



BC ASSOCIATION OF

Community Response Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ...Together.

Introduction to BC CRN

An Overview of the
BC Association of Community Response Networks
&
BC's Adult Guardianship Act

Today's Objectives

- To provide an overview of what BC CRN is and how it works.
- To clarify the connection between the Adult Guardianship Act and how it relates to the work of BC CRN and the local CRNs.
- To provide an overview of how a CRN works.

Agenda

- What is BC CRN?
- BC CRN's Key Relationships
- Overview of the Adult Guardianship Act
- What is a CRN?
- Questions

BC CRN's Vision



- Safe communities where adults are valued, respected, and free from abuse and neglect.

What is BC CRN?

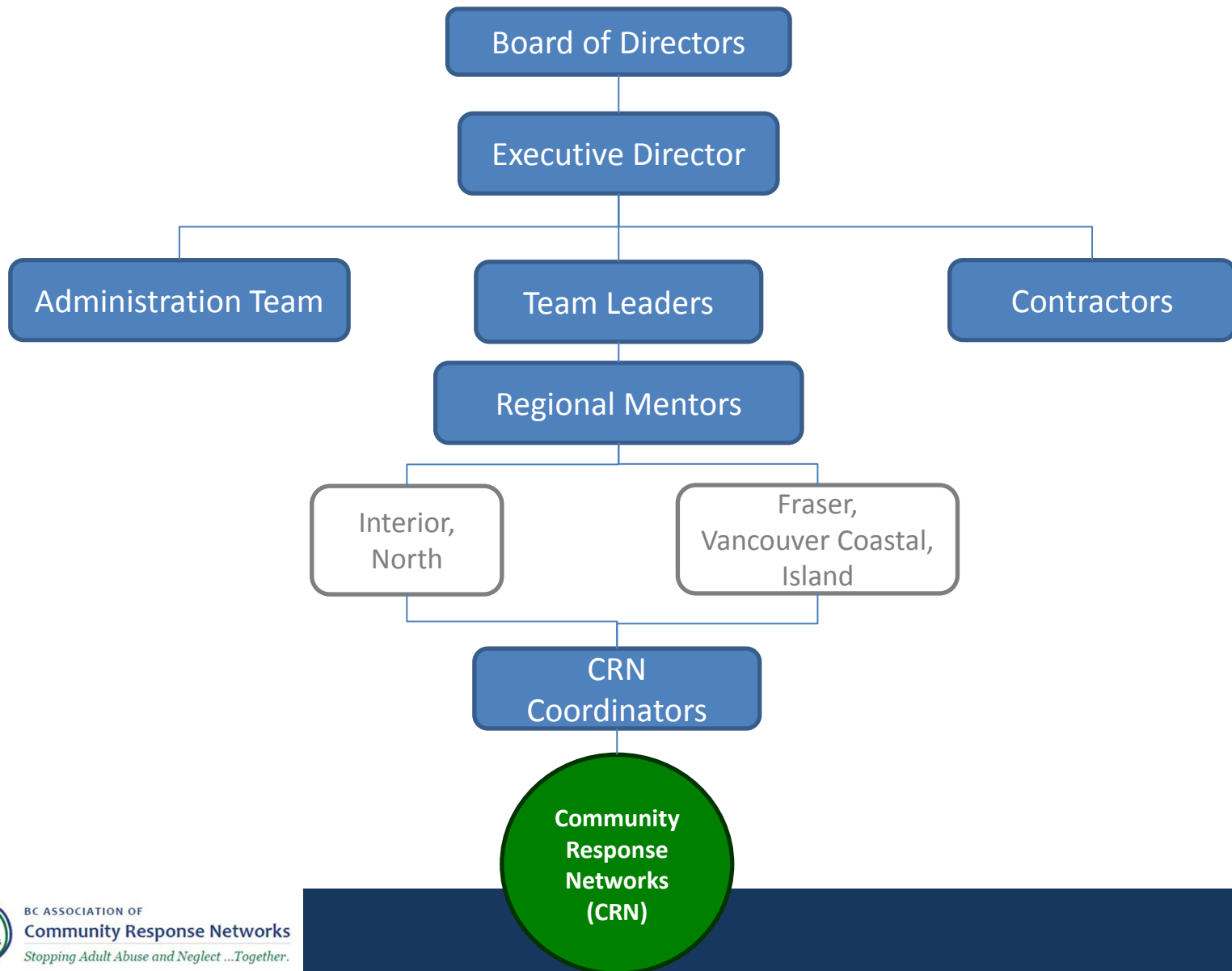
- Provincial umbrella organization.
- Supports development of coordinated community responses.
- Provides education, resources.
- Supports provincial, national, international initiatives.



BC CRN Guiding Principles

- Inclusion.
- Meaningful participation.
- Sharing leadership and influence.
- Assumption of capability and building capacity.

BC CRN Organizational Structure



BC CRN's Key Relationships

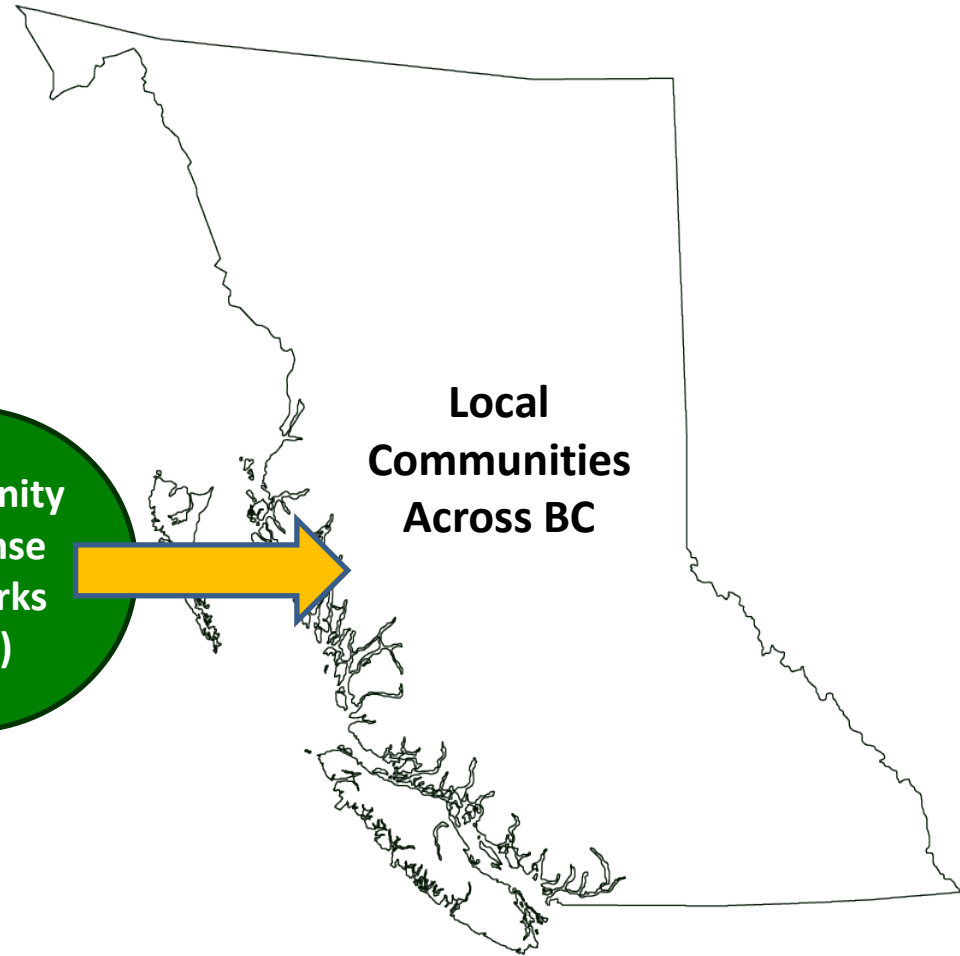
- Adult Guardianship Act.
- Ministry of Health, Community Gaming, other project funders.
- *Together to Reduce Elder Abuse (TREA) Strategy.*
- Provincial, national, international organizations.



BC
CRNs

Community
Response
Networks
(CRN)

Local
Communities
Across BC



BC CRN Guided by BC's Adult Guardianship Act

- Adults and those around them may need support, assistance if they are experiencing
 - Abuse.
 - Neglect.
 - Self-neglect.

Adult Guardianship Act (Part 3): Guiding Principles

- Self determination.
- Presumption of capability.
- Different ways of communicating.
- Least intrusive, least restrictive, most effective forms of support.
- Court as the last resort.



Adult Guardianship Act (Part 4): Responses to Adult Abuse & Neglect

- Designated agencies have a duty to investigate reports of abuse, access legal tools.
- Coordinated community response through organizations such as BC CRN, and local community response networks (CRNs).

Adult Guardianship Act (Part 4): Designated Agencies

- Regional health authorities:
 - Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).
 - Fraser Health (FH).
 - Northern Health (NH).
 - Interior Health (IH).
 - Island Health (VIH).
 - Providence Health (PHC).
- Community Living BC (CLBC).

BC CRN Programs & Services

In Person

- Monthly provincial learning events (teleconference).
- Mentor support.
- *It's Not Right!* training.
- *Gatekeeper* training.
- CRN community of practice.

Electronic/Print/Other

- BC CRN web.
(www.bccrns.ca)
- BC CRN E-Connector, Post
- *Spread the Word on Adult Abuse & Neglect.*
- *CRN Guide & Toolkit.*
- *Intergenerational Community Guide.*
- Project grants.

BC CRN Funding

- BC CRN is a registered non-profit society, and charitable organization.
- Financially supported by
 - Contract with the Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Finance – Gaming
 - Over \$666,000* of in-kind donations

*for 2015/2016

What is a CRN?



- **Community Response Networks** are **diverse** groups of concerned citizens who work **together** to create a **coordinated** community response to adult abuse and neglect.



Goals of a CRN

- Improve community response to individuals experiencing adult abuse, neglect.
- Educate communities about abuse and neglect prevention.
- Develop community's ability to respond to adult abuse, neglect, self neglect.

Role of a CRN

What it Does

- Address adult abuse, neglect as a community issue affecting everyone.
- Build awareness, relationships.
- Educate.
- Advocate for better coordination of supports and services.

What it Does Not Do

- Manage individual cases.
- Monitor, supervise designated agencies.
- Deliver services, programs, to individuals.
- Act as a legal entity.



Current **63** active
CRNs in **142**
communities.



Together We Can Stop Adult Abuse & Neglect



- Legislation alone doesn't keep people safe. Communities keep people safe.

Questions?

