

Justice and Public Safety Council

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 – 11th floor boardroom, 1001 Douglas St.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Minutes

Chair: Richard Fyfe
Attending: Elenore Arend, Patti Boyle, Lynda Cavanaugh, Clayton Pecknold, Bobbi Sadler, Kurt Sandstrom, Mark Sieben
Ex-officio: Allan Castle (Coordinator), Rozi Dobreci, Jason Kuzminski
Regrets: Lori Wanamaker

1. Agenda and minutes

The minutes from May 3rd and the meeting agenda were approved as submitted.

2. Action items from May 3rd meeting

All action items were complete as directed.

3. Information Sharing Initiative Update

Lynda provided an update to the Council on the activities related to the Information Sharing Initiative, flowing out of Recommendations 5-8 of the Fifth Justice Summit. The initiative addresses challenges associated to the sharing and coordination of information in circumstances where family justice, domestic violence and/or child protection proceedings intersect.

A steering committee and working group were previously formed and are meeting regularly. The committee is currently overseeing a scan by the Ministry staff (Ministries of Justice, Public safety, and Children and Family Development) of relevant existing information sharing agreements, databases, and applicable research. The committee will shortly consider a consultation approach for the remainder of 2017, intended to lead to the identification of a provincial strategy.

ACTION: Committee and working group were requested to ensure work is focused on tackling the four Summit recommendations, and provide a further update to the Council in September.

4. Eighth/Ninth Justice Summits 2017 (Justice and Technology)

Allan provided an update on planning for the forthcoming Eighth Summit. The Summit will address four areas under the heading of "Justice and Technology":

- Challenges stemming from the increasing volume of digital information in the system.
- Proactive means of using technology to enhance access to justice.

- Private innovation and disruptive technology.
- Police technologies, privacy and the Internet of Things.

Members identified a need for the Council, now that the Summits are delivering recommendations on an annual basis, to provide a regular public tracking document which summarizes the status of implementation efforts.

ACTION: Allan will prepare an initial draft summary document, which when approved would be updated and circulated to all past Summit participants on a quarterly schedule.

5. Update on Justice/Mental Health recommendations

Allan provided a progress update on the work to implement the recommendations of the Seventh Justice Summit. The advisory group has been meeting and has considered and commented on a first draft of the plan document. Uncertainty regarding the post-election situation may mean delays in this work, as it will be necessary to orient any new Ministers and/or new government to the Summit recommendations before proceeding too quickly.

Elenore recommended that the service framework and information sharing provisions employed in the “Partners in Change” initiative between BC Corrections and the Ministry of Health be explored as a model/part of the foundation of any plan going forward concerning continuity of care and crisis response.

ACTION: Allan to connect with Carrie McCulley of BC Corrections on the Partners in Change provisions subsequent to the Justice Summit.

6. Roundtable

No items

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will occur on July 5 2017 at 2:30 pm.