

PVSBC Executive Director's Report – June/July 2019

This is the first of regular bimonthly reports designed to inform our membership of the activities of Police Victim Services BC, through the work being undertaken principally by the Board of Directors, as the governors of the organization and the Executive Director, implementing and operationalizing the Board's strategic direction.

The highlights of the June and July period include the following:

Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors participated in many formal and informal engagements during the reporting period. The activities centered around concluding the recruitment of the new Executive Director, "on boarding" the incumbent, commencing on May 21 and moving forward with setting the strategic direction of the organization by holding a Board Meeting on July 17 including the adoption and approval of the Action Plan, Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

In addition, during the July 17 meeting the Board discussed the following:

- Feedback from members on NOVA online training
- Nomination of Karyn French to participate on the 2019 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards
- Scheduling of the AGM
- Undertaking Board Governance Development
- Undertaking Board Strategic Priority Setting
- Scheduling of the Un Natural Death training session

Many board members also participated in the Executive Director Regional Consultation process, including individual meetings and group sessions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karyn French, Deidre Moran and Celine Yee for their guidance, assistance, expertise and patience in assisting me with transitioning to my new role. They have been great to work with and I am very appreciative of all their help.

Action Plan, 2019/2020 Fiscal Year:

As reported above, the Board of Directors have approved the Action Plan, 2019/2020 Fiscal Year as its direction on key activities for the Executive Director to focus on through to the end of the fiscal year.

The Action Plan originated from the presentation provided to the board during the recruitment process and subsequently is being used as the basis of the Executive Director Regional Consultation sessions.

The Action Plan 2019/2020 Fiscal Year and Executive Director Regional Consultation documents are attached for your information.

Executive Director Regional Consultation:

The Executive Director has committed to undertake a series of individual and group meeting sessions with board members, police offices, local service providers, funders and stakeholders in all 7 regions of the Province. As of writing, consultation meetings have taken place in the all of the Regions as follows:

- Vancouver Island Region, June 05
- Lower Mainland Region, June 06
- Lower Mainland Regional Board Member, June 07
- RCMP Program Board Member, June 18
- Fraser Valley Region, June 21
- Columbia Kootenay Region, July 04
- Municipal Police Board Member, July 5
- Thompson Okanagan Region Board Member, July 8
- Thompson Okanagan Region, July 9
- North Region Board Member, July 22
- North Region, July 23

In addition a number of individual meetings have been held with local victim services staff in numerous locations, as well as officials from the Attorney General and Public Safety & Solicitor General ministries, RCMP “E” Division, related police agencies and community stakeholders, during this period.

Note: the Executive Director Regional Consultation in the North East Region is set to take place in September. Details will be announced shortly.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Board members who have helped with coordinating the sessions in their areas, including Karyn French, Jessica Johnson, Carla Sampson, Amanda Murphy, Christine Van Dyke, Barbara Vincent, Anita Eilander, Sherry Pellegrino and Connie Buck along with Heather Hillard in the Lower Mainland. Meetings with other board members Rob Smith and Frank Jang will take place shortly.

In addition, I would like to also thank all the victim services staff who travelled to attend sessions in their regions and for the open, transparent and frank sharing of information and observations. This has significantly helped with my learning about the sector its challenges and opportunities. I look forward to meeting more members of our organization in the future.

Un Natural Death Training Event “Save the Date”:

PVSBC has received a grant to put on a training event on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 during which Laura Takas of Virginia Mason, based in Seattle, will lead a day long forum regarding Un Natural Death. The session will be held in the Lower Mainland and will also be simultaneously broadcast across the Province. Specific details on location and broadcasting will be circulated to all members no later than early September.

Membership Renewal:

As a member based organization it is vital that we have a strong representation of all organizations involved in providing police based victim services across the Province. The more substantial our membership base is, the more effective we will be as an organization, particularly when representing and advocating for essential improvements for the sector, including organizations, employees and volunteers, with the various levels of Government, police and stakeholders.

PVSBC is both an organization incorporated as a society under the Society Act and a charity registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. As such, PVSBC works to fulfill its constitution and bylaws through the direction and leadership of its Board of Directors.

By joining as a member, you have the opportunity for engagement on the direction of this organization and to benefit from future improvements. Your membership fee also contributes to the operation of PVSBC. The Board of Directors are drawn from the membership and works hard to represent the interests of our membership.

For those organizations who have not yet sent in their 2019 membership renewals, please do so at your earliest convenience. The membership application and instructions have been included.

The Executive Director Report - August/September 2019 will be released in early October.

All the best for the balance of Summer 2019.

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