



February 22, 2019

UPDATE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE PVSBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on February 13, 2019 to hear the progress made by its Executive hiring committee.

As outlined in the November 27, 2018 update committee members include:

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

A formal Request for Proposal was undertaken and following the receipt of responses the Board proceeded with Chemistry Consulting (<https://chemistryconsulting.ca/>) to support the Board with the hiring of the Executive Director. A posting was issued and closed mid-January 2019.

Seventy-two applicants were received which means PVSBC has an excellent pool of candidates for the role of Executive Director. Chemistry Consulting performed an initial screening and the committee further refined the shortlisted applicants. The Committee was excited to see the rich experience of the candidates and interest in PVSBC.

Chemistry Consulting is performing a preliminary interview this week. Following that process, the Committee will further test the shortlisted candidates. Ultimately, the full board will meet the top candidates and make an offer.

The committee anticipates a job offer will be finalized during April.

Research Committee – The Board also wants to report on this committee. It was established to secure constituent data for PVSBC as a means of informing a new Executive Director and to effectively advocate on behalf of Police-based Victim Service Programs.

- Members include C. Van Dyke; A. Eilander; S. Pellegrino; B. Vincent; C. Buck and D. Moran

The committee determined seeking baseline data from the Province of BC, which is the primary funder for many programs would be the most direct route to securing baseline data. A listing of data elements was submitted to the Community Programs Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG) at the end of October 2018.

The data elements ranged from contract holder names and contacts, contract schedules, hours of service funded, compensation and questions related to other after hours work and working conditions.



A meeting with Marcie Mezzarobba, Executive Director with PSSG regarding the data request took place on December 10, 2018.

PSSG responded early in January 2019 with limited information and advised they would compile additional information. During a recent meeting PSSG acknowledged the promised information was outstanding and the staff member who was anticipated to compile the information had now returned from an extended absence. PSSG also advised any contractual information required a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) application.

Rather than waiting for PSSG, PVSBC has begun compiling what information data it has available and the committee has found it can access on the [open information website](#) for the Province of BC. With some research, this site includes contract information that the Province indicates would need an FOIPP application.

Deidre Moran is currently engaged in data compilation on behalf of the Board. Deidre may make enquiries of you so that she can clarify elements of the data being compiled.

The committee had previously proposed that a research analyst be engaged to augment any outstanding data requests.

Symposium – Given the effort to plan and coordinate the symposium, PVSBC has postponed this event until the fall. You can anticipate once the Executive Director starts, you will be surveyed regarding timing and content of the event.

PVSBC Membership – To date, forty-two programs have become 2019 members. If you are interested in joining please see this [membership application](#).

Your current Board of Directors are listed below.

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