



BC Association of Community Response Networks

Provincial BCACRN Teleconference Review

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Project Updates

Key Issue 1. Vanguard Project Update

The Vanguard project is posted on the Canadian Centre for Elder Law (CCEL) website <<http://www.bcli.org/ccel/projects/vanguard>> .

CRNs to submit proposals for Pilot Projects in one of three categories...

1. Immigration, Abuse & Capacity
2. Financial institutions
3. Abuse & Neglect Mentors

Key Issue 2. New Horizons Application Update

BCACRN applied for \$100,000 for 10-11 regional conferences and outreach.

Note of Appreciation: BCACRN received many beautiful letters of support from various agencies and individuals, which will be posted and shared with CRNs.

Key Issue 3. Meeting with staff from the Ombudsman's office

BCACRN staff presented strategies and recommendations. We hope that the positive response at the meeting (i.e., that BCACRN and Community Response Networks provide an excellent mechanism to keep people safe; are a necessary part of prevention of abuse and neglect; and should be funded.) will be reflected in the Office of the Ombudsman's report on systemic abuse.

Key Issue 4. Promotion of CRNs

Many people seem to be surprised that CRNs are out there, vibrant and integral to our community; it's a big disservice not to let public know who we are, what we do (for example, we should be listed in the front pages of the phone book). We need to promote the existences of CRNs and educate fire and police department and other first responders about abuse.

4 Key Issue 5. WEAAD plans

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15— CRNs should have received World Elder Abuse Awareness Day packages. The Government of British Columbia will be issuing a proclamation again this year, which CRNs can use. The federal government is airing public service announcements in June. BCACRN will publish "*Connections 2009*" outlining activities around the province.

