



Section 1 – Background Information / Definitions

- **What is a CRN?**
 - Group of people who are interested in prevention of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults, that includes agency/organisation representatives as well as individual citizens and that:
 - Welcomes everyone; not just service providers, but business, faith communities, etc.
 - Practices active power-sharing – talks about and acknowledges differences in power
 - Utilises a community development approach and lives the principles of inclusiveness, equality of voices, mutual teaching and learning
 - Coordinating mechanism for the community to work towards improving prevention (primary focus) and intervention in adult abuse and neglect
 - Targets all vulnerable adults; not just those who fall under Guardianship Legislation
 - Is different from a network of service providers or an interdisciplinary committee that meets to address specific cases/issues
 - Learning communities that work in partnership with the BC Association of CRNs
- **What is it that CRNs must and must not do?**
 - CRNs must:
 - Be open and available to everyone and actively encourage participation by all community members to create a coordinated community responses
 - Build supportive, peer relationships between members
 - Create inclusive, respectful, supportive settings for interaction
 - Provide community, public and professional education
 - Support development of agency, inter-agency and community protocols
 - Track how the community response is working
 - Do systemic advocacy
 - CRNs must not:
 - Deliver direct services to abused and/or neglected adults
 - Tell service delivery agencies and organisations what to do
 - Discuss actual individuals' situations in the context of a CRN meeting; although
 - Some individual members may respond to specific cases as part of their work or affiliation with an agency from whom they have liability protection
 - Others will offer information and referrals to agencies, community organisations and/or individuals that do provide services; refraining from advice-giving or personal involvement in the adult's situation

Section 2 – 6 Thinking Hats Evaluation (Follow-up)

- **What has changed since the 6 Thinking Hats evaluation in November 2007?**
 1. Pursuit of creative and new funding ideas and strategies
 - On-line auction, legacy giving, consulting revenue
 2. Better recognition nationally, provincially
 - In demand nationally to share expertise and ideas
 - Positioned to be primary provincial prevention association for adult abuse and neglect
 3. Pursuing research funding
 - See next section
 4. Charging for our expertise
 - Ideas / designs for community-based prevention (consulting contracts)
 - Relies on national reputation
 5. More collaborations

- Vanguard Project in cooperation with the BC Adult Abuse/Neglect Prevention Collaborative
- BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support re: funding opportunities
- Vancouver Coastal Health to develop First Nations Re:Act
- CNPEA and the RCMP nationally on the Seniors Knowledge Exchange Project
- 6. More well established relationships with Health Authorities and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport
- 7. More linking to systemic issues
 - Housing, abuse and neglect in care facilities
- 8. First Nations initiatives progressing
 - 3 possible new CRNs – FN centred or significant participation
- **What are some of the efforts around fund raising since this exercise?**
 1. Working to increase gaming funding year over year (based on new reporting) which has been successful already
 2. Vanguard implementation funding – result of collaboration strategy
 3. Canadian Council for Learning on Adult Learning
 4. Developed a revised grants matrix with application deadlines, requirements, contact info ... and pursuing appropriate opportunities
 5. Enhanced marketing strategy to raise the profile of the organization and of the Online Auction

Section 3 – Growth of the Movement (Big Picture Strategies)

1. Create a formal strategy for development as a centre of excellence for abuse and neglect prevention
 - Provincial
 - Lead Association for adult abuse and neglect prevention – intentional focus on wide umbrella that includes all at risk adults (not just elders)
 - Develop curriculum for the Justice Institute
 - Federal and Inter-provincial collaborations / initiatives
 - CNPEA / ONPEA and other associations / groups doing the work
 - Work with Federal Ministries on request – possibly 2 new initiatives building on earlier work – more information will be shared as it is confirmed
 - Exploring opportunities to collaborate with the National Institute for the Care of the Elderly or NICE Network’s “Elder Abuse Theme Team”
 - Facilitating a 2 day event to support Saskatchewan to enhance their abuse response processes and to develop a provincial network
2. Initiate / participate in research including
 - Pursue partnerships with research institutions to do community-based research
 - Evaluate and document the efficacy of community response networks
3. Develop new revenue streams
 - Package our products in a way that is marketable (web store)
 - Sell our expertise and ideas (consulting contracts)
4. Develop and pursue a grant writing strategy
 - Government funders
 - Non-government funders
 - Foundations, Financial Institutions, ...

Section 4 – Questions for Local CRNs (Local Strategies)

For this conference call

- How would you like to grow?
- What are the first couple of steps that you need to take to make this happen?

For future conference calls

- What is something that you want to learn about from another CRN?
- What behaviour does your CRN exhibit that actualises the CRN values of welcome, inclusiveness, power sharing and equality of voices?
- What is the single most important thing your CRN can do to make a difference in your community?
- What needs to happen to ensure sustainability?