



## “Circles of Engagement”

**Board Voice 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**  
**Nov. 1-2, Melville Centre**  
**Kwantlen Polytechnic University**  
**Richmond, BC**

Please join the Board Voice Society of BC for an engaging, on-topic and timely two days of presentations, workshops and networking opportunities at this important social-care conference for BC non-profits.

Conference attendees are a diverse mix of volunteer board members from the non-profit sector, senior non-profit staff, policy-makers, sector elders and influencers from all parts of British Columbia – all with much knowledge of and passion for community social services and non-profits.

Don't miss this opportunity for illuminating conversation on our vital sector! We look forward to celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with you.

[Registration is now open at this link.](#)

### ***Friday Nov 1***

8-8:30 am Doors open for registration

8:30-8:45 Territory acknowledgement and Board Voice welcome

**Terry Anne Boyles and Leslie Welin**

Co-Chairs, Board Voice Society of BC

8:45 – 9:30 Keynote

**Rosanne Casimir**, Chief of Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation, on the foundations of Indigenous success.

- 9:30-10:30 Working tables building on keynote messages  
*How can the work of BC non-profits providing community social services contribute to a foundation for Indigenous success?*
- 10:30-10:50 Networking break
- 10:50-11:30 Building Healthier Communities and Well-Being for British Columbians  
MLA **Marvin Hunt**, Opposition Critic for Social Development & Poverty Reduction  
**Heather Harrison**, Instructor, Philosophy Department and Policy Studies Program (specialty in applied ethics focused on sustainability), Kwantlen Polytechnic University  
**Sandy Mackay**, Healthy Communities Planner, BC Healthy Communities  
**MC: Jody Paterson**, Board Voice Executive Director
- 11:30-12ish Working tables building on presentation messages  
*What lessons can our agencies take away from the panel for our own work to support healthier communities for every British Columbian?*
- 12-12:30 Networking lunch
- 12:30-1:30 Social care, inclusion and support for older adults  
**Isobel Mackenzie**, BC Seniors Advocate
- 1:30-2 Developing the Perfect Board/CEO Relationship.  
**Susan Witter**, Board Chair of Greater Vancouver Community Services Society,  
**James Challman**, CEO of GVCSS
- 2-2:35 Working tables building on board/CEO presentation themes  
*What can our agencies do to define, strengthen and improve the all-important relationship between the board and the CEO?*

- 2:35-2:45 Move to workshops
- 2:45-3:45 Choose one of three workshops:
1. Life cycle of non-profits  
**Vantage Point**
  2. United Way efforts around BC to convene our sector via the social determinants of health and service themes  
**Kahir Lalji**, Provincial Director, Population Health, United Way of the Lower Mainland  
**Danalee Baker**, Executive Director, United Way of Thompson Nicola Cariboo
  3. Board GRIP: Governance Fiscal Oversight.  
**Carol Chiang**, Engagement Partner, KPMG
- 3:45-4:15 Networking break
- 4:15-5:15 Choose one of three workshops:
1. Managing relationships with our government partners  
**David Young**, CEO of Sources Community Services  
**Dawn Hemingway**, community activist; co-chair, Social Development & Poverty Reduction Advisory Forum; member of Council of Advisers to BC Seniors' Advocate
  2. BC Societies Act and the new dispute resolution process  
**Rachel Forbes**, Executive Director, Law for Non-Profits
  3. Indigenous Talking Circle: Personal reflections on bridging the intercultural gap in heritage languages  
**Jack Miller**, Education and Social Work, Thompson Rivers University  
**Verna Miller**, Elder and Indigenous Educator, Nlaka'pamux Nation
- 5:45-6:30 Networking reception
- 6:30 pm Dinner remarks from BC Representative for Children and Youth **Jennifer Charlesworth**, a key facilitator, collaborator and supporter of Board Voice as it was being created in 2009 at the Federation of Community Social Services table.

7 pm Buffet dinner

## **Saturday Nov. 2**

7- 8 a.m. Networking breakfast

10-minute breakfast presentation from conference sponsor **Charity Village**,  
“How to write an effective job ad.”

8-9 Board Voice Annual General Meeting

Report from Executive Director **Jody Paterson**

9-10 BC musician **Jaelem Bhate** presentation on Venezuela’s El Sistema music program for disadvantaged youth (inspiration for St. James Music Academy in East Van).

10-10:45 Panel on Collaboration for Community Wellbeing

Hon. **Shane Simpson**, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Hon. **Judy Darcy**, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

MLA **Sonia Furstenau**, Green Party House Leader.

MC **Doug Hayman**, Board Voice founding executive director

10:45-11:45 Closing keynote

**Vikki Reynolds**, Registered Clinical Counsellor, instructor, changemaker.

With facilitated Q&A.

11:45 - noon Closing remarks from Board Voice co-chairs

**Terry Anne Boyles**, Board Chair, Family Services of Greater Vancouver

**Leslie Welin**, Board Chair, Clements Centre Society



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