



October 3, 2018

UPDATE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE PVSBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on September 27, 2018 at its offices in Surrey to consider the feedback received from Police Based Victim Service Programs and society members about the priorities for PVSBC. Feedback was provided directly through emails, dialogue and through discussions held during August and September at regional meetings.

Your input was illuminating for the Board of Directors and we want to express our thanks for your thoughtful input, your time and effort. We anticipate iterative progress for PVSBC and we welcome your continuing feedback to help guide us.

The input was concentrated in a few themes including:

- *Training* – establishing a core curriculum with view to basic orientation and training and enhanced skills
- *Communication* – support for engagement and transparency
- *Advocacy* – in support of a professional and safe delivery of Police Based Victim Services
- *Program Tools* – in support of consistent, professional services for delivery of Police Based Victim Services
- *Board Governance* – greater clarity of mission, mandate and board operations

Advocacy for a professional and safe delivery of Police Based Victim Services resonated with the Board as a starting place for all other priorities. The importance of all the themes was acknowledged although *Training* and *Communication* were also identified as more urgent priorities for the Board.

The Board developed actions to further these priorities, including:

- *Research Committee Established* – to effectively advocate for Police Based Victim Services, the Board believes that constituent data be available to PVSBC. This committee's inaugural meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018. The committee anticipates identifying data requirements, collection strategies, including consideration of mechanisms that minimize the impact on programs, and collection tools. Members include:
 - C. Van Dyke
 - A. Eilander
 - S. Pellegrino
 - B. Vincent
 - C. Buck
 - D. Moran



- *Executive Director Hiring Committee Established* – the Board recognizes the importance of this hiring process for the future of PVSBC and as such as established a hiring committee. The Board will utilize the support of a Human Resource Specialist to guide and support their efforts.

The Board also acknowledged the potential that PVSBC can operate virtually anywhere in the Province of BC. The Board does not want location to limit finding the best candidate. This committee holds its inaugural meeting on October 11, 2018.

Members include:

- K. French
- F. Jang
- J. Johnson
- R. Smith

The Board has also asked Deidre Moran, TurnWest Solutions Ltd., to prepare a literature search on Police Based Victim Service core training currently available. This will involve engagement with Alberta Police Based Victim Services Association, National Organization for Victim Assistance, National Centre for Victims of Crime, BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime. Follow up with the Justice Institute is anticipated as they had previously delivered a training program for Police Based Victim Services. It is anticipated this search will assist the yet to be hired Executive Director with planning.

Carolyn Sinclair, former Executive Director, concluded her engagement with PVSBC at the beginning of September. The Board of Directors were able to express their gratitude to Carolyn for her service to the organization and wish her well with her new endeavours.

The Board has continued its arrangement with Deidre Moran, TurnWest Solutions Ltd., to support its day to day operations and provide board support. During the month of September, Deidre attended the office in Surrey. Check out our website as a few updates were recently made. <http://www.policevictimservices.bc.ca/>. Over the coming months Deidre will work remotely and be actively engaged in readying the operation for an Executive Director.

Our Board numbers continue to increase with the addition of both a North East and a Municipal Victim Service representative. Welcome to Connie Buck and Barb Vincent! Carla Sampson has expressed interest in the RCMP VS Program Manager role. The Board also elected Executive Members. Your current Board of Directors are listed below.



The current Board of Directors, PVSBC:

President: Karyn French

Vice-President: Anita Eilander

Secretary: Jessica Johnson

Treasurer: Christin VanDyk

North East: Connie Buck Connie.Buck@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Lower Mainland: Jessica Johnson jessica.johnson@vpd.ca

Fraser Valley: Vacant

Columbia-Kootenay: Christine Van Dyke christinevandyk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Thompson-Okanagan: Anita Eilander anita.eilander@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Vancouver Island: Karyn French karyn.french@gvpvs.org

North West: Sherry Pellegrino sherry.pellegrino@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

RCMP Representative: Cpl. Frank Jang

Municipal Police Representative: Sgt. Rob Smith

Municipal VS Rep: Barb Vincent victimservices@nelsonpolice.ca or barbara.l.vincent@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

RCMP VS Rep: Carla Sampson carla.sampson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

This leaves a vacancy for the Fraser Valley Region. Please consider taking on this important role.

We hope that you can enjoy time with friends and family this coming weekend!

