

BC CRN Foundation
Supporting CRNs in BC

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect - Together

ANNUAL REPORT

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BC Foundation to Support Community Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect

Annual General Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 17, 2005
TIME: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
PLACE: 700-808 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC
and
By Teleconference

Agenda

1:00 Welcome – Linda Derkach, Chair

- Introduction of current Board Members
- Roll call of members and other participants

1:25 Minutes of June 14, 2004

1:30 Report of the Board Directors to the Members – Linda Derkach

1:40 Report of the Executive Director – Alison Leaney

1:50 Financial Report – Jim Poole

- Financial Statements for 2004/2005
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2:15 Establishment of a Constitution and Bylaws Working Group

2:30 Report of the Nominating Committee –

- Election of Directors

2:50 Other Business

3:00 Adjournment

BC Foundation to Support Community Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect

First Annual General Meeting
June 14, 2004

Minutes

Chair: Linda Derkach **Secretary:** Kathy Doerksen

Executive Director: Alison Leaney

Foundation Members Present in

Person or by Phone:

Diann Bastian, Vernon

Jane Rowe, Kamloops

Elizabeth Armstrong, Chilliwack
Shirley Carlisle, Hope
Chris Dunlop, Quesnel
Carol McFadyen, Kelowna
Marjorie Gove, Peachland
Debb Barg, Penticton
Susan Ramsay, Gibsons/Sechelt
Glenda Brommeland, Prince George
Lou Drage, Parksville/Qualicum
Shirley Dobson, Ashcroft
Len Folkman, Creston
Sandra-Jean Jackson, Castlegar
Mary McMillan, Williams Lake
Nancy Boyce, Saltspring Island
Joan Feyrer, Victoria
Donna Godwin, Sidney
Joan Titus, Sooke/ Westshore
Lynn Mace, Elk Valley
Sandra Pughe, Mission
Pamela Peckett-Wray
Bev Peacock, Maple Ridge
Jennifer Fenn, Grand Forks
Lilla Tipton (alternate), Powell River
Janet Dahr, Surrey
Ellen Woodrow, North Shore
Christina Ragneborg, Abbotsford
Jim Poole, Delta
Jack Rudolph, Prince Rupert

Valentina Wodjna, Burnaby/New
Westminster

Eva Busich-Veloso, Richmond

Other Participants

Shannon Green, Vernon

Donna Beenan, Armstrong/Enderby

Heather Archer, Kamloops
Ronalee Stevens, Kamloops
Laura Arason, (Sea-to-Sky)
Mary Gradnitzer, Quesnel
Sheila McIntyre, Quesnel
Sheri Wood (and 2 nursing
students), Kelowna
Bill Downie, Kelowna
Marg Grono, Peachland
Anne Reimer, Penticton
Joyce Erikson, Penticton
Yvonne Kennedy, Penticton
April Struthers, Gibsons/Sechelt
Cathy Pedlow, Gibsons/Sechelt
Kelly Plamondon, Prince George
Lola Cook, Parksville/Qualicum
Jan Larson, Ashcroft
Jean Huba, Ashcroft
Ferne Senecal, Kimberley and
Cranbrook
Corrine Parrott, South Surrey/ White
Rock
Shirlee Ludwig, Revelstoke

Menghia Nicholson, Revelstoke
Heather von Ilberg, Nelson
Janice Breck, Williams Lake
Irene Willsie, Williams Lake
Nansi Blenkiron, Victoria
Maira Tait, Victoria
Pam Fischer, Trail

Other Participants (cont'd)

Natalie Brasard, Smithers
Carol Ryan, Fort St. John
Carolyn Wheat, Fort St. John
Maggie Staples, Kaslo
Astrid Greene, Queen Charlotte
Island / Haida Gwaii
Annette Kranlachner, Dawson Creek
Geraldine Lunde, Maple Ridge
Shannon Daw, Merritt
Bob Ruttenburg, Merritt
Kathy Keetley, Powell River
Trish Gauntlett, North Shore
Kathy Doerksen, Abbotsford
Marlyn Ferguson, Staff

Guests:

Dorothy Buckland, Auditor and
Accountant
Jay Chalke, Public Guardian and
Trustee
Indiana Matters, PGT

BC CRN Foundation members and other CRN members and coordinators participated in person at the office of the Public Guardian and Trustee in Vancouver, British Columbia, and by way of teleconference.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Derkach welcomed everyone to the first annual general meeting of the Foundation and introduced the current Board of Directors. She declared that notice of the meeting had been duly given to all the members, the meeting was regularly called and duly constituted for the transaction of business.

Alison Leaney performed a roll call of members and it was determined that 36 members, constituting a quorum, were present at the meeting.

2. Special Guest – Jay Chalke

Jay Chalke, Public Guardian and Trustee of BC, welcomed members and guests to the PGT's offices and to the first annual general meeting of the Foundation. He commended the founding board of directors for their hard work as well as thanking CRNs across the province for their perseverance in their work in communities.

3. Board of Directors' Report

Linda Derkach, chair of the board, presented the Board's report. She highlighted the past year's work and outlined some of the future work to be undertaken.

4. Executive Director's Report

Alison Leaney presented her report. She highlighted CRN activities and reported that as of April 19, 2004 she now works half-time for the Public Guardian and Trustee as the Adult Guardianship Community Development Coordinator and half-time for the Foundation as the Executive Director. She acknowledged the work of the board of directors and thanked Jay Chalke.

Upon a motion by Valentina Wojna and seconded by Lilla Tipton, it was resolved that the Directors' report and the Executive Director's report be approved.
Carried.

5. Financial Report

Jim Poole, treasurer, introduced the accountant and auditor, Dorothy Buckland, CGA who reported on the financial statements for the past fiscal year.

Upon a motion by Jack Rudolph and seconded by Jim Poole, it was resolved that the financial statements of the Foundation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, hereby be approved.

Carried

6. Appointment of Auditor

Upon a motion made by Jim Poole and seconded by Lilla Tipton, it was resolved that Dorothy Buckland be and is hereby appointed as the auditor of the fiscal year April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005.

Carried.

7. Special Business

Upon a motion made by Kathy Doerksen and seconded by Anne Reimer, it was resolved that the Bylaws of the Foundation be amended by:

- a) adding hereto the following as a new Bylaw 5.24:

“5.24 Additional Directors

The directors may appoint one or more additional directors between annual general meetings, but the number of additional directors appointed under Bylaw 5.24 shall not at any time exceed 3 during any such period. Any director so appointed ceases to hold office immediately before the next election or appointment of directors under Bylaw 5.4, but is eligible for re-election or reappointment at such meeting.”

Carried

Upon a motion by Kathy Doerksen and seconded by Ellen Woodrow, it was resolved that the Bylaws of the Foundation be amended by:

- b) deleting the existing Bylaw 5.10 and substituting therefore the following as a new Bylaw 5.10:

“5.10 Directors Eligibility

A person must be a member of the Foundation to be eligible for election as a director of the Foundation by the members pursuant to Bylaw 5.4, but a person appointed as an additional director pursuant to Bylaw 5.24 need not be a member of the Foundation.”

Carried

Upon a motion made by Kathy Doerksen and seconded by Shannon Green, the list of Networks (Community Response Networks) as circulated to the members of the Foundation, and attached to these minutes, be approved with the following corrections:

- Elk Valley Community Response Network to be changed to Elk Valley Community Resource Network
- Grand Forks Community Response Network to be changed to Boundary Community Response Network
- Ridge Meadows Community Response Network to be changed to Ridge Meadows Community Support Network

- Sidney Community Response Network to be changed to Saanich Peninsula Community Response Network

Carried.

8. Election of Directors

Jim Poole explained the work of the Foundation Nominations Committee and upon questioning, provided further detail on the process for how the slate of candidates was developed for the new board of directors.

Upon a motion by Kathy Doerksen and seconded by Carol McFadyen, it was resolved that:

Debb Barg

Joan Feyrer
Jack Rudolph

Len Folkman

Jim Poole

be elected directors of the Foundation, subject to the provisions of the Foundation's Constitution and Bylaws.

Carried.

The Nominations Committee recommended that in accordance with the new Bylaw 5.24 and the amended Bylaw 5.10, that the new Board of Directors appoint Linda Derkach and Henry Hightower as directors for a term of one year. This matter will be considered at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors.

9. Other Business

The Charter Donor Program was introduced. Members and supporters of the Foundation are encouraged to make donations to the Foundation in this inaugural year to be acknowledged as "Charter Donors".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

BC Foundation to Support Community Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect - Together

Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting of the Foundation

June 17, 2005

Over the past year, your Board of Directors has worked hard to establish policies, raise money, make connections and build partnerships. It has been a year of growing and learning, of refining and expanding.

This report from your Board of Directors to the members of the Foundation will summarize some of the activities of the past year and lay out plans for the future as guided by our Strategic Priorities.

Strategic Priority #1: Build Relationships

During 2004 and 2005, your Board has continued to maintain and build important relationships with a range of individuals and organizations.

With Others Who Share our Goals and Interests:

We have maintained our very important relationship with the BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors, and meet regularly with the Board to look at ways we can support each other, work together, and utilize the strengths and resources of both organizations. We have also established good working relationships with the BC and Yukon Society of Transition Houses, and others who have common goals and interests with the Foundation.

We have been active members in the Abuse, Neglect and Self-Neglect Coordinating Committee at the Public Guardian and Trustee. Along with staff representatives of Health Authorities, the Ministries of Solicitor General and MCFD – Community Living Services, Licensing, Assisted Living, Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies and representatives from other provincial non-profit agencies, we are working to find ways to improve the province's response to reports of abuse and neglect, raise public awareness and ensure collaboration and coordination among the many agencies and organizations that have adult abuse and neglect as a focus.

With Government:

During the past year, we met with the MLAs in the Seniors Caucus Committee of Cabinet, the Minister of State for Women and Seniors (Wendy McMahon) in the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, and the Public Guardian and Trustee. Immediately following the appointment of the new Cabinet, we will begin building relationships with those Ministers whose responsibilities include the interests of adults affected by abuse and neglect.

Strategic Priority #2: Resource Development

The development of a sound and adequate funding base is a critical priority for the Foundation, and will probably remain so over the next decade.

In 2003, the Public Guardian and Trustee made the final contribution of CRN funds from his Adult Guardianship Implementation Budget to the BC CRN Foundation. Your Board made a plan to stretch that money over the past two years as the Foundation and its members became acquainted with how best to raise money in today's highly competitive market. This is a marked change from how we had worked up until now, but we knew more than five years ago that financial support from the PGT's Implementation Budget would eventually end. We have been fortunate to have had enough time to plan for the transition to "standing on our own two feet".

Based on discussions with CRNs, the Sustaining CRNs Task Group (which became the first Foundation Board) established the following principles to guide our resource development activities. These principles have been incorporated into the Resource Development Policy of the Foundation:

- **Universality**
 - **Resources are sought and shared for the benefit of all**
- **Collaboration and Coordination**
 - A non-competitive and coordinated approach
- **Accessible, transparent and timely processes**
- **Sharing resources for the benefit of all**
- **Accountability**
- **Fairness and Equity**
 - Acknowledge geographical and community differences
- **Sustainability**
 - Acknowledge the need for ongoing resources

Fundraising Activities and Plans

We have been **learning about fundraising** through our membership in the Central Island Fundraisers Group, the Association of Fundraising Professionals-Vancouver Chapter, from fundraising consultants, and through our very beneficial relationship with Leadership Vancouver.

We have been **brainstorming and acquiring great new ideas** through the establishment of our Resource Development Committee which includes CRN members and Leadership Vancouver. Expect lots more good information from this group very soon.

Your Executive Director will let you know about successful **grant applications**.

We have just launched our first ever fundraising direct mail campaign – the **Charter Donor Appeal** which was the brainchild of one of our former Board Members, and approved by the Board for implementation this past year.

For the future, we will continue to include more ideas for local fundraising activities in upcoming Foundation Bulletins, and will eventually roll everything into a **Fundraising Tool Kit** for CRNs to use locally and provincially.

This fall, we will be looking to the agencies who are our partners – who share our work and vision – for financial support for local CRNs. These agencies include the Health Authorities, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Public Guardian and Trustee, Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services and the Ministry of Health. Some of this work has already begun.

Strategic Priority #3: Raise Public Awareness About Abuse and Neglect and the Work of CRNs

We have learned that public awareness and successful fundraising go hand in hand. Much of what you have done at the local level will positively impact your success in fundraising. Health fairs, media articles, community events, Breakfast with Bankers, “free” lunches and information – these all contribute to informing the public and raising awareness about the very important work that you do.

As well, at the provincial level we believe that we need an awareness campaign that links all of us together, and begins to inform the broader public about the abuse and neglect legislation and the important role CRNs and the BC CRN Foundation play in working to stop adult abuse and neglect together. To this end, volunteers from Leadership Vancouver are putting together a public awareness campaign. We will be learning about this before the end of June, sharing with local CRNs and hopefully implementing very soon afterward.

We Are All In this Together

On a personal note, I am honoured to have been your Board Chair for the past two years, and want to thank every member of the CRNs in the province for the very important work that you do each day. Community development is not easy work – but it is beneficial and long-lasting. It values everyone, seeks to make each community a better and safer place to live, and stretches us beyond our imaginations.

We in BC are doing something on a scale that no other jurisdiction has even tried. We should be very proud. And just like your CRN, our province-wide community of CRNs – the Foundation – must value the work of each member, support and encourage, and understand that our development will ebb and flow in any community at any time – and that's okay.

The current, over-riding BIG challenge for us is to establish a solid funding base. It will take a multi-pronged approach for us to be successful. Local activities and provincial initiatives will combine to provide funding stability. We all wish we didn't have to do this, but like any challenge, there will be great rewards.

A Note of Appreciation

I want to thank Alison Leaney, our half-time Executive Director with full-time responsibilities, who continues to build relationships, make presentations to government Ministries, lead successful workshops, write grant proposals, learn about fundraising, take care of all the Foundation Administration, and stays connected to all of you. She does a masterful job.

I would also like to thank Jay Chalke, the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. His continued support-in-kind - for our office and teleconferencing - as we leave the safe harbour and launch out into open seas is much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Derkach, Chair
BC CRN Foundation

June 17, 2005

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Report of the Executive Director To the Second Annual General Meeting Of the Foundation – June 17, 2005

CRN Activity Update

Throughout the last year there have been approximately 50 active CRNs in BC. With all the ongoing changes that continue incessantly in communities, this is an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations to you all.

CRNs were last asked to report on their activities for 2004 in January 2005 and applications for modest CRN funding for this year are just in the final stages of being processed. Although stats for numbers of education events and volunteer hours contributed have not yet been tabulated, in reviewing all your submissions, I was once again reminded of why supporting CRNs is so important to me.

It is so heart warming to read about many people I know doing such important things in this time of great transition for the CRN movement. I read about CRNs getting rejuvenated in Duncan and Kaslo, about First Nations outreach in the Cariboo, Haida Gwaii, Prince Rupert, huge Seniors Conferences in Castlegar, Quesnel, and Penticton, the Lucy Bloggs story on the road in the Kootenays, a Support the Supporters project on the North Shore, further implementation of Gatekeepers Programs, articles in local print media, protocol development, and various ways of letting the community know how to get help. I also read about CRNs understanding in a new way that they can be about doing all these things, **as well as about changing community culture**, just by how diverse members value, welcome and respect one another. Very inspiring.

CRN Support Update

1. **CRN Funding** – As you know, the BC CRN Foundation has just committed \$100,000 in direct contributions to BC's active CRNs without surpluses for the year April 1, 2005– March 31, 2006. I know the local realities of how this rolls out has been a bit of a shock for some. This is half of the amount we had to distribute last year. I understand this is a huge adjustment for CRNs. Please know that we recognize that less can be done when fewer funds are provided and that you can call upon your mentor, and/or myself to help strategize. We value everyone's contribution.

At the same time as direct contributions to CRNs are more modest, a number of CRNs have raised money locally through local and regional channels. Thank you for this initiative.....I know it takes a huge amount of effort which

may not be possible in every community at different times. I'll say more about Foundation initiatives to raise funds for the benefit of all CRNs further on in my report.

2. **Pre-Conference Day, October 14, 2004** held in conjunction with the BC CEAS Conference, October 15 – 16, 2004 – It was great to see about 100 CRN folks from all corners of the province at this joint event. We received much positive feedback about the CRN workshop, “The CRN Movement - Our Unique Journey to Change Community Culture”. People seemed quite inspired by Jennifer Johnstone of the VanCity Community Foundation who talked over lunch about raising money being about relationship building ...she was speaking our language!!! And the Public Guardian and Trustee sponsored session “Financial Abuse: What is it? When is it a Crime?” was a useful overview that helped set the stage for the BC CEAS conference.
3. **Provincial Public Awareness Campaign** – Following up on a key recommendation from the Iris/Ketchum Report, we were very fortunate this year to successfully engage a very gifted six member team of volunteers from Leadership Vancouver. This team has produced a detailed two to three year communication plan designed to raise the provincial profile of adult abuse and neglect, CRNs as critical to addressing it, and the BC CRN Foundation as the CRN movement’s provincial body for sustaining the movement. So far, the Foundation has a new tag line, “Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect – Together” so people will better understand what we do, key messages, positioning statements, and identification of differentiating characteristics. Before the end of June we will also have a provincial brochure with space for local adaptation, a logo prototype and an Information/Media Kit to help all CRNs convey consistent messages to build recognition about their mission no matter what community you’re in.

Very special thanks to our Leadership Vancouver Team who have all contributed to the Public Awareness Campaign Project and provided related assistance and advice in a variety of other ways –

- **Jaime Bal** –Manager of Financial Reporting for the BC Liquor Distribution Branch
- **Betty Ann Lewis** – a minister responsible for Community Care and Volunteers for the Salvation Army for British Columbia
- **Rekha Patel** - Human Resources Advisor for BC Liquor Distribution Branch
- **Manon Poitras** –Assistant VP of Training for HSBC Bank Canada
- **David Shefsiek** - Fund Developer for the Vancouver Opera Society
- **Dianne Warnick** - an independent communications consultant and teacher

The Foundation has also begun to take a number of opportunities over the last year to raise the profile of CRNs and the Foundation on the provincial conference circuit. We had a booth at the BC Crime Prevention Conference and offered a session at the Home and Community Care Conference. Other abstracts that we haven't yet heard the status of have been submitted to the first Canadian Conference for Elder Law Studies, the World Conference on Family Violence, and the BC Association for Community Living.

Upcoming initiatives to help raise public awareness provincially include the declaration of a provincial day, week or month around which to focus awareness events, preparations for the first ever World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 16, 2006), a Fundraising Tool Kit that will include materials to enable events-based fundraising that fit with what CRNs already do, and media relations. A Public Awareness Committee to move these initiatives forward is being recruited, so if you are interested, please let me know.

4. **Mentors Team** – The mentors team has continued to build and maintain phone and email connections and in some cases offer workshops to CRNs in their areas over the last year. They are a wonderful team all with unique gifts which they pool to pull off amazing feats with very modest financial resources. They designed the “Unique Journey” workshop on the phone which only a strong team could effectively do.

We were all very sad this year to say farewell to **Trish Gauntlett** who left us in search of more full time employment. She was the mentor for the Lower Mainland. She is a very skilled community developer who provided very respectful and insightful support to CRNs and I know she is missed by many. The other 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 and Vancouver Island
- **Heather von Ilberg** - covering CRNs in the East and West Kootenays

Kathy Doerksen is the new but very experienced and knowledgeable mentor for the Lower Mainland for which I'm very grateful. If you haven't yet met her feel free to be in touch!!!

5. **Other Ways of Staying in Touch with CRNs** - A number of 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 Foundation and to give CRNs an opportunity to share success stories now that Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act has been in force for more than 5 years. A teleconference survey is in the process of being completed by CRNs to give us input on how we can make teleconferences even more meaningful and useful in the coming year.

As well, three Foundation bulletins have been produced in the last year as a way of trying to keep CRNs up-to-date on initiatives the Foundation is undertaking on your behalf. Thanks so much to Linda Derkach, Board chair, who does much of the writing for the bulletins.

These bulletins are all available on the website, along with a huge amount of material developed by all of you. Thanks to Heather von Ilberg and Clint and Inge of Ingenius Webdesign for your continued work on adding the wealth of resources being developed to our website. The newest change on the site is that it is now the site of the BC CRN Foundation that includes information about the Foundation and how to support it, all the great things CRNs do, as well as how to get help.

6. **Foundation Resource Development Activities** – As you know the Foundation is using a multi-pronged approach to raising funds increasingly necessary to finance the CRN supports outlined above.

Funds Raised

The Foundation has raised \$50,000 for the “Gathering Wheel Project – Identifying Best Practices in Prevention”. These funds will cover travel costs for CRN members from all over BC to come together in eight regional workshops beginning this fall to identify best practices in prevention of abuse and neglect for women and for men. I would like to acknowledge the National Crime Prevention Centre, Community Mobilization Program for their generous support. The personalized assistance we have received from the **Vera Lagasse** and **Asja Major** has been outstanding.

Other Grant Submissions

The Foundation has also made submissions to the Vancouver Foundation, VanCity, and the Gaming Commission for Direct Access. These submissions have thus far not been successful, (our Gaming submission is being reconsidered) but it is all about building relationships and I’m not about to give up.

We are waiting to hear about our application to the Law Foundation of BC to deliver local and regional legal education workshops on the laws available to address financial abuse/financial crime. I’ll be sure to let you know the

outcome of this submission as I know many of you are interested in having such a workshop in your community.

We are also working on a joint funding submission with BC CEAS, the BC and Yukon Society of Transition Houses, and the BC Institute Against Family Violence to the Centre for Sustainability's Partners in Organizational Development fund. We are hoping to further discern how we might all collaborate to make the best use of all our resources as we seek in our own unique ways to address and prevent abuse and neglect. This is an exciting and innovative initiative that will likely have many anticipated and unanticipated outcomes. We are very fortunate to be working with other like minds who see the value of very deliberately determining how we can best support one another's very important efforts.

For many of these grant 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.

Consider Becoming a Charter Donor!!!

The Charter Donor Program first conceived of over a year ago, has been underway since early May with many donations being made from CRN supporters throughout BC. Thank you to all of you. Please check out the website www.bccrns.ca to watch the progress of our very first direct mail campaign. And if you haven't yet become a Charter Donor and want to further contribute to stopping adult abuse and neglect - together, and to changing community culture, **the deadline is June 30th, 2005**. Regardless of whether you do or don't make a financial contribution, the many, many "hidden" volunteer hours, are not so hidden to me. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to your communities.

Diverse resource development strategies require having a lot of mechanisms in place to make it all work smoothly. Thanks so much to **Marlyn Ferguson**, the Foundation's very part time administrative assistant who has developed the Foundation's resource development database, established the donate button on our website through the non-profit charity CanadaHelps, and made it possible for the Foundation to receive funds through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). This has been a big, and at times tedious set of tasks, but absolutely essential to continue to well position us to raise funds from a variety of sources. Thanks for your perseverance with all of this Marlyn.

Thank you to all of you who have recently agreed to serve on the Foundation's Resource Development Committee; your enthusiasm and vast array of ideas are sure to pay off.

- 7. In Kind Support from the Public Guardian and Trustee** – the BC CRN Foundation continues to have access to office and meeting space and

teleconferencing in kind from the PGT, Jay Chalke. I continue to be most grateful to Jay for this; these are costly items were we to pay for them.

8. **Other Supports to the Foundation** - At this time I would also like to acknowledge our community conscious accountant, **Dorothy Buckland, CGA**, and our printer, **Precision Graphics**. Rick and his team have been incredibly generous and ever so quickly responsive to our printing needs.

My PGT Related Activities That are Supportive to CRNs

The following initiatives are underway:

- I still convene the provincial Abuse, Neglect and Self-Neglect Planning Group of which the BC CRN Foundation is a member. The Group meets approximately 6 times a year to identify projects for further work to facilitate a coordinated provincial approach to addressing adult abuse and neglect. In the next few months it is very likely that this group will strike some working groups that will pull in others to suggest strategies for addressing many of the systemic issues that have been identified in provincial projects and conferences held by the PGT (interviews conducted with 40 DA staff, police, assessors, lawyers for DAs now documented in a draft report)), BC CEAS and the BC and Yukon Society of Transition Houses
- I continue to hold teleconferences with key contacts in designated agencies from throughout BC to share what is happening and to help address systemic issues as I am able.
- Outreach to First Nations on Reserve and Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults – A Collaborative Dialogue on June 9 – 10, 2005 - This event brought together a diverse group of people and organizations from around BC to identify what works well in terms of building relationships with First Nations communities and to identify next steps to ensuring people living in reserve communities know about Part 3 of the Adult Guardianship Act and have the same opportunity to get support and assistance if they are being abused or neglected. The CRN movement deserves to be proud of the sensitive and meaningful outreach by numerous CRN members to First Nations communities, and a number of these experiences were highlighted at the Dialogue
- Restorative Approaches to Adult Abuse and Neglect – An Exploratory Dialogue Series – this **very** exploratory project has been taking place on Vancouver's North Shore and the results of the exploration will be shared with CRNs as they become available. The next phase of this project is just beginning; articulating a definition of what a restorative approach is, the project will now seek to identify all the key issues that must be taken into consideration if a restorative approach to adult abuse and neglect were to be designed. Until this next phase is complete this is still an

exploratory initiative, but one seen as having something valuable to contribute.

- As well, as many of you know, the Public Guardian and Trustee opened its second regional office, located in Kelowna this past fall and the BC CRN Foundation, via mentor Yvonne Kennedy from Penticton welcomed the PGT to the Interior/North.
- Numbers for Getting Support and to Report Abuse and Neglect - Thanks to you all for helping to bring all your community numbers for reporting adult abuse and neglect up to date.....they are hopefully all accurately reflected on the PGT's new and improved website www.trustee.bc.ca.

The Year Ahead

My priorities for the next year include –

- Raising funds including core funds for CRNs and the BC CRN Foundation at the provincial level using a diverse array of strategies (including from government) and delivering the products to support CRNs in their resource development at the local level
- Implementing Leadership Vancouver's Communication Strategy and seeking funds to facilitate this
- Coordinating the delivery of the "Gathering Wheel Project - Best Practices in Prevention" regional workshops
- Visiting at least some CRNs outside the Lower Mainland where funds permit, to further support the connection between CRNs and your Foundation
- Establishing a volunteer development program for the Foundation at the provincial level
- Continuing to build partnerships and raise the profile of the CRN movement on the national and international stage through continuing to chair the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and presenting a CRN session at the World Conference on Family Violence

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, to:

- **Debb 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 which has been a huge job with the provision of CRN funding and the establishment of many new processes

- **Joan Feyrer** – our member from Victoria who brings a huge commitment to community development principles and member involvement and also provides excellent editing advice
- **Jack Rudolph** – our member from Prince Rupert who brings a multitude of connections as a City Councilor, and a “can do” willingness to “person” booths at provincial conferences
- **Len Folkman** – our member from Creston who also brings a multitude of connections as a City Councilor and a strong accounting background
- **Henry Hightower** – our member from Secret Cove who brings the mutual Board link with BC CEAS, and immense experience with the Older Womens’ Project

Our chair has been **Linda Derkach**. She is a woman of high ideals with a passionate vision who is committed to personally practicing and supporting the CRN way of working to change community culture. She has contributed a huge amount of time, thoughtfulness and careful organization to lead us step-by-step on the path toward long term sustainability. Speaking on behalf of the province wide community of CRNs there are no words that can deeply enough convey our appreciation for all of this.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Executive Director
BC CRN Foundation

June 17, 2005

**Report of the Nominating Committee
Of the BC CRN Foundation
Regarding the Next Year's Board of Directors
June 17th 2005**

Continuing Directors

The following Board directors have one year left in their two year terms of office:

- Debb Barg – CRN member from Penticton
- Len Folkman – CRN member from Creston
- Jim Poole – CRN member from Delta
- Jack Rudolph – CRN member from Prince Rupert

Proposed New Directors to be Elected

The following members have agreed to stand for election to the Board at this AGM for a two-year term:

- **Malerie Meeker – CRN member from Powell River**
Malerie is currently the Coordinator of Human Service programs at Malaspina University-College, Powell River Campus as well being an instructor in Malaspina's Community Support Worker Certificate, Special Education Assistant Certificate, and Early Childhood Education and Care Diploma programs. She has a private consulting practice focusing on professional development and staff training; her clients include various provincial Associations for Community Living, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Community Living BC, the BC Association for Community Living, Powell River Hospice, and Malaspina University College. Employed by the Powell River Association for Community Living for 26 years, Malerie was their Executive Director for 18 years. She has been a member of the Powell River CRN (Powell River Assist) since its inception. She obtained a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University in 2003. Malerie is a partner, mother and grandmother and she loves to garden, the great outdoors, and her cat.
- **Heidi Pozzobon – CRN member from Kamloops**
Heidi is currently working on an on-call basis in an adult day program for seniors in Kamloops and just previously was the Program Manager for Lifeline in Kamloops. At Lifeline she established a quick response protocol in partnership with Interior Health, did home visits, financial assessments, and extensive public speaking with various medical and allied health personnel. Heidi has supported seniors in various capacities in the Kamloops area for more than 25 years. She became involved with the Kamloops CRN about a year and a half ago while at Lifeline. She is attracted to the "big picture" thinking and way of addressing abuse and neglect issues that being involved with the CRN encourages. She is also very committed to working to ensure that people who are vulnerable, so trusting and yet also abused know where to access support and raising the profile of adult abuse and neglect as an important provincial issue. Heidi is a grandma, an avid gardener and shares a 21 acre farm just inside Kamloops city limits with her husband's parents and Heidi's two youngest daughters.
- **Joan Reichardt – CRN member from Nelson**

Joan is currently 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 is an avid reader and gardener, a mother and a grandmother. She is a long time advocate on a variety of seniors issues.

Recommended Directors to be Appointed

The following people have agreed to possible appointment to the Board as Appointed Directors:

- **Amanda Brown**

Amanda, a social worker, has very recently been seconded to a new one year position in the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority as their 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. Until just recently, Amanda was the co-chair of the North Shore Adults at Risk Support Network of which she has been a member since 1998. 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.

- **Linda Derkach**

In addition to serving as Chair to the BC CRN Foundation Board, Linda is also currently on the Board of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living and is Vice President of BC FamilyNet Association. In her paid work life she was the Director of Implementation, Adult Guardianship Legislation for the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC and prior to that, was the Executive Director of the Port Alberni Association for Community Living. Linda is a teacher and previously served as a School Trustee in Port Alberni. She also studied at Simon Fraser University's School for Liberal and obtained a certificate in Advanced Management for Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Organizations. Linda is a Master Gardener, a quilter, a mother of 3, a grandmother of 2 and she currently lives in Qualicum Beach.

The decision to appoint these individuals will be made at the first Board meeting after the AGM by the elected Directors.

Supporters to the Board

In addition, the Board of Directors may invite individuals to attend and participate in meetings of the Board. Such individuals have no vote in the meeting, but can participate in every other way.

- **Henry Hightower**

In addition to serving on the BC CRN Foundation Board as an appointed director and on the working group that established the initial structure of the foundation, he is a director of BCCEAS, the BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors. Henry is also an active volunteer for the Welcome Beach Community Association, the Halfmoon Bay Community School, and the BC Network of Ageing Research, Institute on Ageing. His working career was in land use, housing and social policy planning, including 20 years as a professor, in the School of Community and Regional Planning at UBC. Since retirement he has been involved with his wife, Jill Hightower, in action research and evaluation issues, particularly on services to abused older women and on homelessness. Jill and Henry have four children, eight grandchildren, two dogs and two cats, and a motor-sail boat they keep near their home in Secret Cove on the Sunshine Coast.

