

BCHPCA Communiqué

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Key Messages following June 2013 Board Meetings

The Board of the BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) held their quarterly meeting on May 31 - June 1, 2013. The following key messages are provided for circulation throughout the membership:

- BCHPCA held a very successful conference, *Moving Forward Together*, on June 2-3, 2013 in Richmond with more than 260 delegates from around the Province and beyond. The conference featured: keynote presentations by Dr. Bashir Jiwani and Nontombi Naomi Tutu; workshops in three streams (clinical/research, organizational and whole-person centered care), wisdom circles, poster presentations, a panel discussion and a world café. Conference evaluations are now being reviewed and will inform our future offerings.
- The annual BCHPCA awards were presented at the conference and the recipients include: Rosemarie Rivera (Michael Downing Research Award); Anne Judson from Nanaimo and Ina Nelson from Terrace (Volunteer Awards in honour of Shara Lee); Comox Valley Hospice Society's online training project (Sovereign Order of St John Award); Comox Valley Hospice Society's advance care planning project (Sovereign Order of St John Award) and Camp Kerry's youth program (Sovereign Order of St John Award). The BCHPCA Award of Excellence was presented to Wendy Pratt, Executive Director of the Nanaimo Community Hospice Society. Congratulations to all!
- The BCHPCA Board of Directors has recently met for two days of Strategic Planning, with a further two days planned in August. The sessions are being ably facilitated by Randy Schaefer, a knowledge philanthropist with Vantage Point. To date, the Board has worked through a reframing of our societal vision; assessed our core competencies; reframed the mission, and begun to identify and prioritize potential areas of focus. If anyone has any comments or input into BCHPCA's direction, please feel free to contact Lorraine Gerard, Executive Director at ed@bchpca.org

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