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Keith Page, President  
and Members of Board  
Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments  
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Dear Keith Page:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with ministry representatives during this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver.

As Acting Deputy Minister, I write to acknowledge the topics raised during the meeting, which included mental health and substance use access in rural and remote communities.

As promised, please find further information on Interior Health Authority's transportation policy at the following link: [Transportation to & from Hospital | Patients & Visitors | IH](#)

I appreciate these important opportunities to exchange ideas and share information. Meetings like this help the Ministry better understand the challenges people and communities across BC face on a daily basis.

The Ministry is working hard across government to create an accessible, robust, and culturally safe system of mental health and addictions care that meets people where they're at. For your convenience and interest, I've attached a list of local and provincial mental health and substance use resources in your community.

More information on all the programs and initiatives that the Ministry is working on to ensure all those living in BC have access to mental health and addictions care is available here: [Gov.bc.ca/BetterCare](http://Gov.bc.ca/BetterCare)

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Thank you for taking the time to meet with us as part of the UBCM Convention process for 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Dubé', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Jonathan Dubé  
Acting Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

Attachment