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Director, Freedom of Information  
and Protection of Privacy  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I make this request pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) has published a "Health Service Redesign Plan 2004/05 to 2006/07" dated as submitted to the provincial government on April 30, 2004. Section 5.2 of that report called for developing a mental health and addictions strategic plan. As "milestones" the report promised that seven plans would for be developed for various service components ranging from housing through an overall strategic plan.

I asked VCH's communication staff to help me find the seven mental health plans. In an email to me dated July 13, 2005, Clay Adams, Director – Issues Management for the VCHA, wrote that: "With regard to the many reports you referenced, it is a list of proposed plans to be prepared within the timeline of that redesign document. Some of the reports have been completed, while others were either rolled into other planning processes or deemed repetitive and addressed elsewhere. As planning documents, they are subject to ongoing evolution and discussion." I take it that means that at least some of the seven reports exist.

The updated "Service Redesign Plan 2005/06 – 2007/08" dated May 19, 2005, captures many of VCH's current plans with respect to mental health. Section 2.6 of that document references several documents that are not available on the VCH website, including:

1. VCH MH&A Housing Plan Business Case (last revised January 21, 2005),
2. Business Case, Implementation Plan for Investment in MH&A (dated January 11, 2005),
3. Business Case, NS/CG Mental Health and Addiction Development Plan dated January 21, 2005, and Addendum to Business Case dated March 11, 2005,
4. Richmond Business Case Descriptions dated February 14, 2005,
5. Providence Health Care Mental Health Program Psychiatric Assessment Unit Business Case (last revised November 25, 2004),
6. Business Case, Urgent Response Team Phase 1 (Remand Centre) Vancouver Community/VCH (dated January 23, 2005) and MH&A Business Case Benefits Analysis version 7,
7. Business Case, "Transitional Care Unit for IDU's" (January 21, 2005); and Jocelyne Wong, "Timely and Efficient Access to Intravenous Antibiotic Therapy for Injection Drug Users" (Providence Health Care; April 25, 2003).

This request is for the plans noted in section 5.2 of the Redesign Plan submitted to the provincial government on April 30, 2004, and for the documents cited above which are referenced in section 2.6 of this year's Redesign Plan. It would satisfy my request if those documents were posted to the VCH website.

Sincerely,

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