

VIHA cuts weaken agencies

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Vancouver Island Health Authority director of mental health and addiction services Alan Campbell states "this past year, we have shifted some of our funding to the central and north Island... and this has meant a reduction in services in the Greater Victoria area" (June 12).

This "shift" has actually decimated many agencies' services, including some VIHA services in Greater Victoria. As well, it is rumoured more "shifts" are on the way. Campbell further states we can and will do more with the "combined and determined efforts of many agencies." Cancelling and cutting contracts with community agencies that serve those with mental illness and/or addictions, thereby threatening these agencies' existence, makes one ask: "How so, Mr. Campbell?"

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