



Memo to All Membership/families/guardians & RHA Staff,

June 5, 2020 Update

From: Chief Executive Officer and RHA Board of Directors

Commencing immediately RHA will be suspending (not accepting) any new service intakes for adults that require support funded by Community and Social Services, Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD)

As RHA moves towards some relaunch efforts across the organization, getting back to core business presents many challenges ahead for the organization that had already existed prior to the pandemic crisis.

On October 1, 2019 RHA Adult Services and the Leadership Team presented a Business Case to Community and Social Services/PDD, a request to enhance contract funding for indirect/administration to support the significant growth in direct services over the past number of years. RHA continued to support new intake and service requests with only funding to cover direct service staff, this does not include essential operating funds for other things such as facility rent/leases, utilities, supervisory, administration (ie. Accounting, Payroll, HR, Facility Management, etc.).

On February 14, 2020 the RHA Board of Directors sent a letter to advocate directly to Minister Rajan Sawhney and our community MLA's requesting attention to this matter. (Letter attached). To date, RHA has had no response from Government. As of April 1, 2020 our contract provides a total of 13.4% indirect/administration, a shortfall of 4-6% less than the majority of other service providers PDD funds across the province.

Without some support to enhance operating funds, RHA no longer has the capacity to continue to expand past the current services we deliver, unless government provides a sustainable level of funding needed by RHA to expand, support new services and respond to community needs.

If you have questions and concerns regarding this decision we strongly urge you to contact your PDD Caseworker and your local MLA to share your stories/impact on how this decision will affect your family and our community as a whole.

RHA has been unable to advocate effectively for these resources, therefore it is crucial that the people whom this will impact and our membership community need to advocate, if your wish is for RHA to be in a position to accept new applicants.

Sincerely,

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