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Sent: July 17, 2023 08:32
To: Staci.Magnuson
CC: Lisa.Jarvis; Sylvia.Anderson; cabinet-com
Subject: FW: [EXT] July 26

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Hi Staci,

I would like to request a scenario and speaking notes for this meeting with Premier Houston to sign the MOU on the 26th.

Thanks much,



Aurora Bicudo

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Subject: RE: [EXT] July 26

Good morning Aurora,

Our office is suggesting that on July 26 at 3:00pm we have the MOU signing followed by media avail (and we can provide photos, zoom link, etc.). Following this, Premier Houston will be door knocking from 4:00pm -7:00pm (Premier Pillai is more than welcome to join!) then we can be back in the city for supper at 7:30. Please let me know if this itinerary suits you.

Cheers,

Ethan Bryant

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Subject: RE: [EXT] July 26

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Good day Ethan,

I am just wanting to connect back with you to let you know that the Premier plans on travelling into Halifax for the MOU signing on the 26th.

He will be travelling on his own and will not be with a contingent from the Yukon and has indicated that in his discussions with Premier Houston, that it will be a quick signing in Premier Houston's office.

Our office would like to do a news release about the signing and in such a release will want to share the MOU within the release. Do you for see any problems with this? We are not planning for Premier Pillai to be doing a news conference around this, as stated above he will not have support on the ground with him. If I could ask for your office to take pictures and share them with us that would be greatly appreciated.

If you could please share with me a calendar invitation for this meeting including myself and Ranj.pillai@yukon.ca that would also be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if there are any questions or information that you would like from our end.

All the best,



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From: Bryant, Ethan <Ethan.Bryant@novascotia.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:42 AM

To: Aurora.Bicudo <Aurora.Bicudo@yukon.ca>; Kate.Durand <Kate.Durand@yukon.ca>

Subject: RE: [EXT] July 26

Hello Aurora,

Thanks a lot for keeping me in the loop. Hope to hear from you soon!

Cheers,

Ethan

From: Aurora.Bicudo <Aurora.Bicudo@yukon.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:34 PM

To: Kate.Durand <Kate.Durand@yukon.ca>; Bryant, Ethan <Ethan.Bryant@novascotia.ca>

Subject: RE: [EXT] July 26

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Thank you Kate.

Hi Ethan, it is nice to virtually meet you. I will need to connect further with Premier Pillai on his travel plans and the contingent that will be joining him and I will connect back with you as soon as I know more on the trip plans.

All the best,



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From: Kate.Durand <Kate.Durand@yukon.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:04 AM

To: Bryant, Ethan <Ethan.Bryant@novascotia.ca>

Cc: Aurora.Bicudo <Aurora.Bicudo@yukon.ca>

Subject: Re: [EXT] July 26

Hi Ethan,

Thanks so much for reaching out! Premier Pillai is looking forward to being in Nova Scotia later this month. I have copied his ministerial advisor, Aurora Bicudo, to speak to his travel plans.

All the best,

Kate

From: Bryant, Ethan <Ethan.Bryant@novascotia.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:19:02 AM

To: Kate.Durand <Kate.Durand@yukon.ca>

Subject: [EXT] July 26

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Good morning Kate,

It is wonderful to e-meet you! My name is Ethan and I am Premier Houston's executive assistant. It is my understanding that Premier Pillai will be coming to Nova Scotia on July 26th. Could you tell me who will be joining Premier Pillai during his visit? Hope to hear from you soon!

Cheers,

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Subject: RE: NS-YT LOI on Health Signing with Premier Houston
Attachments: Scenario Note - NS-YT LOI on Health Signing with Premier Houston - July 26 2023_Updated.docx

Hi Lisa,

Please see the updated Scenario Note for tomorrow. Nova Scotia has had a change of plans with the flooding and there will no longer be a press conference.

Thank you,
Staci

From: Staci.Magnuson
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:25 AM
To: Lisa.Jarvis <lisa.jarvis@yukon.ca>
Subject: NS-YT LOI on Health Signing with Premier Houston

As discussed, please let me know if you have any concerns.

Thank you,
Staci



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SCENARIO NOTE

Signing of LOI with NS Premier Tim Houston

Prepared for Premier Pillai

July 26, 2023

3:15 p.m. AT

Premier Houston's Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia

LOGISTICS

- You will meet Premier Houston at his office at 3:15pm. The address is: 7th Floor, One Government Place, 1700 Granville Street, Halifax, NS, B3J 1X5 (TBC).
- Kim Stavert will accompany you to this meeting.
- The signing of the NS-YT Letter of Intent on Health Human Resources will take place when you arrive. A photo of the signing will be done and a news release will be issued.
- This meeting is expected to last no more than 45 mins. Premier Houston has another engagement at 4:00 p.m.
- The virtual press conference scheduled has been cancelled due to ongoing flood related issues in Nova Scotia. They are scaling back all non-related events this week to focus on recovery efforts.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- This meeting will be an opportunity to confirm collaboration on mutual areas of interest between Nova Scotia and the Yukon and to sign the Nova Scotia-Yukon Letter of Intent (LOI) on Health Human Resources (HHR).
- Under Premier Houston's leadership, Nova Scotia has been a leader in addressing barriers and creating new opportunities for health care recruitment including new legislation (*Patient Access to Care Act*) and other actions.
- ECO-IGR understands Premier Houston will be focused on the health sector as the new Chair of COF and is hoping to host a health summit in Halifax in November 2023 (TBC).
- The signing of this LOI signifies partnership between the two jurisdictions and formalizes opportunity for the two departments of health to work together on the operational aspects of this partnership. This could result in an MOU on HHR.

OBJECTIVES

- Express interest in and seek more information on the innovative work the Nova Scotia is doing in the area of health human resources, and how Premier Houston wishes to advance these priorities as COF Chair.
- Sign the letter of intent with Nova Scotia on health care human resources.

DOCUMENTS

Nova Scotia-Yukon Letter of Intent on Health Human Resources

KEY MESSAGES

- *I am excited to be here today to discuss ideas for collaboration with you around health human resources and to sign a Letter of Intent between our jurisdictions.*
- *I see many areas of commonality and opportunities for partnership and sharing of best practices.*
- *Health human resources is a priority for me. We are facing urgent and significant pressures facing health care systems in the Yukon and across the country.*
- *I am inspired by the innovative approaches and your leadership on addressing challenges related to health human resources.*
- *I would like to explore opportunities for collaboration in Health Human Resources in three primary areas:*
 - *Recruitment, credentialling, and licensing of Internationally Educated Health Professionals*
 - *Improving domestic labour mobility for health care providers; and*
 - *Enhancing education and training opportunities for health care providers to meet our immediate and long-term needs.*
- *I also believe there are promising practices to be shared from both of our jurisdictions around models of primary care, particularly in rural and remote communities.*
- *I am also interested in learning more about the Atlantic physician registry you have just launched and whether this might be something we can collaborate with you on.*
- *By signing this LOI today, I look forward to continuing our work together and for our officials to work together on health system transformation in this country.*

BACKGROUND

Nova Scotia's Health Human Resource activities:

- Much of the leadership on HHR stems from Nova Scotia's 2022-2026 Action for Health Strategic Plan which outlines six core solutions to the health care crisis.
- On March 31, 2023, the Nova Scotia government passed the Patient Access to Care Act (PACA) which is designed to eliminate or lower barriers for internationally trained health care professionals entering the Nova Scotia workforce. The bill applies to all regulated health professionals.
- This new Act reduces barriers, waives fees, and fast-tracks applications for health providers moving from elsewhere in Canada.
- It also enables regulators to approve certificates and licences issued elsewhere, waive application fees, and process applications within 5 days. It provides regulators the authority to expand the scope of practice for providers, and to recognize credentials of providers

trained outside Canada. However, the government has yet to list the countries to which this applies.

- Nurses registered in the Philippines, India, Nigeria, USA, UK, Australia, or New Zealand are eligible for registration and licensure in Nova Scotia as of May 1, 2023. The only requirement is passing the entrance exam.

Atlantic Physician Registry

- The Atlantic Physician Register launched on Monday, May 1, 2023 and allows doctors in Atlantic Canada to work in any of the four provinces for one yearly fee, without additional licensing requirements.
- The annual fee for doctors is \$500.00. Previously, physicians had to submit a separate full application to each provincial college, including a registration fee, to obtain a license to practice in that province.

Potential areas of collaboration between Yukon and Nova Scotia:

- Recruitment and retention:
 - Work together to facilitate pathways for registration of internationally educated health professionals.
 - Consider signing onto the Atlantic Physician Registry.
- Education and training:
 - Explore opportunities for partnership with learning institutions such as Cape Breton University (CBU) to train Yukoners to receive a Bachelor of Nursing degree through secured seats in programs as well as bridging programs for LPNs to RNs.
 - Explore opportunities to formalize the process of buying seats for medical students at learning institutions such as Dalhousie University to train physicians. Nova Scotia has recently expanded their training program for physicians (i.e. 10 new family physician residency spots are being added for the fall of 2023, bringing the total to 58).
 - Yukon and Nova Scotia could explore partnerships with other training programs with other countries in order to do long term planning and recruitment.
- Sharing of promising practices:
 - Nova Scotia's first solution in their action plan is to become a magnet for service providers. As Yukon considers its health human resource strategy, it will be important for Yukon to become a workplace of choice which may then incentivize and retain health care providers in the territory.
 - Nova Scotia has a stand-alone Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment. This is a model being contemplated within the HHR Strategy development as well as the new health authority and could provide an opportunity for Yukon to learn from.

- Nova Scotia has various models of primary health care including nursing in rural communities which focus on team-based, integrated care. Yukon could share some our approaches to working with Yukon First Nations on rural and remote community health care services.