

The cuts ... so far

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ITS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE THE BC GOVERNMENT WON AN ELECTION PROMISING TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE.

INSTEAD, THEY MADE \$360 MILLION IN CUTS.

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE CUTS ANNOUNCED TO DATE, AND THERE IS STILL MORE TO COME.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

- cut funding for Atlas Youth Supported Recovery in Terrace, the only residential recovery centre for youth in BCs Northwest
- cut funding for the award-winning West Coast Alternatives Society, where drug and alcohol programs for adults, youths and children help 600 residents a year
- cut social work budget in Fraser Health region hospitals, resulting in loss of 14 positions
- closing adolescent psychiatric unit at Abbotsford Hospital
- cut funding for 11 residential care beds at Bear Creek Lodge and 11 residential care beds at Newton Regency in Surrey
- eliminating the only recreation therapist in an eating disorders clinic
- cut funding for Burnaby Family Life, a program for adult survivors of sexual abuse
- cut mental health and addictions services at Capital Mental Health Association in the Victoria area
- cut half the staff hours at Gaumont Resident in Kamloops, specializing in treating mental health and addictions
- closed Waddells Haven Guest Home in Mission, a residential mental health facility also providing addictions services
- closed the only withdrawal management program in the Fraser Valley, at Chilliwack General Hospital
- eliminated psychology services for adult rehabilitation at Royal Inland Hospital
- elimination of music therapy, other staff cuts including dietitian, social worker, counselor, recreation therapist at Burnaby Centre for Mental Health and Addictions
- closed outpatient psychiatry programs at UBC Hospital: anxiety disorder clinic and integrated personality program
- closing the psychiatric ward ... Eric Martin Pavilion ... in Victoria

SENIORS AND RESIDENTIAL CARE

- cut funding for North Shore Keep Well Society, which helps keep 500 seniors healthy, and Seniors One Stop, which gets 5000 calls yearly
- closed a 36-bed geriatric assessment and rehabilitation unit at Victoria General Hospital
- closed geriatric day hospital in Vancouver
- closed 25-bed convalescent care unit and an 8-bed hospice at Queens Park Care Centre in New Westminster
- closed 42 residential care beds at Peace Arch Hospital

- closed Pouce Coupe Care Home
- closing Oak Bay Lodge and Mount Tolmie Hospital in the Victoria area

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND INFANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- cut funding to help young children access Early Intensive Behaviour Intervention autism program at Queen Alexandra Centre for Children
- eliminated key staff for Infant Development Program, Aboriginal Development Program and Supported Child Development Program, leaving parents with special needs kids with less support
- closure of Melissa Park Lodge in Port Coquitlam, a mental health residential facility and child development centre specializing in mental health and addictions services for children and youth
- cut autism intervention services in the Okanagan

SURGERIES, DIAGNOSTIC AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

- cancelled 328 knee and hip operations for people living in the Interior
- cut 760 elective surgeries and 3000 MRIs on Vancouver Island
- cut almost 10,000 MRIs ... and possibly cutting 6000 surgeries and closing 25 per cent of operating rooms ... in the Vancouver health region
- cancelled 35 per cent of elective surgeries in the Fraser Health Authority during the Olympic games, adding up to an estimated 2000 surgeries; cancelled 450 surgeries in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority during the same period, as well as implementing extended closures until March 2010, cancelling another 5800 cases eliminated speech language pathology
- services in Golden
- at Kelowna General Hospital, closed six rehab beds for joint surgeries; closed five hospice beds; closed five reactivation beds.
- concerns about inadequate sterilization of surgery equipment caused cancellation of surgeries at Royal Inland Hospital
- cut services for multiple sclerosis patients at UBC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

- cut \$2 million from contracts with community agencies and non-profit societies delivering health services in the Victoria area
- cut crisis line services in the North Island
- closed the Chimo Achievement Centre, a therapeutic day program for adults with disabilities in Coquitlam and the TriCities area, promoting independence, preventing deterioration, and enhancing quality of life
- cuts to support services for people living with HIV/ AIDS in both Vancouver and the Okanagan, with more severe cuts announced for the spring
- closure of a specialized food bank for people living with HIV/AIDS, stocked with nutritionally optimized items to support the dietary needs of immune compromised clients
- spiritual care eliminated across Fraser Health Authority
- reduced funding and introduced new charges for Meals on Wheels in Nanaimo
- cut employment and vocational support services for people with mental disabilities and other barriers to employment
- cut 50 per cent of public health dietitians
- cut speech language pathology services at Deaf Childrens Society of BC

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