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Ms. Susan Wannamaker
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PHSA Corporate Office
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Dear Ms. Wannamaker;

Re: Additional APBC Resources – April 20, 2020 Announcement

Thank you for your letter of April 29th as a follow up to our various communications, with respect to the April 20th announcement of a new framework for health care in rural, remote and Indigenous communities. To improve residents' access to critical and culturally appropriate health care during the COVID-19 pandemic and moving forward, for ambulance resources in the Province long term.

As there are significant implications on the Collective Agreement, our membership and the patients we serve, we want to reiterate the need to meet as soon as possible; to be brought up to speed on the collaborative planning efforts, background, and particularly to address any of the preliminary planning and process issues. Any information you can provide in advance of a meeting would be of great value and benefit.

I hope you can appreciate the public, media and members are asking their leadership a lot of questions which we cannot address, communicate and message consistently with the Government, PHSA and BCEHS.

We are particularly interested in both details and working with you on the improved land and air transportation modes for people who need to leave their home community for treatment in larger urban centres. Including 5 more air resources - 3 planes, 2 helicopters, 55 new ambulances and associated CUPE Local 873 staffing.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Troy Clifford
Provincial President
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