



SPOTLIGHT ON...

SSCY Capital Planning

On, August 23, 2010 Health Minister Theresa Oswald and Family Services and Consumer Affairs Minister Gordon Mackintosh and Minister of Housing and Community Development Kerri Irvin-Ross announced a provincial government commitment of \$16.7 million for the development of a new site offering integrated special services for young people with disabilities and special needs.

“The new innovative one-stop centre for children will co-locate specialized services for children with disabilities (SSCY) to make accessing services easier and more seamless”, said the ministers. The 87,000-square foot centre will be located in the Christie Building at 1155 Notre Dame Ave., in close proximity to the Health Sciences Centre and Children’s Hospital (one of the site selection criteria to support the need for medical staff to travel between sites while also ensuring that the services were not located within an acute care institution as families have requested).

In keeping with the principles of Family Centred Care, the participation of Family Members in the planning for SSCY has been integral since the process began many years ago. Family representatives have been, and continue to be, active participants at the intersectoral working group (IWG) table, which is the major interagency planning group for SSCY.

Family representatives have also been regular participants on a number of the SSCY task teams including Leadership and Partnership, Family Engagement/Participation and Front End Services and Direct Services teams.

Two open, interactive sessions were held with families in 2005 in order to seek input from a broader group. During these sessions, feedback was provided on architectural space plans and families had input into the development of the site selection criteria for the new building. Some of those criteria used in selecting the site included i) location of the premises (neighborhood character/image; visibility of the building; access to green space/community ambience; access to community amenities) ii) location and number of parking stalls iii)

accessibility (proximity to major traffic arteries, proximity to Children’s Hospital) and others. Locating a suitable site took a number of years and an extensive amount of work, during which time, space planning work/consultation did not occur – but progress continued to be made on some of the core system features of SSCY such as the central intake, and integrated service coordination.

Preliminary space planning work has now begun on the new site which promises to be an exciting building. The presence of skylights across the top of the building will allow for a lot of natural light and an atrium-like feel in foyers and waiting areas.

An internal courtyard is planned to be in the centre of the building allowing access to outdoor space for families, therapy and recreational programming. A centralized reception will be available at the front of the building and a family resource centre will be located in close proximity to the front waiting area.

A fully integrated childcare centre will be included which will have additional features for children with special needs.

Accessible family parking will be adjacent to the front entrance and will include a canopied walkway up to the entrance. Additionally, analysis is being completed on the construction of a covered drop-off at the front entrance with family support for assisting with equipment, navigating the centre or parking vehicles.

Architectural work is very complex and includes processes such as schematic design, design development and contract document phases. These preliminary processes are continuing and have considered all family/caregiver ideas that have been provided in the past. A family information session is planned for the late summer/early fall to share these initial plans and seek input. It is projected that the opening of the new building will occur in 2013.

Services Available Through SSCY

The following services are available through SSCY:

Augmentative & Alternative Communication
Audiology
Central Intake (Audiology, OT, PT, SLP)
Child Care Centre
Child Development Services
Conductive Education
Home Care
Medicine
Nursing
Occupational Therapy (OT)
Orthotics
Physiotherapy (PT)
Prosthetics
Psychology
Recreation Therapy
Respite
Seating and mobility
Service coordination
Social Work
Speech Language Pathology (SLP)
SSCY Family Resource Centre

Schematic Design Phase (IN PROGRESS)

Meetings are taking place with the Prime Consultant, Stantec Architecture, to advance the Schematic Design, engage users from each group involved and to form an Integrated Design Process (IDP) working group. This working group is integral to translate our needs and wants into the overall design.

The space program is being confirmed and will establish preliminary adjacencies within departments and adjacent departments within the floor plate. These Schematic Design floor plans will establish relationships between disciplines, room sizes, corridors, etc.

Design Development Phase

Will result in a reconciled final layout of all requirements in greater detail, including furniture and equipment, telephones, computers, security and finishes.

Contract Document Phase

The Consultants will prepare a set of Specifications & Drawings integrating all the technical, mechanical and electrical requirements ready for Public Tender, followed by Contract Award & Construction of the Interior Tenant improvement package.

Occupancy is tentatively scheduled for Fall of 2012 or early 2013.



Who Can I Contact for More Information?

A Site Management Team has been assembled to plan for the re-location to the new site and will be responsible for relaying information to and from the co-locating programs. General updates will also be maintained on the **SSCY website at <http://www.sscy.ca>**

For **general information** about SSCY, please contact **Jeanette Edwards** at JEdwards@wrha.mb.ca, telephone 204-940-8573 or **Collette Wilson**, SSCY Family Centre Coordinator at collettew@rccinc.ca, telephone (204) 453-9820.

SSCY Site Management Team

Child Development Clinic	Sue Morison	Supervisor
Children's Rehabilitation Foundation	Chris Schollenberg	Executive Director
Children's Home Care	Maria Steeds	Team Manager
Children's Hospital (PT, OT, SLP)	Kristal Laminman	Director of OT, HSc
Children's disAbility Services	Irma Nadeau	Program Manager
Community Respite Service	Michelle Hammond	Executive Director
Manitoba FASD Centre	Mary Cox-Millar	Manager
Rehabilitation Centre for Children	Cheryl Susinski	Executive Director
Rehabilitation Centre for Children	Donna Vielhaber	Clinic Manager
Rehab Centre for Children	Doug Paulsen	Director of Rehab Engineering
Rehab Centre for Children	Kizzy Phillips	Executive Assistant
Rehab Centre for Children	Marlene Waldron	Director of Rehabilitation Therapy
Rehab Centre for Children	Silvia Hidara	Director of Finance/Support Serv.
SSCY Central Intake	Marianne Klassen	SSCY Central Intake
SSCY Family Resource Centre	Collette Wilson	Director
Society of Manitobans with Disabilities	John Griffin	Manager of Outreach Therapy
Society of Manitobans with Disabilities	Patti McIntyre	Director of SMD Services
WRHA (Child Health)	Cheryl Susinski	Director of Community Services
WRHA	Janet Clark	Regional Director of SLP/Audiology

SSCY's Intersectoral Working Group

The Intersectoral Working Group (IWG) is composed of representatives from SSCY agencies and is responsible for implementing the SSCY workplan. Progress reports are made to the IWG at monthly meetings and approval is gained from the IWG on key decisions. Participant representatives communicate with their departments and agencies to inform them of SSCY decisions. SSCY participants maintain final approval authority for all strategic and policy decision.

Jeanette Edwards, Chair	WRHA
Ian Anderson	Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD)
Pam Campbell	Central Speech & Hearing Clinic
Janet Clark	Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)
Susan Dewalt	CNIB
Beverly Fyfe	Manitoba Health
John Griffin	SMD
Michelle Hammond	Community Respite Service
Allan Hendrickson-Gracie	Family Services and Consumer Affairs (FSCA)
Silvia Hidara	Rehabilitation Centre for Children (RCC)
Marianne Klassen	SSCY, Children's Therapy Initiative (CTI)
Kristal Laminman	Health Sciences Centre (WRHA)
Pat Locken	Family Representative
Carolyn Loepky	FSCA
Ruth Loepky	Children's Special Services (FSCA)
Dr. Sally Longstaffe	Child Development Clinic, Health Sciences Centre (WRHA)
Fiona McIntyre	St. Boniface Hospital (WRHA)
Patti McIntyre	SMD
Irma Nadeau	Children's Special Services (FSCA)
Margy Nelson	The Movement Centre of Manitoba
Carl Stephens	St. Amant
Cheryl Susinski	RCC/WRHA
Andrea Thibault	FSCA
Jo Verstraete	St. Amant
Donna Vielhaber	RCC
Marlene Waldron	RCC
Collette Wilson	RCC