

AGENDA FOR PPCBC TELECONFERENCE

DATE: Sept 27, 2023

Chair: Val Poirier

Recorder: Fabiola

Vancouver Coastal

1. Beth Ott - attended beth.ott@vch.ca
2. Trish Lee patricia.lee2@vch.ca

Northern

1. Fabiola Toyata - attended fabiolat@cdcpq.org
2. TBD

Fraser

1. Robyn Holmgren (Fraser North) - attended rholmgren@fvcdc.org
2. Rowan Kimball (South Fraser) - attended Rowan@the-centre.org

Interior

1. Estera Hazlewood - Attended EHazlewood@shuswapchildrens.ca
2. Sally Woodard (East Kootenays) - attended Sally.Woodard@interiorhealth.ca
3. Kim Carter (West Kootenays) kimc@kootenaykids.ca

Vancouver Island

1. Valerie Poirier (South Island) - attended Valerie.Poirier@viha.ca
2. Tami Hirasawa (Central Island) - attended tami@nanaimocdc.com

Provincial

1. Diane Wickenheiser (SHHC) - attended dwickenheiser@cw.bc.ca
2. Stacey Miller (BCCH) smiller4@cw.bc.ca
3. Andrea Soo (PABC) - attended Andrea.Soo@bc-cfa.org

MCFD

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

1. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Sally – Currently in Owen sound

2. Meeting Minutes Recorder (Fabiola)

- a. Suggestion to host meeting through Teams as all members would be able to edit documents in real time. Council agreed to trial.

ACTION: Val to send meeting invite for next meeting through Teams.

3. Previous meeting minutes (March 1, 2023) – approved

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4. Provincial Updates

- a. Andrea Soo, PABC
 - a. Working towards recruitment of public practice representation, no updates so far
 - b. Therapists to bring forward suggestions to Andrea for PABC
- b. Stacey Miller, BCCH
- c. Diane Wickenheiser, SHHC – no updates
- d. Kate Evans, MCFD - Sends regrets and the following information:

Engagement:

The Province has launched [an engagement portal](#) to collect feedback as part of its overall work to design an effective system of services for children and youth with support needs. In addition to the engagements occurring in communities across BC, this portal provides another avenue for people to share perspectives. The online portal provides an accessible way to connect people with opportunities to provide input and recommendations to help shape the services they need.

The portal outlines engagement opportunities underway throughout the province and invites families, service providers, advocates, experts, those with lived experience, First Nations and Indigenous Peoples to contribute their plan and vision for the future. These ideas will be shared on govTogetherBC, so everyone who is interested in shaping the model has the benefit of hearing the voices and recommendations of others.

Please visit it here: engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs

On June 1, 2023, MCFD hosted a meeting of the CYSN Workforce Reference Group. Participants represented public and private OT, PT, SLP and Behaviour Analyst interests. There was discussion about common recruitment and retention challenges, and general agreement among members about the need for a collaborative space to discuss shared workforce strategies and issues in the sector. A second meeting with the Reference Group is scheduled for October 11th, 2023, in Vancouver, BC. Agenda includes information sharing about current recruitment and retention planning in the sector, CSYN engagements, and discussion on next steps for the group.

5. Business Arising

- A. Family Connection Centres (FCC) discussion:
 - i. Prince Rupert: North Coast Community Services getting outreach services provided by CFA
 - ii. Terrace CDC: broadening their services

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- iii. Kelowna: FCC has not started due to flood
- iv. Smithers: no news

Discussed gathering information and getting an update from therapists working at these sites to understand how to best support them as a council. Consider inviting to next council meeting as guests.

ACTION: Council members to reach out to their contacts at each of the pilot FCC sites and forward to Val. Val will link with OTs (from DOTS meeting) to also gather feedback and PT contacts at these sites.

- B. Terms of reference – Plan to finalize today. Include language re: private therapists doing public practice work (sub contracted).
 - i. New changes all approved.

ACTION: Val to circulate updated Terms of Reference to council members.

C. CMEDS Info Sheet for therapists

- i. Reviewed edits provided by Beth Ott



CMEDS Information
Sheet for therapists_B

Discussed new change to process as reported by Beth Ott. CMEDS now denying growing chair even if there are no additional parts required or that the parts are already in stock in warehouse (eg. seat width on a Zippie GS, addition of a wider or longer seat pan, longer front hangers or footplates, etc.) Therapists needing to get a quote from a vendor for these parts which causes delays. Michael from HME reported to therapists that HME does not provide parts for growth of chairs despite this being done in the past. Added date to the footer of the document as it is likely that this document will require regular review.

ACTION: Rowan and Val will bring this concern to Michelle at upcoming meetings with HME. Clarify process and advocate for HME to provide growth parts if available in warehouse as has been done in the past. Advocate for consistency in practice and clear communication to council chair when changes occur so that this information can be distributed to all pediatric therapists in BC. Val will check with Fisher (Victoria BC) seating therapists to see if they have encountered the same change. Val will send updated document to OT Council and to BCACDI to post on website.

D. FCC – ongoing discussion

- i. Draft letter for MCFD from council?

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BCACDI sent letter to Premier Eby which was well aligned with stance and thoughts of the Council. Council discussed sending a letter to MCFD on behalf of the PT council in support of the work from BCACDI and to communicate our stance regarding the FCC and request future collaboration from the Ministry.

ACTION: Tami will have a look at the original draft and send out through email for Council to review. Val will request that PT council membership list be posted on the BCACDI so that therapists across the province are aware of who to reach with questions, concerns, ideas, etc.

E. Private Peds PT list – thank you for your work Diane!
ACTION: Val to send updated list to council members for distribution. List will not be posted to BCACDI website.

F. Workshops/Training/Resources -
Decided that this standing agenda item is no longer required to discuss during meeting time.
ACTION: Val will attach collated list of upcoming pediatric education sessions to the Minutes in a separate document for distribution.

G. New Business

- a. Engagement on services for children and youth with support needs (CYSN) is now live and can be accessed here: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/children-youth-support-needs> (see note above from Kate).
 - i. Feedback consists of one question or option to submit a longer written submission (scroll further down the page). Click on the link “get the details and guidelines” to review other submissions. Deadline for submission is December 2024.
 - ii. Link to register for follow up is broken
 - iii. See November speaker series, dates to be confirmed

Ideas that therapists may want to consider when providing feedback:

- **Children who do not qualify for AHP don't have access to equipment even though there is often a need**
- **There have been no increase in school therapy funding in the last 25 years**
- **Process for obtaining equipment is cumbersome and slow**

ACTION: Val to notify Kate that link on website is broken. Point form ideas will be circulated to members in minutes to assist when completing feedback. Council to consider submitting a longer written submission. Topic for discussion at the next Council meeting in March 2024.

- b. Child Development and Rehabilitation InfoSource Website launch
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- c. International Society of Research and Advocacy for DCD (ISRA –DCD) membership <https://www.isra-dcd.com/>



We are happy to announce the newly formed **International Society of Research and Advocacy for Developmental Coordination Disorder (ISRA-DCD)**, a non-profit organization with the goal of **supporting** and **promoting research** and **advocacy** for DCD. ISRA-DCD welcomes everyone interested in research and advocacy for DCD to join us: **professionals, students, families, and individuals with DCD.**

As a formal society, membership will be available in several different categories, including “Founding” members. We hope you will join **ISRA-DCD** and be part of all the exciting things coming soon. The Founding members category is exclusive and going away shortly, so become a Founding member today!



More information can be found on www.isra-dcd.com. Membership is annual and starts April 1st, but as a **SPECIAL WELCOME** to the organization, we are offering a **2-year membership for the price of one!**

ISRA-DCD board members:
Dr. Jill Zwicker, Dr. Catherine Purcell,
and Dr. Priscila Tamplain



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- d. Peds Symposium update

BCACDI no longer leading the planning of the Pediatric Symposium Conference. Revenue from the conference did not meet expenses. BCACDI will cover this year. ISS (seating symposium) is also no longer going forward. Could we combine peds and seating conferences in the future?

- i. Low attendance this year?
- ii. Discussed value of virtual vs in person
- iii. Partner with CPA pediatric division?

ACTION: Need to ask paediatric PTs what is wanted/needs/ using interests based survey. Stacey Miller volunteered to draft survey.

- e. Sector workforce meeting on recruitment and retention – update from last meeting.
- i. See note above from Kate.
 - ii. Increased use of RAs. RAs are hired in some cases to fill PT roles. RAs working with acute intensive short stay

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- iii. Purpose to increase number of children seen or increase the quality of the service?