

BCHPCA Communiqué

September 29, 2014

Key Messages following September 2014 Board Meetings

The BC Hospice Palliative Care Association (BCHPCA) Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on September 21-22, 2014. The following key messages are provided for circulation throughout the Membership:

- The **BCHPCA Bylaw Review** is well underway; Michael Blatchford, our lawyer from Bull Houser and Tupper LLP, has provided BCHPCA with a set of replacement bylaws which have now been reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Michael has been invited to the November Board meeting to provide more clarity on a few specific items and to advise the Board on steps to ensure a smooth Membership consultation and approval process. Watch for a draft coming your way after the November Board meetings.
- The new **BC Centre for Palliative Care (BC C4PC)** is up and running with Dr. Doris Barwich as its Executive Director, see <http://ihsts.ca/projects/bc-centre-for-palliative-care#updates> BCHPCA and the BC C4PC have been meeting to identify common goals and priorities. There are plans to work together on strengthening the uptake of Advance Care Planning across BC and to convene a BC Quality End of Life Coalition.
- As of September 1st, BCHPCA is pleased to offer its Program and Affiliate Members eligibility in the **BCHPCA-OASSIS** group for the purchase of affordable, comprehensive employee benefits. Please see detail on the BCHPCA website <http://bchpca.org/membership/> and contact Jennifer Truman, the National Accounts Representative, for additional information or to discuss your employee benefits needs at jtruman@oassisplan.com
- Next year, BCHPCA will host Conference 2015 – remember to save the date!
 - May 22-23, 2015
 - Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

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