BC Compliance and Enforcement Anti-Money Laundering Fusion Centre

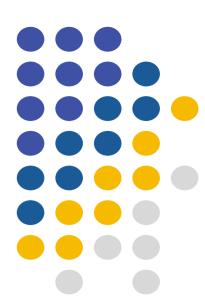


FOR DISCUSSION

MAY 2019



Agenda



- Issue
- Background
- The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre
- Discussion | Questions

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Issue



The opioid crisis, violence/public safety, money laundering, an unaffordable housing market, and eroding public trust are directly linked to organized crime and the expanding criminal economy in BC.

The criminal economy is not the problem of a single regulator or industry. Criminal enterprises are diversified.

Citizens of British Columbia need a **coordinated**, **collaborative regulator approach** to identify and respond to policies which enable money laundering and criminal organizations to operate.



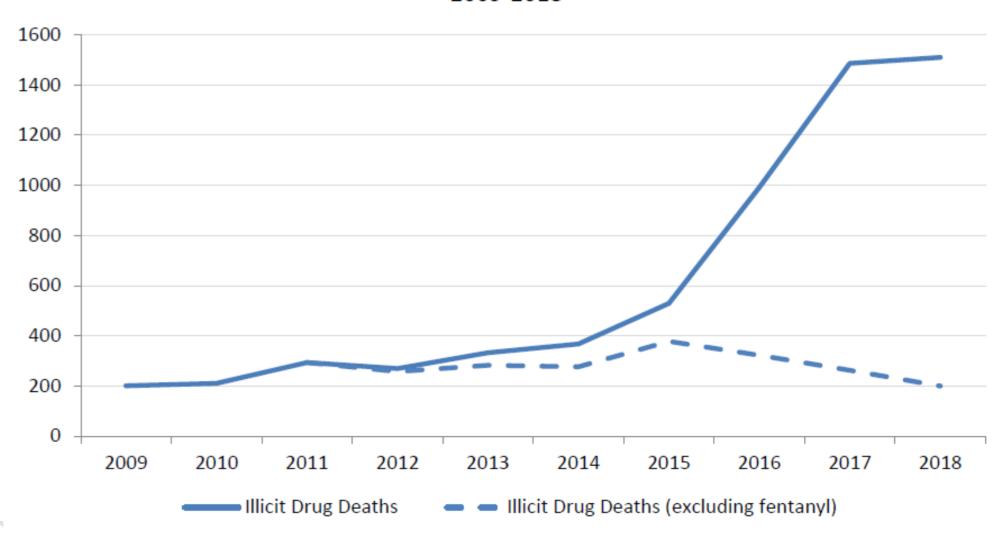
Background - Public Safety Costs



Opioid Crisis

- 2018: 1489 Suspected illicit drug overdose deaths in BC
- 6,268 illicit overdoses in BC attended by ambulance in January- June 2018
- \$608 million total allocated on opioid crisis 2019 Budget

Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths including and excluding Fentanyl, 2009-2018



Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths in BC – BC Coroners Service – March 19, 2019



Background - Public Safety Costs



Drug Crime

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) drug offences by violation for British Columbia:

- 2016: 5989 non-possession drug related offences
- 2017: 5719 non-possession drug related offences.

Unaffordable Housing Market

Median Net Vancouver Family Income 2017: \$87,800 (Statistics Canada)

Median Greater Vancouver Single Family Detached Home Price 2017: \$1,321,700 (Real Estate Board Greater Vancouver)

20% Down payment Required: \$264,340

Monthly Mortgage Amount (5yr variable, 3.45% Int., 25yr Amort.): \$5,251.22

71% of net monthly income goes to mortgage

Who is buying real estate?



Background

'The nature of these allegations, that this money-laundering activity is actively influencing our real estate market and is connected to the sale of life-destroying fentanyl, underline the critical importance of addressing money laundering urgently and not ignoring it'

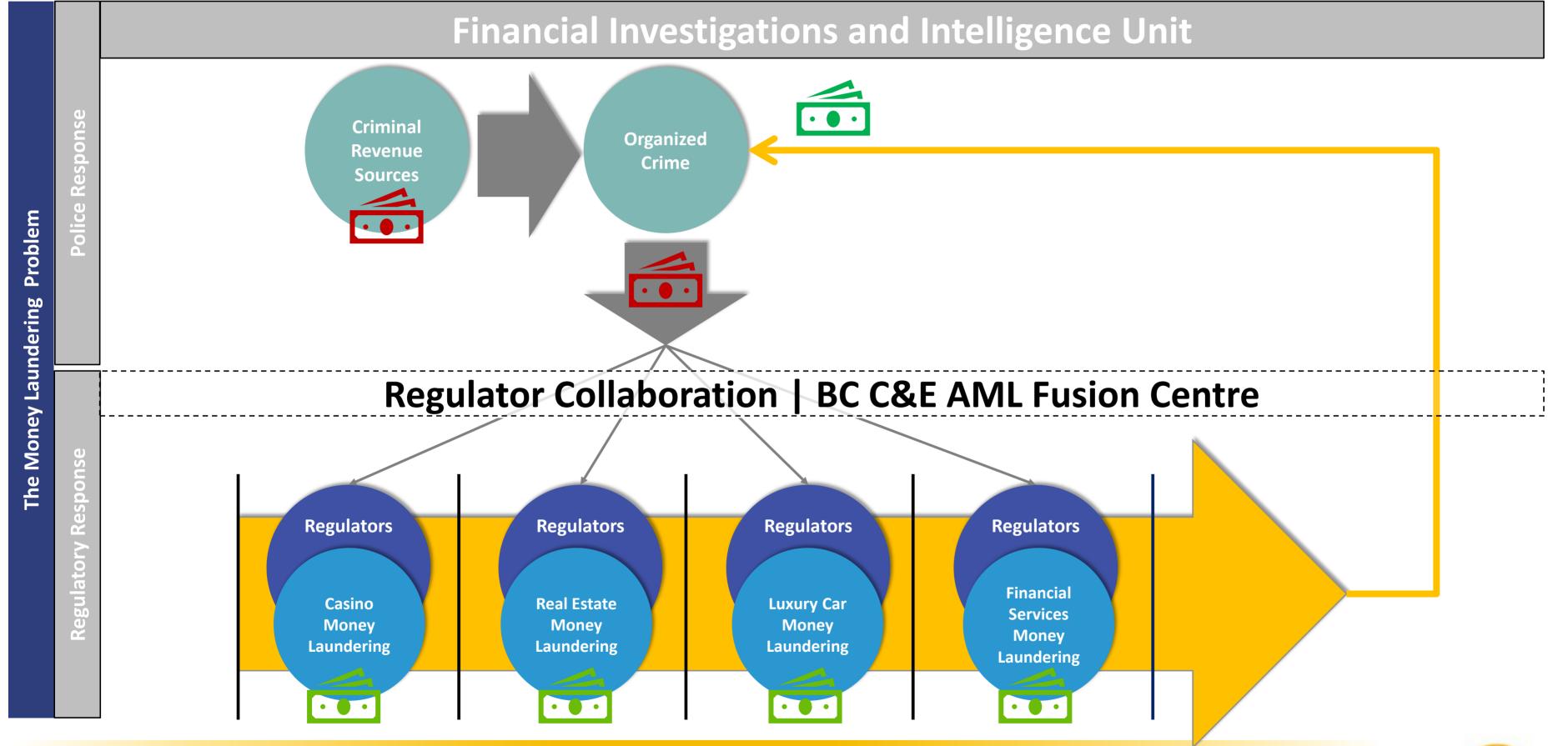
- Hon. David Eby, QC - Feb 17, 2019

We are looking at the possibility of expanding the function of that unit [DPU] beyond just casinos to other types of enforcement related to money laundering as well,"

- Hon. David Eby, QC - May 3, 2019

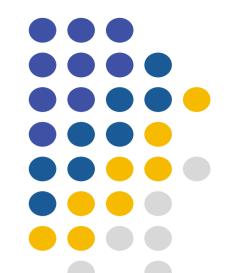


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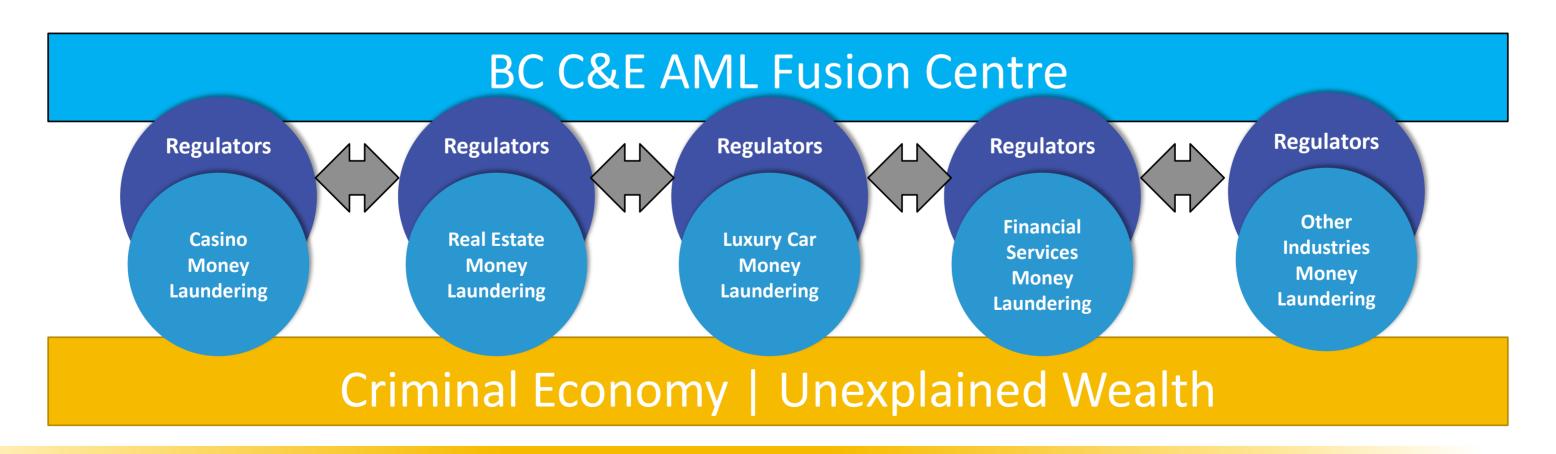


C&E Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Fusion Centre



Vision: A C&E Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Fusion Centre that leads and supports a collaborative, integrated and coordinated regulator response focused on identifying and responding to:

- Money laundering,
- Unexplained wealth, and
- The Criminal Economy.





C&E Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Fusion Centre

Mission: The C&E AML Fusion Centre will enable BC regulatory organizations to become more accountable, informed and collaborative in their effort to disrupt the criminal economy in BC.





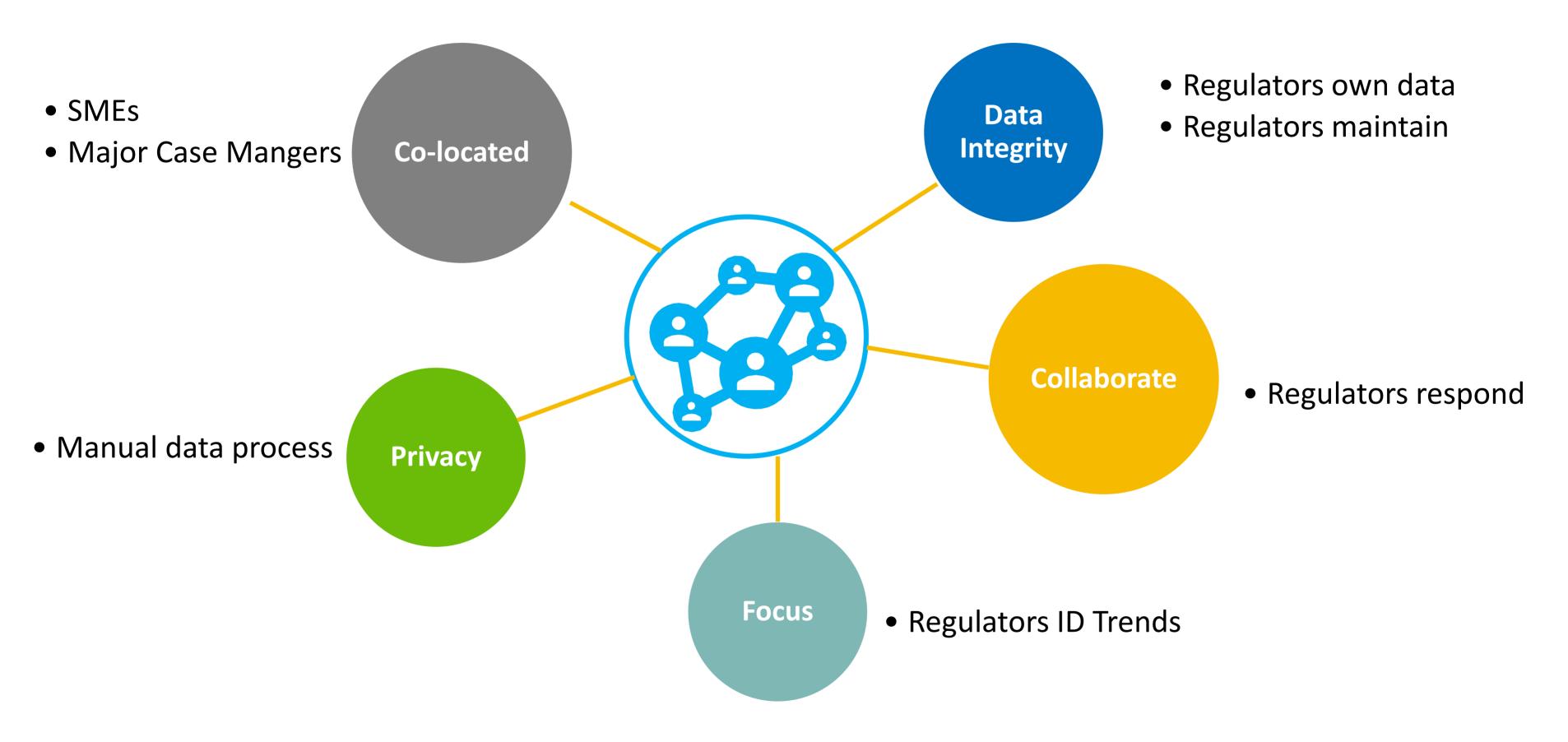
C&E Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Fusion Centre

The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre will include:

- A centralized team managing de-identified data and confidential personal information through a central office, and
- Capacity to leverage the data and confidential personal information to provide evidence-informed:
 - A. coordinated enforcement responses, and
 - B. enhancements to legislation and policy frameworks.



The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre - Key Features





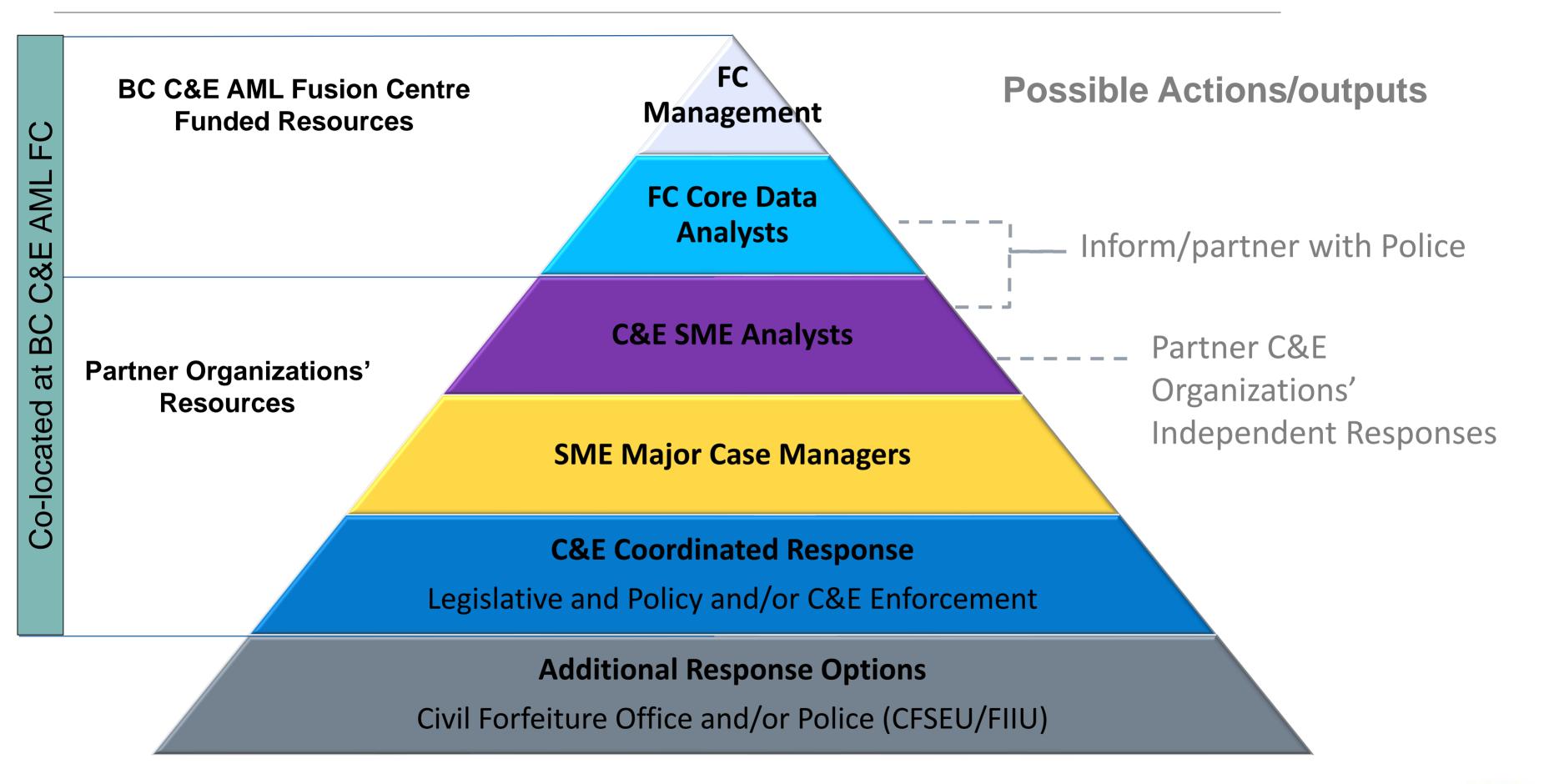
The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre - Key Features

The proposed BC C&E AML Fusion Centre is **not**:

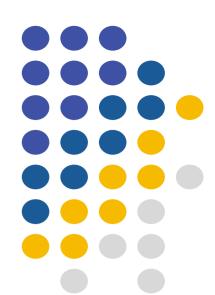
- An overarching regulator;
- A centralized database of personal information;
- A new enforcement or administrative agency;
- Focused on resolving regulatory non-compliance

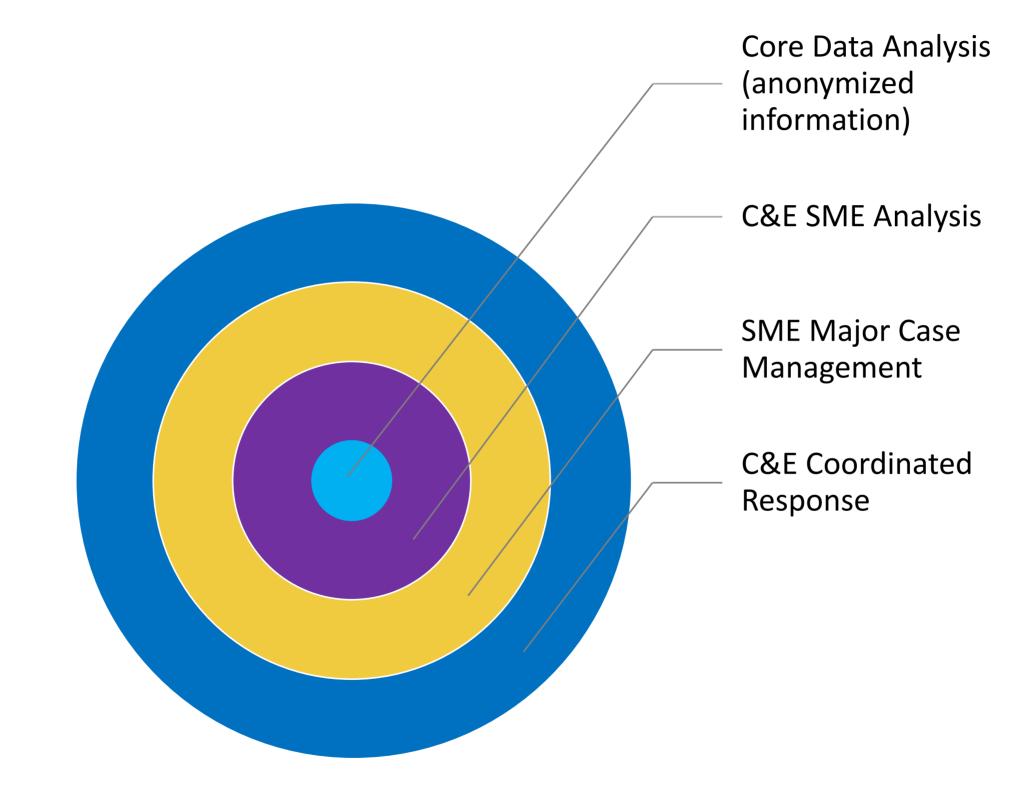




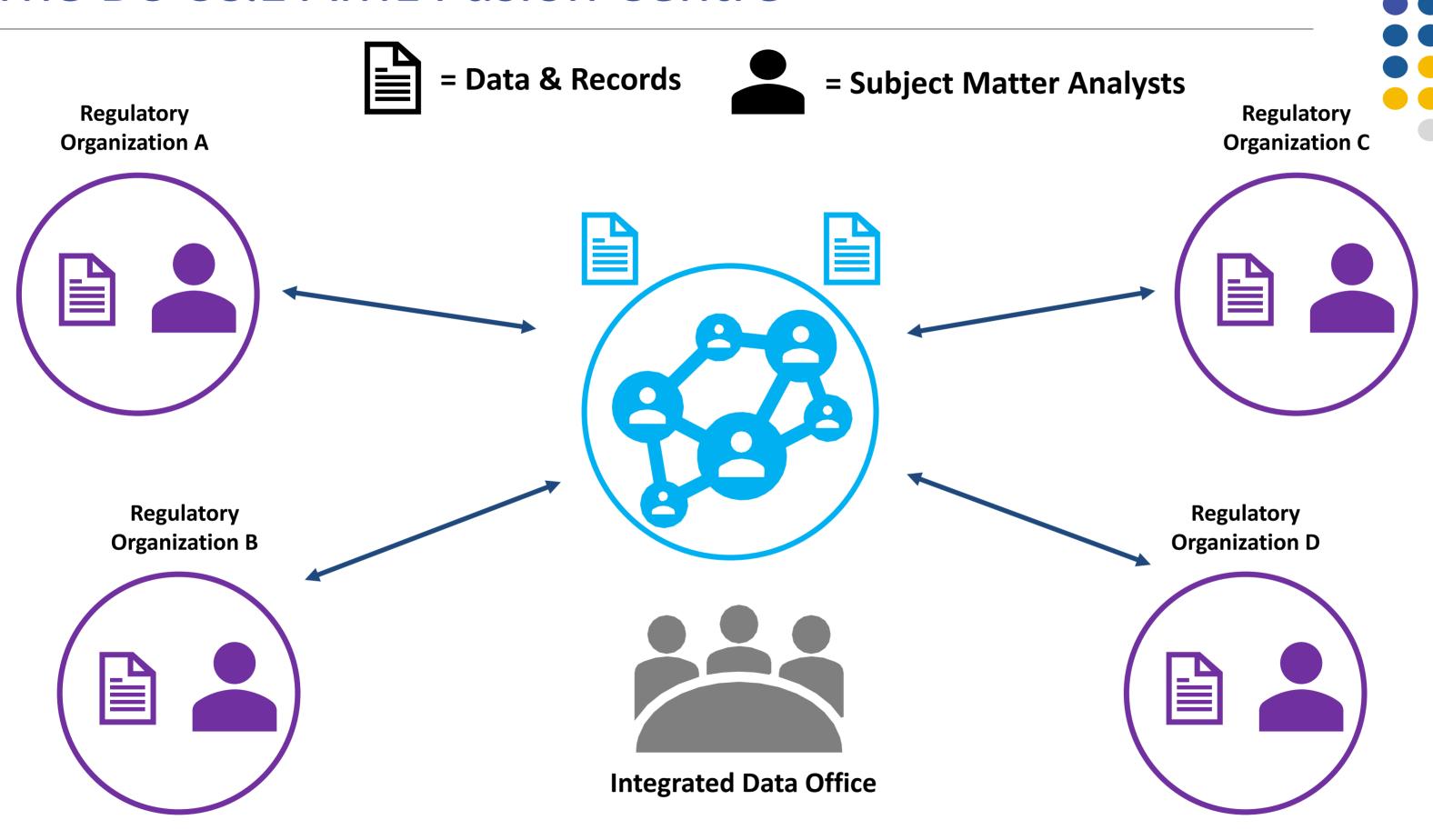
















The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre - Governance of Model



Governing Board

- Executive leaders representing the participating C&E Partner Organizations
- Meets semi-annually to provide accountability
 framework and set the strategic direction for the BC
 C&E AML FC

C&E Partner Organizations

- Provide SME Analysts and MCMs to work collaboratively with BC C&E AML FC staff
- Provides a senior executive to sit on the governing board

BC C&E AML FC

- Conduct the administrative and operational business of the BC C&E AML FC as directed by the board's strategic plan, includes:
- Establishing standards and procedures;
- Ongoing data analysis
- Coordinating C&E partners' strategic & enforcement responses

Enforcement Response Organization(s)

(Includes police & Civil Forfeiture Office)

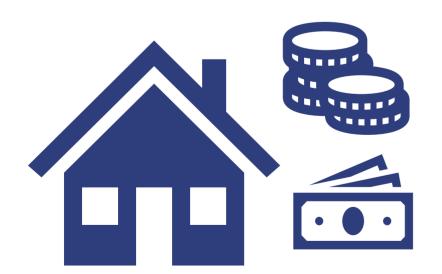
- Provides support and partnership for coordinated enforcement responses
- Provides guidance and strategic input



The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre - Potential Partners

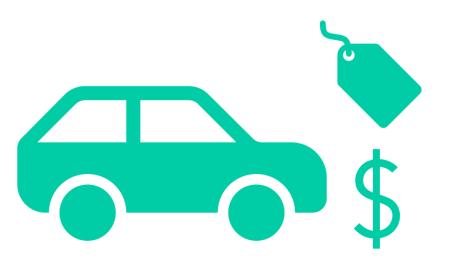
Regulatory organizations involved in the housing sector:

- Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia
- BC Assessment
- BC Registries and Online Services



Regulatory organizations involved in the automotive sector:

- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Office of the Superintendent of Motor vehicles
- Motor Vehicle Sales Authority





The BC C&E AML Fusion Centre - Phased Approach



Phase 1

Conceptual Trial (6-9 months)

- Initial Sector Partner (Housing)
- Determine data needs and costs
- Cabinet Submission

Phase 2

Phase 3

Expansion (9-12 Months)

- Add Regulator Partners
- Refine data needs
- Evaluate technical solutions

Full Implementation (18-24 Months Total)

- Refine approach
- Fully funded model





RISKS

- Insufficient Resources
- Lack of Regulator Engagement
- Privacy fears undermine process



OUTCOMES

- Stronger, evidence based regulation
- Effective regulator response
- Increased public trust
- Increased public safety
- Efficient use of limit resources
- Understanding of regulatory issues
- Collaboration with Police and Regulators
- Strategic response to money laundering, unexplained wealth, organized crime



BENEFITS

 Metrics determined through regulatory engagement



Business As Usual/Take No Action

- Regulators continue to operate independently.
- No collaboration or review of regulatory trends.
- Continue to work with Federal partners on ad-hoc basis.



RISKS

- Rely on POJ/FIIU alone, straining resources
- Criminal economy continues to exploit regulatory loopholes, grows
- ML/illicit activities continues at current baselines



OUTCOMES

- Public perception of ineffective gov/regulation continues
- Public safety remains at current levels
- Response to ML is the focus over prevention

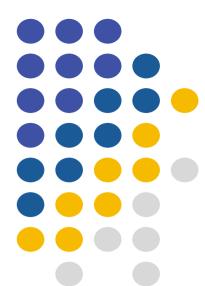


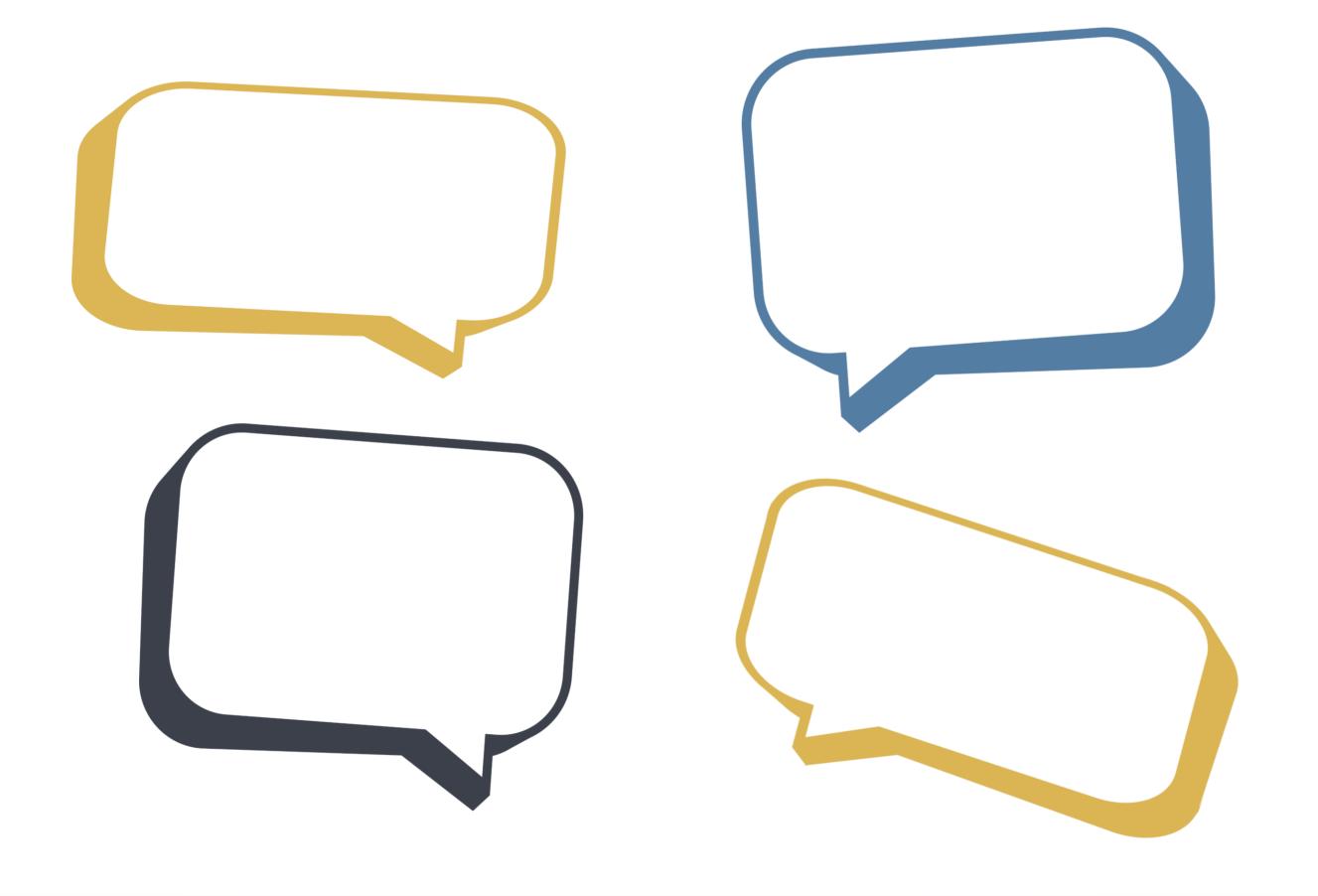
BENEFITS

No cost to government



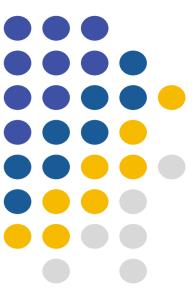
Roundtable Discussions | Questions







APPENDIX





Phase 1: Conceptual Trial

- Obtain approval for engagement.
- 2. Identify regulators interested in participating in model long term.
- 3. Identify regulators interested in participating in a trial (Housing Sector) and look to co-create fusion centre to meet regulator needs.
- 4. Identify a potential owner for the centre (i.e. independent office or housed).
- 5. Identify and index relevant data sets of interest with initial trial partners.
- 6. Cabinet Submission
- 7. Cost and secure funding for the initial trail (minimum staff, consultants).
- 8. Hire relevant staff and/or contractors.
- 9. Begin initial trial.

PHASE 1 TIMELINE: 6-9 months



Phase 2: Expansion

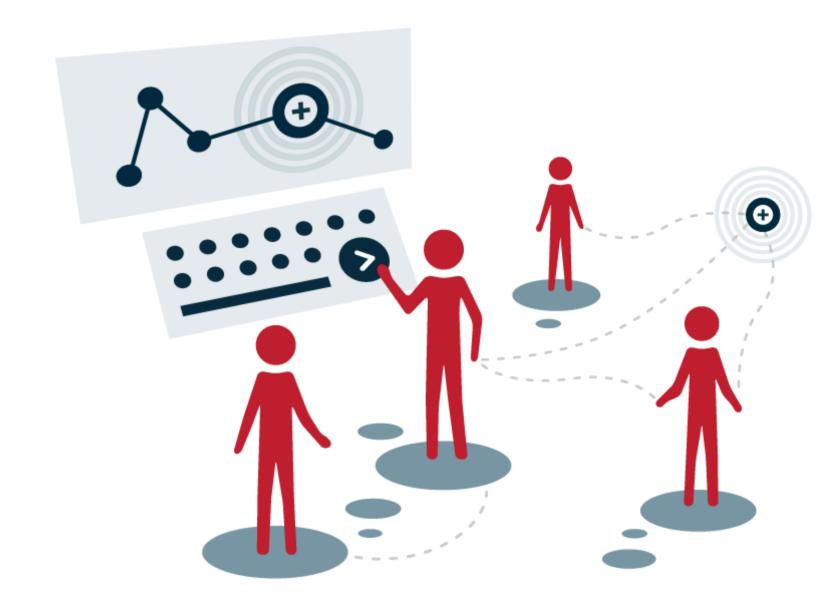
- 1. Identify additional C&E partners and data sets of interest
- 2. Determine cost of additional C&E partners joining the BC C&E AML FC
- 3. Evaluate a technical solution options based on trial
- 4. Secure additional funding
- 5. Hire additional staff/contractors and procure required equipment

PHASE 2 TIMELINE: 9-12 months



Phase 3: Full Implementation

- 1. Permanently fund and resource the model
- 2. Bring in additional partners and resources as needed
- Continuous evaluation to adapt and enhance the BC C&E AML FC model as needed



PHASE 1-3 TOTAL TIMELINE: 18-24 months



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