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Judy Sentes, Chair  
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Dear Judy Sentes:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 2021, regarding Interior Health Authority (IHA) communications with the Okanagan-Similkameen Regional Hospital District (OSRHD). I appreciate you raising the issue regarding transparent communication and planning between IHA and the OSRHD with respect to the Penticton Urgent and Primary Care Center (PUPCC) and the Primary Care Network (PCN) in your region. I apologize for the delayed response.

I acknowledge there is opportunity to enhance communications and ensure a shared understanding around the primary care planning in your community. To this end, I have confirmed that IHA Primary Care leadership attended a meeting with the OSRHD Chair and Vice Chair in late June 2021 in order to advance the dialogue around the Primary Care Networks (PCN) and the PUPCC in your community. Additionally, I understand that IHA has committed to attending your September 2021 board meeting to provide an overview of primary care planning and implementation.

Continuous communication with OSRHD as a key stakeholder will ensure that we are collectively advancing our shared agenda, strengthening already established services, and identifying new high priority services with an aim to meet the needs of the community.

Going forward, I encourage you to continue working with IHA and the South Okanagan-Similkameen PCN to identify ongoing opportunities to proactively and authentically engage with the OSRHD. Thank you again for taking the time to write to express your concerns, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Adrian Dix  
Minister