

2006 – 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



BC Association of
Community Response
Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ... Together



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

OF

THE BC ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY RESPONSE NETWORKS

The Board of Directors of the Association hereby gives notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at **1:00 p.m. on the day of Tuesday, June 26, 2007**, at 700 – 808 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC and via teleconference for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the Directors to the Members.
2. To receive and approve the financial statements of the Association for the period ended March 31, 2007.
3. To appoint an Auditor for the Association for the ensuing year.
4. To elect Directors of the Association to hold office until the next annual general meeting following the conclusion of their term of office
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

DATED the 8th day of June, 2007.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Debb Enyinnah (Barg)
Secretary

BC Association of Community Response Networks

Annual General Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2007
TIME: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
PLACE: By Teleconference or in person (please RSVP)
700-808 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC

Agenda

- 1:00** **Welcome**
Introduction of current Board Members
Roll call of members
- 1:30** **Report of the Board to the Members**
- 1:40** **Report of the Executive Director – Alison Leaney**
- 2:00** **Financial Report – Jim Poole**
Audited Financial Statements for 2006/2007
Appointment of the Auditor
- 2:15** **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**
Reports on Activities from Members
- 2:45** **Report of the Nominating Committee – - Debb Enyinnah (Barg)**
Election of Directors
- 3:00** **Adjournment**

BC Association of Community Response Networks
Annual General Meeting
June 22, 2006
By Teleconference
Minutes

Chair: Linda Derkach
Executive Director: Alison Leaney

Secretary: Debb Barg

Association Members Present

Sandra Jean Jackson
Bev Weige
Marjorie Gove
Jane Osborne
Sheila McIntyre
Bev Hurd
Joan Riechardt
Marielle Demorest
B. Braude
Lynn Mace
Malerie Meeker

Kathleen Thomas
Linda Derkach
Jim Poole
Christian Ragneborg
Keiris O'Neil
Shirley Carlisle
Debb Barg
Victor Barron
Pat Petrala
Amanda Brown

Others Present

Kathy Doerksen
Heather Von Ilberg
Linda Krantz
Diann Bastian
Ann Sanders
Maira Tait
Mary Gradnitzer
Marlyn Ferguson

Keith Miller
Ray Koehler
Maira (Summerland)
Kathleen Shannon
Anne Reimer
April Struthers
Alison Leaney
Norm Grdino the Auditor from Morrow & Co

Linda Derkach welcomed everyone to the meeting after Alison Leaney confirmed members and others in attendance with a roll call.

1. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

Motion #1

Joan Riechardt moved and Sandra Jean Jackson seconded that the minutes of last year's AGM held on June 17, 2005 be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2. Report of the Board

Linda Derkach mentioned a few highlights from the Report of the Board. She thanked Alison Leaney for the amazing work she does to include everyone and building relationships in the province. While we have been successful accessing project funds over the past year, we have not been quite as successful acquiring funding for our core

activities. There are many organizations competing for available funds, and the need to partner with others and collaborate on fund raising will continue to be important in the future.

The amendments approved at our special meeting in March have been implemented smoothly. Our new name better reflects who we are and what we do. The bylaw amendments enable up to three members per CRN for three year terms. As well, other members of CRNs or others supportive of the CRN movement are now able to apply for membership in the Association. Linda thanked the Board and especially Jim Poole our Treasurer and Debb Barg our secretary for all their efforts.

Motion #2

Linda Derkach moved and Victor Barron seconded the adoption of the Report of the Board as circulated.

Carried

3. Report of Executive Director

Alison Leaney mentioned some highlights from her report. She acknowledged all the work of CRNs. She also thanked everyone for the fundraising and in kind donations that have taken place at the local level.

She spoke briefly of some projects carried out over the past year. (1) The Gathering Wheel Best Practices in Prevention Project: Alison thanked the Mentors for all their work and April Struthers for her work as the Project Evaluator; and (2) Financial Abuse/Crimes Workshops, praising Yvonne Kennedy and Kathy Doerksen for their work in developing the workshop and delivering the pilot, in Quesnel.

Alison thanked the Leadership Vancouver Team for our new provincial brochure and David Shefsiek and Renee Erdman of Vancouver Opera for their donation of the design of the Association's new logo.

The Association played a leadership role in planning two conferences, the Friesen conference and the COSCO conference to mark the inaugural World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Marketing students from BCIT helped us with material for the World Day event, unfortunately coming too late for this year, but there will be lots of material for next year.

Alison acknowledged -

Westminster Savings Credit Union and the chance to speak with Brian Trainor of the Saskatoon Police Department about planning ahead and preventing financial abuse

Public Health Agency of Canada for funding her to speak at the United Nations for the World Day

Linda Derkach for producing the BC Association of CRNs Bulletins

Heather Von Ilberg for the updates to the website and our webmasters Chris and Clint of Ingenius Webdesign

Charter Donors

Other funders: Centre for Sustainability, Gaming Commission, NCPC, and the Law Foundation of BC

Jay Chalke for his in kind donation of office space, teleconferencing and photocopying

Everyone who wrote support letters for our various funding submissions

Dorothy Buckland and Janice Dack who keep our books and financial statements in order

Richard Bridge our lawyer

Norm Grdino from Morrow & Co, our auditor

Rick Leong, our printer at Precision Graphics

She reported that we are waiting to hear about the results of our appeal to the Gaming Commission.

We're beginning to meet with provincial Ministers with portfolios related to our work

Alison thanked the Board, especially Debb Barg our Secretary, Jim Poole, the Treasurer, and Linda Derkach, our Chairperson, for providing amazing leadership to the BC Association of CRNs.

Motion #3

Moved by Jim Poole and seconded by Pat Petrala that we accept the report of the Executive Director.

Carried

4. Financial Report

Jim reminded us that we had changed auditors in March to Morrow and Co. Dorothy Buckland asked to step down as auditor and remain as our financial advisor.

Norm Grdina thanked Jim for assisting with preparation for the audit. Norm explained the difference between last year's audit and this year's because of the different funds: NCPC, Law Foundation of BC, and Gaming that we administer.

Motion #4

Moved by Jim Poole and seconded by Victor Barron that we accept the auditor's report and approve financial statements to March 31, 2006.

Carried

Motion #5

Moved by Jim Poole and seconded by Joan Reichardt that we appoint Morrow and Co. as our auditor for the fiscal year 2006 – 2007.

Carried

5. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Teleconference participants shared some local CRN happenings for the World Day

Vernon: 50 people attended a fund raiser with pamphlets and brochures and guest speakers
Revelstoke: held a ceremony honouring seniors
Castlegar: 20 people attended their event; 3 new people signed up for their CRN; 5 different articles were in the local paper; Castlegar's Mayor proclaimed the event at City Council.
Nelson: Heather did a blurb on WEAD and presented the Wise Owl (BC Hydro) program on abuse of seniors
Penticton: blitz of posters and pamphlets by 12 members and 8 volunteers. The Mayor read the proclamation. Refreshments provided by Lifeline. 103 posters were delivered and 1700 brochures were handed out. 60 businesses were invited to an information event
North Van: the city proclaimed the day, and an article was in the paper
Summerland: held a business breakfast with 18 people, Yvonne Kennedy spoke at the event and many signed up to join CRN in the Fall
Hope: article in the paper, written by a woman who was just hired, outlining who/what/where CRNs are and that the Day be observed every year
Victoria: 70-80 people were present at one of the first screenings of "A Future for Ellen" produced by BC CEAS with a discussion afterwards, articles in newspapers, and on TV
Peachland: 40 people came for a lunch and the Mayor took a poster to present city council
Parksville: display at Civic Centre, purple ribbons for their lapels, the newspaper had an article
Abbotsford: held a Strawberry Tea, with "Thomas One Man Band" and senior actors did a one act play called "Tooth or Dare". 40 people showed up
White Rock: article in the press, held an event to honour Joyce Schmalz, a pioneer in the field. 40-50 people attended
Salmon Arm: during Seniors Week, pamphlets and posters were distributed
Richmond: held Seniors Day booth that many people attended; they also had translators, held a raffle.

6. Report of Nominating Committee

Anne Reimer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on the nominating process and described the criteria used.

The following people were nominated for a two-year term to the Board of Directors:

Debb Barg
Laurie Wilson
Amanda Brown
Jim Poole
Sue Thomson
Linda Derkach
B. Braude

Motion #6

Moved by Anne Reimer and seconded by Victor Barron that the seven people listed above be elected directors for a two year term.

Carried

Anne let us know that the following directors are in the second year of a two year term:

Malerie Meeker

Heidi Pozzobon

Joan Reichardt

Anne thanked retiring directors Len Folkman and Jack Rudolph for their contributions.

7. Adjournment

Motion #7

Moved by Pat Petrel and seconded by Victor Barron that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

BC Association of Community Response Networks

Report of the Chairperson, Board of Directors

To the Annual General Meeting

June 26, 2007

Farewell

As this will be my last report to our members as Chair, I want to say that it has been an honour serving on the Board of Directors since our incorporation, and previously as we all worked together creating this unique and important organization.

The creativity and commitment that I have witnessed – both at the local and provincial level – has been inspiring. You have not taken on an easy task -building something of bricks and mortar. You have taken on something much more important – building community.

Sometimes it is hard to see any tangible evidence of where we have been, and even harder to measure whether abuse or neglect has been prevented, but we know that, because of your work, there are networks of knowledgeable, caring and connected individuals in many communities in BC who are now more aware of the issues of abuse and neglect of adults, and where to go to get help. We have also seen a huge shift in police and health authority staff working together to resolve very complicated and complex situations, many of which contain offences under the Criminal Code.

I will be retiring from the Board in June, but will continue to be connected through committee work. Your new Board of Directors will continue to need your support and ideas – and in turn will give much of their time to advancing the goals of the BC Association of CRNs. I wish you the best of luck - working together to prevent abuse and neglect.

Fundraising

Once again, your Board of Directors has largely been concerned with establishing ongoing funding for the 50 or so active CRNs in the province. Sadly, our contribution of core funding to CRNs this year was the lowest of the past ten years. On the other hand, thanks to our industrious and resourceful Executive Director, we have received a number of grants that have enabled us to work on a number of very important projects in numerous locations in the province.

For many organizations like ourselves, securing ongoing and sustainable funding is the biggest single challenge that we face. Unfortunately, it often takes our time away from the many other important goals that we want to work toward.

In April, your Board took a bold step to launch a provincial fundraising effort in the form of an Online Auction. This decision was a positive and self-empowering step, and one that has the potential to grow and thrive over the next few years. But success or failure is within our own hands. The Auction is already underway, and I encourage you to participate by....

Spreading the news about the auction to everyone you know (especially and most easily by email), and
Bidding on items in the auction.

We need both to make it a success!!!

It is easy to send information about the Auction to everyone in your Email Address Book, along with instructions on how to bid, who will benefit from funds raised—and a request to them to forward the email to their friends!

Fundraising is something that most of us don't like to do, but it is a fact of life now for our survival. Many of us donate to all kinds of charities – wildlife protection, SPCA, Cancer Research, and World Vision. Well, I believe that the work done by the members of each Community Response Network in BC is just as important – just as worthy. Here's a chance to throw your financial support behind the very worthwhile work that you do, and an opportunity to give your friends and family a chance to support your efforts as well.

Thanks

Many thanks to my fellow Board members – for their wisdom and volunteer efforts! Thanks again to Jim Poole for keeping the money straight. And finally, to Alison Leaney who is an inspiring leader, recognized throughout Canada, Europe and right to the United Nations! BC is a world leader in community building and mobilization – thanks to all of you for making it happen.

Linda Derkach, Chair
BC Association of CRNs
June 2007

Report of the Executive Director To the Fourth Annual General Meeting Of the BC Association of CRNs - June 26, 2007

1. CRN Activity Update

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 35-40 active CRNs in BC. With all the ongoing changes that continue incessantly in communities and limited funding, this is an impressive accomplishment. And as many of you know, CRNs played an amazing leadership role in hosting or co-hosting a wide variety of awareness events for the inaugural World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15th. Check out the BC Association of CRNs Bulletin #10 for a sense of what took place on World Day 2007. Congratulations to you all!

In our most recent request for funding to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch in November 2006 we reported in part, the following:

- More than 178 education sessions on various abuse/neglect prevention, community development topics with additional new topics were delivered reaching more than 3,587 people

- CRNs participated in more than 42 resource fairs to get the word out about the work they do

- Many communities created or updated community brochures, pamphlets, materials on how to get help

- 178 organizing meetings of CRNs were held to get these things to happen

- More than 10, 487 volunteer hours were contributed

2. Key Highlights

- A number of CRNs are getting re-activated including in Burnaby, Vancouver, Summerland and Chilliwack

- There is a growing interest in the CRN model in First Nations reserve communities

- I was asked to present wearing my national hat to the Senate Committee on Aging, where I stressed among other things, the need for government support in network development locally, provincially and nationally

- The "Aging Well in BC" Report of the Premier's Council on Aging recommends that the provincial government should be actively supporting CRNs and BC CEAS

- I have had the opportunity to promote BC's CRN Model and Movement in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland/Labrador

3. Provincial Supports to CRNs by BCACRN

Funding Support to CRNs

Approximately \$30,000 were provided this last March to approximately 25 CRNs based on funding applications received. Our funding application form was simplified this year and CRNs were invited to identify and prioritize a number of activities they

would like to undertake if additional funds became available. This shift was intended to make the funding provision process timelier in the future.

At the same time, as direct contributions to CRNs were even more modest than last year, a number of CRNs have raised money locally through local and regional channels such as financial institutions, health authorities, community foundations, United Way, with countless other in kind contributions in every community. Thank you for this initiative. We acknowledge this in our budgets for all funding applications.

“Gathering Wheel: Best Practices in Prevention” Project/Program -

Excerpts of the final report for this project, “Roll On” and notes from each workshop are posted on the BCACRN website. The wisdom “gathered” from all of you is impressive. Thanks to all of you who shared your wisdom, to **April Struthers**, our evaluator and the CRN Mentors Team for workshop design, delivery and shaping the final reports. Thanks also to **Asja Major, Vera Lagasse** and the Joint Management Working Group of the National Crime Prevention Centre for funding us to do this important project.

Our learnings from this project include: a very clear recognition that CRNs are primarily involved in primary and secondary prevention and that there is a ladder of possible CRN activities that become more and more difficult to achieve because of their complexity and need for high levels of collaboration. The lack of funds CRNs are experiencing is resulting in many communities having their activities restricted to less complex CRN activities. This is very sad as it limits the incredible potential of what CRNs have to offer. Resources that can be relied upon for part-time coordination are critical to the sustenance and full realization of potential of BC’s CRN Movement.

Legal Remedies for Financial Abuse/Crime Project/Program -

20 workshops covering even more communities have been delivered by **Kathy Doerksen** and **Yvonne Kennedy** over the last year. Preliminary evaluation results are showing that the workshops were attended by an average of 15-20 participants overall, that they have increased membership in local CRNs and that more people are clearer on which agency has access to which legal tools to respond to financial abuse/crime. Thanks to Kathy and Yvonne for their gifted leadership on this project and to all the local CRN coordinators, chairs and other members who were instrumental in “getting the community out”. A number of these gatherings have attracted local media coverage, further raising the profile of local CRNs and the BCACRN provincially. Thanks also to the many members of the Project Advisory Group for providing valuable input on the workshop content and design, our evaluator, **Jeff Sommers** of Strathcona Research Group, and to our legal advisor, **Hugh McLellan** of McLellan Herbert. We are very grateful to **Daphne Morrison, Linda Mix** and the Board of Governors at the Law Foundation of BC for the funds they have provided to undertake this important legal education initiative.

Provincial Public Awareness Campaign and Raising the Profile of CRNs and the BCACRN –

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2006 – More than 20 CRNs held events for the World Day last year as outlined in the World Day edition of our Bulletin. These activities attracted local media attention supported by a press release broadcast organized by BCACRN. In addition, a number of CRNs worked to have the World Day proclaimed at the civic level. Between the efforts of CRNs and members of the Coalition of Senior Citizens Organizations, more than 30 communities proclaimed the World Day in 2006. The BCACRN's World Day bulletin was posted on the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA) website for people from far and wide to see.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2007 – Many communities are once again mobilizing for the World Day with access to national posters, tool kits and BCACRN brochures and Online Auction promotional bookmarks as resources.

Possible Airing of PSAs - For the first time ever we are hopeful that our leadership will result in the airing of three Public Service Announcements on financial, emotional and physical abuse of seniors, produced in Ontario by the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Saatchi and Saatchi by the TV network with the largest viewership in the province. Stay tuned!!!

Website Renewal –The BCACRN website has become a site of greater use to both CRNs as well as others from across Canada who may be interested in the CRN Movement, and possibly developing a Movement of their own. Key changes in the last year include our name change, adding the logo and tag line look, updating the contacts and links. Stats indicate that our website has had over 22, 667 visitors over the last year. This represents a very significant increase and we will be further analyzing other stats the site provides to assist us with future planning. Thanks to **Heather von Ilberg** and the Website Task Group, and **Clint, Inge**, and **Chris** of Ingenius Webdesign for your continued work on adding the wealth of resources being developed to our website.

Outreach to External Audiences – Over the last year we have been working hard to create a database of friends of the CRN Movement, but people who aren't members of CRNs and in December we launched "Connections", our first externally oriented communiqué.

An Active Presence at Conferences - Over the last year the BCACRN has made presentations and/or hosted booths at the following provincial conferences: BC Crime Prevention Association Conference, Canadian Conference for Elder Law Studies, BC & Yukon Society of Transition Houses,

Healing Families/Healing Communities, BC Retired Government Employees Association.

In addition, Brigitte Wagner, formerly of Interior Health and I were invited to present on Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act and CRNs at the International Federation of Social Workers 50th Anniversary conference in Munich, Germany.

Connecting with CRNs -

Mentors Team Supports to CRNs – The Mentor Team members and the areas they serve are

- **Heather Archer** - covering CRNs in the Thompson Health Services Area, plus 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke
- **Kathy Doerksen** - covering CRNs in the Fraser Valley, Lower Mainland, and to some degree, the North (Kathy and I share the North)
- **Yvonne Kennedy** - covering CRNs in the North and South Okanagan with the exception of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm
- **April Struthers** - covering CRNs on the Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky and Vancouver Island
- **Heather von Ilberg** - covering CRNs in the East and West Kootenays

The Mentors Team which meets via teleconference 10 times per year has continued to build and maintain phone and email connections with less than \$5,000 each a year at their disposal, and in some cases with additional funds, have offered workshops. They are a wonderful team all with unique gifts which they pool to pull off amazing feats with very modest financial resources. Thanks to all of you for everything you do with such passion and commitment; you are integral to our organization.

Other Communications with CRNs -Eleven provincial CRN teleconferences have been held over the last year to facilitate the funding, reporting and application process, to provide an update on the resource development direction undertaken by the Association, including developing a provincial/local approach to building relationships with MLAs, Gatekeeper Programs, orientation to those new to the CRN Movement, and the Theory of Change process.

Thanks so much to **Marlyn Ferguson** who provides our Association with administrative support and is the hub who keeps us all connected and in touch. Her can- do attitude makes everything possible!!!

BCACRN Resource Development Activities -

As you know the Association is using a multi-pronged approach to raising funds increasingly necessary to finance the CRN supports outlined above.

Building Relationships with Elected Provincial Officials

This was a major focus over the last year. In most cases we met with the following ministers and MLAs for the first time, so we were acquainting them with BC's CRN Movement. BCACRN met with Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, John Les, Solicitor General, Tessa Graham on behalf of George Abbott, Minister of Health, and Tom Christenson, Minister of Children and Family Development. In addition, we met with the following NDP critics: Katrine Conroy, Raj Chouhan, and Adrian Dix. Thanks so much to Jane Osborne, Patience Lee, Kathy Doerksen, Renee Angelvette, Dianne de Champlain, Elaine Gallacher, Yvonne Kennedy, Estella Torres, Amanda Brown, Heather von Ilberg and Sandi McCreight for your most passionate descriptions of what CRNs do and what they could do with a stable and reliable funding base.

These meetings were followed up with the development of a business case which was submitted to all four Ministers, plus Attorney General Wally Oppal. We are in the process of hearing back and follow up meetings are being planned.

Submission to the Premier's Council on Aging – the BCACRN made a submission to this Council at the recommendation of local CRN leadership. Our submission resulted in the following recommendation appearing in the "Aging Well in BC" Report prepared by Dr Patricia Baird: "Volunteer organizations such as BCCEAS and CRNs play an important role in raising awareness and preventing and acting against abuse. These are examples of valuable volunteer delivered services at the community level which should be actively supported by government" We will be following up on this with the various Ministers and implementation team.

First Ever Provincial Online Auction – We are very grateful to Elaine Gallacher, Tara Greenberg and Colleen McKenna of Etc. Consulting for their very able convening of this new and innovative initiative. Much of the detailed important groundwork has been laid to have this be a very lucrative enterprise in the future. Many relationships have been established with the business community which will be very ably tapped by this team with lots of lead time for next year. I would like to acknowledge all individuals and businesses which have donated to the Provincial Online Auction. Please check out the Auction for details!!!

Funds Applied for/ Raised - In addition to funding from the Law Foundation of BC, (in its last few months) the BCACRN is grateful to the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. Most recently we received funds from the

Solicitor General for First Nations Mentoring. We are also continually appreciative of the very generous in kind support of office space, meeting space, unlimited toll free teleconferencing and long distance calling, as well as photocopying that we receive from the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. The PGTBC also provided a grant for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Thanks again **Jay Chalke!!!**

Unsuccessful funding submissions in the last year include: Ministry of Community Services, NCPS, Westminster Savings Credit Union and the VanCity Award. Submissions we have yet to hear back about include: Ashoka and Hydrecs. For many of these submissions I have requested letters of support from CRN members. I can't tell you how great it feels to get thirty letters from people outlining the importance of the work you all do. It has been very moving. Thank you to all the support letter writers.

Other Supports to the BCACRN -

At this time I would also like to acknowledge our community conscious accountant, **Dorothy Buckland, CGA** and **Janice Dack**, our efficient and precise bookkeeper. Together they have been instrumental in helping us refine our budget and financial statement formats with more suggestions for improvement being suggested by our Auditor **Norm** of Morrow and Co. Thanks Norm for your great ideas. Thanks also to **Richard Bridge** who has provided legal consultation over this last year.

Rick Leong and his team at Precision Graphics have continued to be incredibly generous and ever so quickly responsive to our printing needs. We have a new contact, **Matthew Lehmann of Mainstay Computing** who also recently provided incredible data recovery and technological consultation support.

4. My PGT Related Activities That are Supportive to CRNs

The following initiatives have taken place over the last year:

- I still convene the BC Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention Collaborative, of which the Association is a member. The Collaborative meets approximately 6 times a year to identify projects for further work to facilitate a coordinated provincial approach to addressing adult abuse and neglect. The Collaborative is about 6 months into a Law Foundation of BC funded project to collect detailed data that will enable it to take action and make recommendations on a variety of issues impacting adults who are, or are at risk of being abused – immigration/sponsorship, lack of access to justice, confusion regarding various tests of incapability among diverse professions, to name a few.
- I continue to hold teleconferences with clinicians in designated agencies from throughout BC to share what is happening and to help address systemic issues. In addition, all 7 designated agencies have identified point people for their organizations to make liaising and working together easier. A second smaller

group of DA Key Contacts (1 rep from each DA plus the PGT) has been established to maximize most efficient use of resources, facilitate information sharing and create a more consistent approach throughout the province.

- Outreach to First Nations on Reserve and Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults –Dialogue 2: IRS Settlements: Building Capacity to Prevent Financial Abuse was held this last March involving community leaders from approximately 20 First Nations communities. CRN Mentors and Coordinators were involved in this session where we learned of significant interest in the CRN model by FN community leaders.
- The new police/DA training initiative was launched in the Lower Mainland last June to bring key contacts in police, designated agencies, victim services, the PGT and CRNs together to develop stronger working relationships. The response was overwhelmingly positive and since then additional sessions have been held in Terrace, Prince George and Vancouver.
- The care facility admission provisions of the Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act were passed this spring, and will be coming into effect by regulation. Bill 29, the bill to reform guardianship, documents for planning ahead and to make improvements to the Abuse and Neglect provisions have passed first reading.

5. The Year Ahead

The BCACRN's priorities for the next year include –

- Raising funds including core funds for CRNs locally and provincially using a diverse array of strategies (including from government)
- Using the Theory of Change Process and the need to evaluate CRNs and locate them solidly on the promising approaches/best practices continuum to give this work the profile it deserves and to fund it properly
- Concluding the “Legal Remedies for Financial Abuse/Crime” Project and developing a proposal to follow up with more specific sessions working with financial institutions based on a pilot of this sort held recently by the North Shore CRN
- Maintaining and strengthening the relationship between the BCACRN provincially, CRNs locally , and First Nations communities interested in capacity building
- Reviewing our provincial/local communications to see how they can be improved
- Exploring technological improvements to better electronically connect all CRNs with the BCACRN
- Establishing a volunteer development program for the Association at the provincial level

- Continuing to build partnerships and raise the profile of the CRN movement on the national and international stage through moving to the role of Past Chair of the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

A Final Note of Appreciation.....

The last year has been exciting, challenging, a time of ever emerging opportunities and constant building. We wouldn't all have accomplished as much as we have without the strong leadership provided by our Board of Directors who are of course all volunteers. My most sincere thanks to all of the following Board members: Joan Reichardt, Amanda Brown, Malerie Meeker, Heidi Pozzobon, Sue Thomson, and B. Braude. Special thanks to our Executive:

- **Debb Enyinnah (Barg)** –our Secretary who keeps the minutes and offers such appreciated warm words of encouragement
- **Jim Poole** – our Treasurer who pays close attention to all our financial details including financial management, budgeting and audit liaison. This is a huge and complex job

Our chair has been **Linda Derkach**, who has continued to make an immense contribution in terms of keeping us organized and acting as a sounding board for me. Linda began supporting the CRN Movement in BC more than 12 years ago as Director of Implementation of the Adult Guardianship Legislation at the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. She has continued this support as a tireless volunteer for the last 4 years. Linda is stepping down as chair. Speaking on behalf of the province wide community of CRNs, thank you Linda for all your gifts, and your passion for and belief in what CRNs are all about. Thank you for leading the launching of the BCACRN, a really big job but one that will change the fabric of communities forever.

Respectfully Submitted by

Alison Leaney
Executive Director
BC Association of Community Response Networks
June 2007

**Report of the Nominating Committee
Of the BC Association of Community Response Networks
Regarding the Next Year's Board of Directors
June 11, 2007**

There are:

4 possible directors running as a slate for election to this next year's Board and

5 current directors completing the second year of their two year terms

for a total of 9 directors in all.

Proposed New Directors to be Elected

The following have agreed to stand for election as new directors or for a new two year term to the Board at this AGM

1. Alana Abramson – North Shore CRN Leadership Team

Alana Abramson is a passionate advocate, researcher, practitioner and trainer in the area of restorative justice. She completed her Masters at Simon Fraser University in 2005 in the area of community and restorative justice. With a background in crisis intervention and suicide awareness in schools and community, she now works to improve the lives of those impacted by crime and conflict. Alana also teaches Criminology at Kwantlen University College and is involved in many non-project initiatives within community and prison settings. She cares deeply about social justice and peacemaking and has a lot of energy to advance the causes she stands behind.

2. Leanne Lange – the BC Ass'n of CRN's Link to Fraser Health Authority

For the past ten years Leanne has worked in Assessment and Investigation Services at the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. In this role she provided education, consultation, and has taken action to protect the interests of vulnerable adults who are being abused or neglected. During this time she also had the opportunity to offer information and support to former residents of Woodlands School. Last year she completed a temporary assignment with Vancouver Coastal Health. She worked on the front lines in two Community Health Centres in Vancouver. On June 25th, 2007 she will take on the role of Clinical Specialist, Adult Abuse and Neglect at Fraser Health. In this position she will lead the organization in its delivery of care to vulnerable and incapable adults who may be experiencing abuse and neglect. She feels she has a variety of skills to bring to the Board of Directors of the BCACRN including her interest in learning more about fundraising. When not working, she enjoys living on the north shore of Port Moody with her husband and two active daughters.

3. Joan Reichardt – CRN Member from Nelson

Joan is running for her second term on the BCACRN Board, in addition to being a Board member for a number of different agencies in Nelson, including the Seniors Coordinating Society, the Housing Society, the Community First Health Cooperative, and the Health Task Force. In addition she is currently on the Board of the Seniors Network of BC and is an appointed reviewer for New Horizons Grants. During her working life she was the administrator for over 25 years of a multi-service organization with 27 different health programs including home support, an adult day program, meals on wheels, and services to persons with disabilities. In this capacity she formulated new programs and successfully raised operational funds. She has played a leadership role in the home support realm both provincially and nationally in addition to locally and was among the first to put the need for greater awareness of addressing abuse and neglect on the agenda in this capacity. She has been aware of the adult guardianship legislation since the early 1990s and has recently reconnected with the Nelson CRN. She has served one term on the BCACRN board and is seeking election for a second term. She is an avid reader and gardener, a mother and a grandmother. She is a long time advocate on a variety of seniors issues.

4. Stan Rule

Stan is a lawyer at the law firm of Tinker, Churchill, Rule who works with people, assisting them with estate planning, probate and estate administration. He also assists people in resolving disputes about wills and estates. He has a blog, where he writes about some of the legal topics that he deals with in his law practice, and about other legal issues that interest him. In doing so, he hopes to help others learn more about law, and encourage discussion about law and law reform. Stan recently assisted with a presentation at the BCACRN sponsored Financial Abuse/Crime workshop in Kelowna.

Continuing Directors

The following 5 Board directors have one year left in their two year terms of office and are therefore continuing on the Board:

1. Amanda Brown - BC Ass'n of CRN's link to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority

Amanda, a social worker, is Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's regional lead on issues related to the Adult Guardianship Act and abuse, neglect and self-neglect of vulnerable adults. Her role is to support staff, provide education, develop and roll out materials related to VCH responsibilities and to work and partner with community agencies working in this area. Amanda was one of the founding members of the North Shore's CRN, and was their co-chair from 2001 – 2004. Amanda has a particular interest in integrating less formal supports into community responses in keeping with the spirit of least intrusive most effective in the legislation so that all resources are used most appropriately. Amanda lives on the North Shore with her husband and two young sons.

2. Debb Enyinnah (Barg)– CRN member from Penticton

Debb has been the Coordinator of the Crisis Line in Penticton since the year 2000. She has a background in education, first working at the College level, and now enjoys providing training for volunteers. She has been involved in many community activities over the years

and has participated enthusiastically in the Penticton Community Response Network, seeing the Network as vital to the work of the Crisis Line. Debb looks forward to continuing on the provincial Board.

3. Jim Poole – CRN member from Delta

Jim is a member of the current BC Association of CRNs Board and has acted in the role of founding treasurer and ongoing treasurer to the BC CRN Foundation/BC Association of CRNs Board giving excellent guidance and support throughout. Jim has served as chairperson of the Delta CRN, since its inception in 1997 until/ 2003. He is now a community member of the Delta CRN. As well as his work with Delta CRN Jim, along with others, helped revitalize the Surrey CRN. Jim has been involved in social services for all of his working career and has been involved in various aspects of fundraising, public relations and other related activities

4. Sue Thomson – White Rock

Susan has 28 years experience as an administrator working with a non-profit society to address the changing and growing needs of seniors in the White Rock community. She has a degree in Sociology/Psychology and helped write a training course for Care Aides with the Vancouver Vocational Institute. She has also completed training in Labour Relations and a variety of communication courses. Sue has been concerned about the rights of seniors throughout her 28 years of service in White Rock, sees that issues of abuse and neglect are still a concern and is passionate about working hard on the Board to help bring about further improvements. She identifies skills in “developing grant applications, organizational issues, education and a passion to go beyond the status quo”. She has had some involvement with the local CRN. In her off time, Sue is a member of Backroads Hiking Club, Langley Garden Club and she enjoys hiking, skiing, scuba diving, gardening, wine-making, traveling and reading.

5. Laurie Wilson – Penticton

Laurie obtained her LLB from UBC School of Law in 2000 and since 2004 has worked as the Family Law Advocate providing legal advocacy and legal education in areas related to family law for the 7 bands of the Okanagan Nation at the Okanagan Nation Transition and Emergency House in Penticton. She also has extensive experience working for the Penticton Indian Band as an in-home care worker, and financial aid worker. Although she has not been a member of the Penticton CRN, a number of her relatives have had a connection with it and she has a sense that her family has a lot in common with how CRNs function. She is an accomplished traditional Okanagan artist and mentors younger artists finding their way. She has experience in conference organizing, facilitation, proposal and press release writing, and analysis of legal issues impacting First Nations people. She also has experience in the area of business and economic development. Laurie is very proud of her 5 well established adult children whom she raised as a single parent. And her 4 grandsons are “absolute treasures”. Laurie also loves to garden.