
PHSA Assumption of Correctional Health Services Update

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Message from Andrew MacFarlane, Executive Director, Correctional Health Services

My first four weeks as Executive Director have been a whirlwind of meetings, site tours and general orientation to Correctional Health Services. I am now starting to build my leadership team, and continue to be impressed by the people I meet and the amount of work that has already been done to prepare for the BCMHSUS assumption of health services on October 1.

I've had the opportunity to tour seven of the ten correctional centres, meet with some staff, and connect either in person or via teleconference with all the wardens across the province. There have been many questions about the work underway, and I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we continue this planning process. We still have so many details to finalize and it will be a few weeks, months in some cases, before we are able to provide all the answers.

While the model of care has not been finalized, I can confirm that it will reflect a more integrated approach to health service delivery. Understanding and addressing client needs will involve all members of the health services team, including nurses, administrative staff, physicians, psychologists, allied health care staff and others, as well as collaboration with wardens and other members of the BC Corrections Team. This collaborative approach will also include linkages to regional health authorities as we support clients to transition from correctional centres to the community.

We know that clients with mental health and substance use challenges do better when they have continuity of care and are supported by an integrated team that understands the complexity of their needs. I'm looking forward to creating a meaningful work environment within Correctional Health Services, as we work together to achieve better outcomes for our clients.

Thank you for your warm welcome and continued support,

Andrew MacFarlane

Welcome Trevor Aarbo, Regional Director

After six years as Clinical Services Manager on Ashworth 1 and 2 at the Forensic Psychiatric Services Hospital, Trevor Aarbo accepted the position of Regional Director for Correctional Health Services. This is a new position, reporting directly to Andrew MacFarlane, Provincial Executive Director.

As Regional Director, Trevor will work closely with PHSA and BCMHSUS Directors to establish effective coordination and integration of services. In particular, Trevor will work closely with Angus Monaghan, Regional Director, Forensic Regional Clinics, and representatives of other health authorities to ensure continuity of care to support client transitions from correctional centres to the community. Known for his commitment to clients, Trevor's experience as a clinician and as a leader will be an asset to the Correctional Health Services leadership team.

Postings Up, Hiring Process Underway

Unionized positions for Correctional Health Services were posted on June 16 at www.jobs.phsa.ca, and we are currently reviewing applications. All of these jobs are PHSA positions and have an anticipated start date of October 1, 2017.

Anyone interested in applying for a role with Correctional Health Services should visit: www.jobs.phsa.ca and search by agency (BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services), job category or location. If you have questions please email: careers@phsa.ca or call 1-866-744-7363.

Overview of Correctional Health Services

Clients in correctional centres routinely experience significant medical needs and 60% of Corrections clients have diagnosed mental health and or substance use needs. BCMHSUS' expertise in mental health, substance use and forensic psychiatric services enables us to provide services for clients during their time in correctional centres, as well as when they transition back to the community. This continuum of care will help improve client health outcomes, reduce overdoses, mental health relapses and address many of the underlying factors associated with criminal behaviour.

As of October 1, 2017, BCMHSUS will provide integrated medical, mental health and substance use services for clients during their time in custody and as they transition between custody and the community. BC Corrections currently houses approximately 2,700 inmates – including sentenced offenders and those awaiting trial – at ten correctional centres throughout the province. In 2016, provincial correctional centres saw more than 37,000 individual intakes and releases. Health services are delivered on-site at the following correctional centres:

- Alouette Correctional Centre for Women (ACCW), Maple Ridge
- Ford Mountain Correctional Centre (FMCC), Chilliwack
- Fraser Regional Correctional Centre (FRCC), Maple Ridge
- Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre (KRCC), Kamloops
- Nanaimo Correctional Centre (NCC), Nanaimo
- North Fraser Pretrial Centre (NFPC), Port Coquitlam
- Okanagan Correctional Centre (OCC), Oliver
- Prince George Regional Correctional Centre (PGRCC), Prince George
- Surrey Pretrial Services Centre (SPSC), Surrey
- Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre (VIRCC), Victoria

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