

**Provincial Updates 2012 – British Columbia – Gail Knudson**

**September 3, 2012**

**1. The information you provide pertains to which province or territory?**

**Province or territory**

Please select

BC

**2. Indicate today's date**

**Month**

**Day**

**Year**

Please select

September

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2012

**3. First and last name**

Gail Knudson

**4. Trans-related affiliation (e.g.: GP serving the trans communities, civil rights advocate or lawyer, social worker, surgeon, member of an advocacy group, mental health professional, gender studies student, etc...)**

Medical Director, Transgender Health Program; Chief Assessor, British Columbia

**5. Do GPs accept trans patients?**

Yes

**6. If your answer above is positive, are GPs willing to initiate hormone treatment?**

Yes

**7. If your answer above is positive, are those services provided in...**

Urban setting?

**8. Are there GPs who specialize in trans health care?**

Yes

**9. If your answer above is positive, are those services provided in...**

urban settings?

**10. If your answer is negative, where are trans clients referred?**

**No Response**

**11. Is there trans health training offered to health professionals interested in trans health?**

Yes

We have ongoing supervision where we provide updates on a monthly basis. We have hosted one training session to a rural area via webinars.

**12. Is there a "community of practice" of health professionals (by that we mean the health professionals serving trans communities getting together to exchange referrals, knowledge and support)?**

Yes

Vancouver

**13. Are the following health professionals seeing trans clients/patients?**

	Yes	No
Psychiatrists		X
Psychologists		X
Counselors		X
Social Workers		X

*Comments:***14. If yes, how many of these professionals see trans clients/patients? (approx. is OK)**

Psychiatrists - 0

Psychologists - 3

Counselors - 2

Social Workers - 2

**15. If yes, is it privately or publicly funded?**

	Private pay	Public pay
Psychiatrists		X
Psychologists	X	
Counselors	X	X
Social Workers	X	X

*Comments:***16. If yes, is there a yearly quota imposed by the health ministry on how many clients/patients will be covered, if so, how many?****No Response****17. Do these professionals write letters of support for hormone therapy or surgery?**

No

**18. Are Surgical Reassignment Surgeries performed in your province?**

	Yes	No
Mastectomy with chest contouring	X	
Mastectomy without chest contouring	X	
Hysterectomy	X	
Oophorectomy	X	
Metaoidioplasty		X
Phalloplasty		X
Breast augmentation	X	

	Yes	No
Facial feminization	X	
Penectomy		X
Orchiectomy	X	
Vaginoplasty		X

*Comments:*

**19. If yes, are these surgeries privately or publicly funded?**

	Private pay	Public pay
Mastectomy with chest contouring		X
Mastectomy without chest contouring		X
Hysterectomy		X
Oophorectomy		X
Metaoidioplasty	X	
Phalloplasty	X	
Breast augmentation		X
Tracheal shaving		
Facial feminization		
Penectomy		
Orchiectomy		X
Vaginoplasty		

*Comments:*

**20. If SRS are publicly funded, are there clients sent out of province or country for their surgeries, which ones?**

	Yes	No
Mastectomy with chest contouring		
Mastectomy without chest contouring		
Hysterectomy		
Oophorectomy		
Metaoidioplasty		
Phalloplasty		
Breast augmentation		
Tracheal shaving		

Facial feminization		
Penectomy		X
Orchiectomy		X
Vaginoplasty		X

*Comments:*

**21. If SRS are publicly funded, and clients/patients wish to go out of province or country, is this permitted?**

	Yes	No
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Mastectomy with chest contouring		
Mastectomy without chest contouring		
Hysterectomy		
Oophorectomy		
Metaoidioplasty		
Phalloplasty		
Breast augmentation		
Tracheal shaving		
Facial feminization		
Penectomy		X
Orchiectomy		X
Vaginoplasty		X

*Additional comments?:*

**22. If SRS are publicly funded, is there a yearly quota imposed by the health ministry on how many surgeries will be covered, if so, how many?**

**No Response**

**23. Do trans patients/clients have access to post-surgery (SRS) care?**

	Yes	No
GPs	X	
Emergency room	X	
Urologist	X	
Gynecologist	X	
Surgeon	X	

*Comments:*

24. Are there endocrinologists seeing trans patients?

Yes

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25. Where are endocrinological referrals sent if not available in your province?

**No Response**

26. Are there speech therapists seeing trans patients?

	Yes	No
FTM	X	
MTF	X	

*Comments:*

27. If your answer above is positive, is the service private pay or is it publicly funded?

	Private pay	Publicly funded
FTM	X	
MTF		X

*Comments:*

28. Are there health professionals accepting referrals for gender independent (gender non-conforming) children and adolescents?

Yes

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29. Are puberty blockers being prescribed?

	Yes	No
GPs		
Pediatric Endocrinologists	X	

*Comments?:*

30. Are there health care professionals who treat trans patients (children or adults) with reparative (or corrective) therapy?

Yes

31. Is electrolysis for transwomen privately or publicly funded?

Privately

32. Are hormone readiness assessments provided?

Yes

33. If hormone readiness assessments are available, are they provided in

Urban setting?

**34. If hormone readiness assessments are available, what is the protocol used?**

WPATH SOC7

Other

Both

**35. If hormone readiness assessments are available, how many health professionals provide them? (Approx. number OK)**

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**36. If hormone readiness assessments are available, is RLE required?**

No

**37. If hormone readiness assessments are available, are there any specific public insurance requirements?**

Yes

adults in Vancouver Coastal Health youth throughout the province

**38. If hormones readiness assessments are available, who provides them?**

GPs

advanced practice GP's specialized in LGBTQ care

**39. Are SRS readiness assessments provided?**

Yes

**40. If SRS readiness assessments are available, are they provided in**

Urban Setting?

Rural Setting?

**41. If SRS readiness assessments are available, what is the protocol used?**

Other

WPATH SOC 6 1 year RLE for chest surgery (not SOC 6)

**42. If SRS readiness assessments are available, how many health professionals provide them? (Approx. number OK)**

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**43. If SRS readiness assessments are available, is RLE required?**

Yes

1 year RLE for chest and genital surgeries

**44. If SRS readiness assessments are available, are there any specific public insurance requirements?**

Yes

1 year RLE for chest and genital surgeries RLE requirements - work, school and/or volunteer work

**45. If SRS readiness assessments are available, who provides them?**

Psychiatrist?

Designated psychologists may also provide them but the cost is not covered.

**46. Are there trans peer support groups in your province?**

Yes

47. Are these support groups professionally led or volunteer (non-professionally) led?

No Response

48. Are there support groups for gender independent (gender non-conforming) youth?

Yes

through the Transgender Health Program

49. Are these support groups professionally led or volunteer (non-professionally) led?

	Yes	No
Professionals	X	
Volunteers		X

Comments:

50. Are there support groups for gender independent (gender non-conforming) children?

No

51. Are these support groups professionally led or volunteer (non-professionally) led?

No Response

52. Is there support for families and loved ones?

Yes

Through the Transgender Health Program and Pediatric Endocrinology Group at BC Children's and Women's Hospital

53. Are these support groups professionally led or volunteer (non-professionally) led?

	Yes	No
Professionals	X	
Volunteers		X

Comments:

54. Are there advocacy groups for trans human rights In your province?

	Yes	No
Grassroots organizations		
Lawyers organizations		X

If yes, please share the name/s of the group/s and their contact info/website:

55. Do you have any more comments?

No Response

56. Is there trans Human Rights legislation being proposed?

No

57. Does your Education Ministry have LGBT anti-bullying policies in public schools?

Yes

58. Is there legislation that does not follow WPATH SOC v.7 being proposed?

No

**59. Can FTM have the sex marker on their birth certificate changed?**

Yes

Hysterectomy

**60. Can MTF have the sex marker on their birth certificate changed?**

Yes

Orchiectomy

**61. Can FTM change the sex marker on their driver's license?**

Yes

Letter of support from their GP

**62. Can MTF change the sex marker on their driver's license?**

Yes

Letter of support from their GP

**63. Do you have an positive and ongoing relationship with "political" allies in your provincial legislature?**

Yes

**64. Is there other information and data you would have liked to see in this survey? If so, please share:**

**No Response**

**65. What are you doing in your province that is successful?**

1) increasing coverage for surgeries 2) very good relationship with government

**66. What are the next steps in expanding accessible competent trans health care in your province?**

1) currently meeting about adopting SOC 7 2) phalloplasty funding is under review