

# Justice and Public Safety Council

## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 11<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom, 1001 Douglas St.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

## MINUTES

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

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### 1. Agenda and minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved as circulated.

### 2. Action items

Lynda and Kurt have convened a new meeting of the Information Sharing Initiative steering committee and working group to reorient the work more directly towards the Summit recommendations.

The summary document on Summit follow-up activities has been prepared and circulated in draft as requested.

### 3. Eighth Summit June 23-24: review

Allan provided an overview of the delivery of the Eighth Summit (Justice and Technology I). Council members offered their reflections on the event, feedback being largely positive. The breakout sessions were generally held to be an improvement, although the “persona” exercise did not prove to be effective. The improved linkage provided by federal government representatives attending was also well received.

Council members who attended noted the strong level of support for action on digital information management, as well as for action on practical fixes which would increase access to justice and/or basic efficiency. Council members also noted the recurrence (and importance) of the question of standards to which systems are built. The Council looks forward to the concluding conversation and recommendations in November being a balance of transformative initiatives and practical, more immediately tangible improvements.

### 4. Quarterly Summit update draft

The draft document was approved as circulated. Subsequent to discussion, it was felt the document should be semi-annual rather than quarterly, and should accompany the dissemination of each Summit’s report of proceedings.

**ACTION:** Allan to package and disseminate the Summit update in September, once the report of proceedings is ready to submit to the Ministers.

#### **5. Updates on past Summit follow-up activity**

Patti provided an update on the Trauma-informed Practice project flowing from the recommendations of the Fifth Summit. The curriculum has now been approved and the Justice Institute BC has been selected to deliver the training, to commence in 2018.

Allan provided an update on the development of text for a Justice/MHSU action plan flowing from the recommendations of the Seventh Summit. A draft text is in preparation. In light of the creation of a new Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and a new cabinet overall given the change of government, briefings are being sought with the three new Ministers to reconfirm support for the recommendation prior to additional substantive work. Briefings are currently being scheduled.

**ACTION:** Richard, Mark, Kurt and Allan to work together and with Deputy Minister Doug Hughes to brief Ministers Farnworth, Eby and Darcy.

#### **6. Transition briefings/Council membership**

Richard and Mark advised that transition briefings for Ministers Eby and Farnworth will also include information on the Council and Summits. Outstanding backfill and change appointments for the Council's membership will also be addressed at this time.

#### **7. Other business/roundtable**

No items.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Wednesday, September 20th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.