

Newsletter

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BoardVoice

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Policy Watch

A conference call about the EHT will be held Sept. 13 with the Federation of Community Social Services of BC as Board Voice works to learn more about the tax before its implementation.

As we now know, government has [eased EHT impacts for non-profits](#), increasing basic exemption to the first \$1.5 million of payroll. Calculating tax separately for each location will bring relief for some members.

However, the EHT as it is will be a major new cost for larger members, especially those that have not been paying MSP premiums for employees.

Here are the points Board Voice is making in advocacy efforts. Please keep sending us your examples, as they are useful for demonstrating impact to government.

Program funding should increase to cover costs, whether from ministries, health authorities or Crown corporations such as CLBC;

Our members should be included as a “public service” for purposes of an EHT exemption. Government is exempting public services including school boards, health authorities, social services, community organizations, universities and colleges. Increases to program funding alone will not cover all additional costs of EHT;

A liberal interpretation of “location” must be employed in determining exemptions. Hub models should be recognized.

What you need to know...

Municipal elections across B.C. are two months away - a great opportunity for Board Voice members to encourage candidates and voters to think about the role of community-based non-profits in making life better for British Columbians.

We will distribute a new toolkit to members next week to help you engage candidates and the public on who Board Voice is and how our members' efforts and expertise strengthen wellbeing and social health in our communities.

The toolkit will feature a PowerPoint and script on our call for a provincial strategy addressing social determinants of health, suggested key messages, and a how-to tip sheet for engagement.

Board Voice participated in recent consultations for a new mental health and addictions strategy for BC. Our submission highlighted the vital role of community non-profits in providing a full range of supports that are developed by people who live in and understand needs in their communities.

Board co-chair Leslie Welin and North Vancouver Island Community Lead Terry Moist were [featured in the Vancouver Sun](#) making the case for a provincial strategy for social

health, and the important role played by community non-profits. Opinion pieces are effective in reaching a wide audience and increasing the profile of Board Voice, and ideal for sharing on social media channels to increase the impact. Please share if you haven't already!

We will be submitting a reworked, shorter version of this piece next week to community newspapers around BC.

We're excited by the [exceptional lineup of presenters and panelists](#) coming together for our Nov. 16-17 conference in Richmond, **“Up to All of Us.”** Highlights: a First Call panel on serving children and youth; conversations with two cabinet ministers and a federal MP; a panel on isolation and loneliness; sessions on reconciliation, building networks, strengthening board-ED relationships, non-profit lifecycles, and so much more!

[Register now](#) for early-bird rates.

Let's connect! Look for Board Voice on these social-media platforms:



Queries, questions, concerns, ideas:

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