



# Interior Health

## *IHA – BURNABY CENTRE ACCESS COMMITTEE*

July 4, 2012

Re: **Interior Health Authority Criteria for Admission to Burnaby Centre**

In addition to the standard criteria for admission as set out by Burnaby Centre, IHA requires the following criteria to assist in ensuring that clients are well matched and well prepared for treatment at Burnaby Centre:

1. Referrals are accepted from direct service clinicians who have significant knowledge of the client and who have had a minimum of four out-patient appointments with the client in the two to three months prior to referral.
2. Referrals are not accepted from in-patient psychiatry, acute care, crisis intervention programs, or emergency departments. These programs are encouraged to refer clients to their local Mental Health and Substance Abuse resources, addictions counsellor at local Friendship Centre or Indian Band for more immediate response, assessment and treatment planning
3. All relevant community programming has been exhausted by the clients and reviewed with the Committee at the time of referral.
4. The referral source is prepared to remain involved with the client while at Burnaby Centre and commits to support the client in their return to community. If the client is prematurely discharged from the program it is expected that the referring agent assist with urgent discharge planning.

In the event the client is seeking to relocate to another community after Burnaby Centre, the referring agent will make arrangements for follow up care.