



**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SOCIAL
POLICY DEPUTY MINISTERS**

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The Prince Edward Island Social Policy Deputy Ministers are united in their commitment to continually improving community safety and wellbeing across the province by increasing collaboration across human service ministries, implementing new models, and focusing on evidenced-based approaches. It is our responsibility to identify and facilitate opportunities; to recognize and address challenges; and to ensure that a highly collaborative approach is used to ensure improved outcomes for all islanders, including children and families.

New mobilization initiatives are a part of this commitment, and we will champion new models and provide vision, leadership, direction, and support to everyone working to achieve these objectives.

The 'Hub', which is a component of the broader approach to community safety and wellbeing in Saskatchewan, is an example of a multi-partner risk-driven mobilization initiative, and has now been replicated in various communities across Canada. The establishment of the Hub model in our province will be an important and significant step forward, and be our first of many steps to come, that will enhance our level of collaboration.

The Hub model is a structured forum for local human services professionals from a variety of disciplines to come together to help individuals and families facing situations of acutely elevated levels of risk, involving multiple risk factors that cut across disciplines and departments, which could result in harm occurring very soon. The Hub is a risk-driven approach that lends itself to both secondary and tertiary efforts of prevention.

This model brings the human services providers together in a new way, to focus on risk, and connect individuals to services and offer supports through coordinated collaborative interventions, which ideally occur within 24 to 48 hours of being assessed by the Hub.

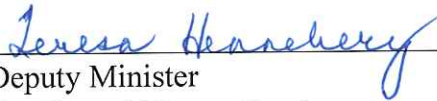
It is essential that we use and share information in order to protect and improve the safety of individuals, families and communities, and that we do so in a manner that is consistent with legislation and policies designed to ensure the proper protection of privacy. Existing legislation, regulations and policies in various ministries and agencies provide us with guidance to enable the sharing of information in certain circumstances, thus enabling us to meet both needs – the rights of protection of personal information and sharing of information for the legitimate purpose of protection and safety – a purpose in which we all share a legislated responsibility. The Hub model follows a strict discipline called the Four Filter Process which, developed in consultation with privacy officials, ensures that the efforts of the table are within the bounds of existing privacy legislation.

For more information about the model, the approach in PEI, or how success has been realized in many communities across the nation please visit: <http://www.globalcommunitysafety.com/2016-01-18-19-04-38/canada/pei>

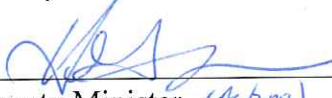
Our goal is to improve outcomes for the people we serve, to provide support to islanders and sustain Prince Edward Island as the best place to live, learn and grow. It is our expectation that full commitment to this approach is demonstrated and supported at all levels of our organization. We wish to thank you for your anticipated efforts, whether it is direct involvement at a Hub table or as managers or policy advisors promoting and supporting the Hub initiative.



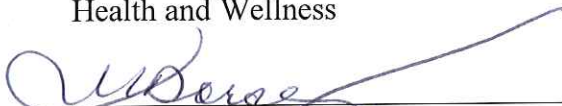
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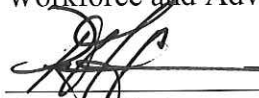
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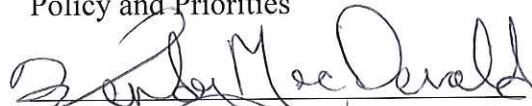
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