnierczyk & Susan Stacey
- 3. Approval of Agenda – Approved as is**

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4. Updated information on Provincial Pediatric Outreach Therapy Program

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POTP Presentation -
PTOT Council.pdf

[Pediatric Outreach Therapy Program \(POTP\) | BC Centre for Ability](#)

Emma provided an overview of the Pediatric Outreach Program for early intervention services in remote, rural and underserviced areas, MCFD funded since Oct 2024.

How to Refer to the POTP:

- Currently accepting community-based referrals from agencies that support children and families across BC.
- If your community may benefit from this program, please complete the following referral form: <https://bccfa.tfaforms.net/140>
- Once a referral is received, the Program Coordinator will be in touch to set up a virtual discussion.

Member asked if information on pay equity challenges affecting recruitment in these remote areas, if collected or known could be shared with MCFD for future planning. If known will be included in report back to MCFD.

5. MCFD/ FCC Update.

Sarah Angus – Provided on update on return to work after job action. There is significant backlog and if therapists have equipment related queries or follow ups to please reach out to

CFD Medical Benefits Supervisor CFD:EX MCF.MedicalBenefitsSupervisor@gov.bc.ca

Tara Spring (Tara.Spring@gov.bc.ca) was introduced to the group as she will be covering Sarah's upcoming leave.

6. Guest presenters November is Indigenous disability Awareness month!

Jordan's Principal updates provided by

Krissy Miiller

Jordan's Principle - ARC

Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC) /

B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS)

email:arcjp@bcands.bc.ca

Raylene McCreath. Contact: 250-381-7303 jordansprinciple@bcands.bc.ca

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Following resources were shared:

First Nation Family and Caring Society website: [The Caring Society | First Nations Child & Family Caring Society](#)

Jordan's Principle Timeline link: [Jordan's Principle Timeline & Documents | First Nations Child & Family Caring Society](#)

Jordan's Principle Operational Bulletin: [Jordan's Principle](#)

Information regarding Urgent requests: [Submit a request under Jordan's Principle](#)

Jordan's River Anderson - The Messenger: [Jordan River Anderson. The Messenger - NFB](#)

Jordan's Principle HUB website: [Home - Jordan's Principle Enhanced Service Coordination Hub for BC](#) - Resource regarding Jordan's Principle, how to submit and Service Coordinator contact information throughout BC.

BCANDS/IDC website: [IDC/BCANDS - Indigenous Disability Canada / British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society](#)

Presentation highlights the process for applying, an overview of what is eligible for funding and what is not. Also provided information on application process.

Members asked on the current timeline for processing applications, which currently is 12-18mths.

Recommend connecting with a service coordinator to ensure timely processing of applications

7. BCCH/SHHC updates. Diane and Angela provided the following updates.

1. Early motor screening program has had funding approved until May 2027 for 0.5 fte therapist role. Kieth o conner is currently in this role
2. Cp early diagnosis clinic is continuing with developmental pediatrician support but no therapists.

8. PABC/CAOT updates. CAOT – Mary mentioned nominations for BC CAOT awards coming up check website <https://caot.ca/site/about/caot/awards?nav=sidebar&banner=1> for application process.

Mary also provided a link contact@jhsbt.ca for people to request OT services are added as extended benefit to health science benefit packages

PABC - Kiersten provided updates that communications are ongoing with new college with ongoing communications to PT members. A member added the following re professional liability insurance for PTs: 'The draft Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA) bylaws currently propose that licensees must obtain and at all times maintain professional liability protection or professional liability insurance,

- a) in an amount of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and
- b) in a form satisfactory to the Registrar.

These bylaws are expected to be posted again for consultation before coming into effect on April 1, 2026. The College will communicate any confirmed changes to the PLI requirements once the bylaws are finalized. Under the current CHCPBC Bylaws and the policy, all Registrants in the Physical Therapy:

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Full must hold **individual** professional liability insurance in an amount of at least \$3,000,000 per occurrence. This requirement remains in effect until new bylaws take effect.

9. Next Meetings, wrap up and Adjourn

- POTC meets next on 19 Jan 2026
- PPCBC meets next on: TBD
- Next Joint PPTCBC/POTC meeting is 20 April 2026, hosted by POTC and minutes by PPCBC

Minutes posted: <https://www.bcacdi.org/paediatric-council-minutes>