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Mental Health
and Addictions**

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Minister Accountability Statement



The *Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions 2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Darcy".

Honourable Judy Darcy
Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
August 30, 2017

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Purpose of the Ministry

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions (the Ministry) is tasked with overall responsibility to improve mental health and addictions services for all individuals in British Columbia (B.C.) across their lifespan, as well as develop an immediate response to the unprecedented challenges of the opioid overdose public health emergency.

More specifically, the Ministry will take action towards:

- ensuring a robust and effective response to the opioid overdose public health emergency;
- establishing and mobilizing a collective, whole-of-government strategy for mental health and addictions in the province;
- integrating, focusing, and strengthening the mental health and addictions sector; and
- driving system-level improvement.

The Ministry will use planning, policy development, direction setting, and targets to achieve its purpose. Further, the Ministry will employ research, monitoring, evaluation, and public reporting on progress in achieving its aims.

The Ministry will undertake a whole-of-government, multi-systems approach involving partnerships across sectors, including partnerships with people with lived experience. The Ministry will work with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry of Health, and with local governments, First Nations, and the education, justice, employment, and housing systems toward the goal of responsive, coordinated, effective mental health and addictions services that meet the needs of individuals, families, caregivers, and service providers, including emergency service providers.

Ministry Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions' goals are to help government achieve the following three commitments to British Columbians:

- The first commitment is to make life more affordable. British Columbians are counting on government to make their lives easier by containing costs and service fees.
- The second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day, and there is so much more that we can – and must – do to provide these services where and when people need them. Additionally, in many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown Corporations, and our Ministry will work with Board Chairs to improve levels of service to citizens.
- The third commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that all ministries and public sector organizations have a role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth, developing poverty reduction strategies, and helping create good paying jobs in every region of the province.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in B.C., as we move towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Beyond our work in supporting these commitments, the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions has been tasked in the [mandate letter](#) to achieve the following specific objectives and performance targets:

- Work in partnership to develop an immediate response to the opioid crisis that includes crucial investments and improvements to mental health and addictions services.
- Create a mental health and addiction strategy to guide the transformation of B.C.'s mental health care system. As a part of this strategy, include a focus on improving access, investing in early prevention and youth mental health.
- Consult with internal and external stakeholders to determine the most effective way to deliver quality mental health and addiction services.

Our Ministry will continue to develop specific objectives strategies and performance measures for inclusion in our 2018/19 Service Plan, which will be released with *Budget 2018*.

Resource Summary

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates ¹	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Partnership, Policy Development, Research, Program Monitoring and Evaluation	0,000	3,702	7,803	7,803
Executive and Support Services	0,000	1,239	2,180	2,180
Total	0,000	4,941	9,983	9,983
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	0,000	1	1	1
Total Capital Expenditures	0,000	1	1	1

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2016/17 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2017/18 *Estimates*.

* Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

Appendix A: Ministry Contact Information

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