



Achievements of Board Voice 2020-21 Strategic Plan goals

Advocacy on issues of BC non-profit community social services sector

- Zoom meetings with our board and Social Development and Poverty Reduction Minister Nicholas Simons; SDPR Deputy Minister David Galbraith; Attorney General David Eby; Parliamentary Secretary to the Charitable and Non-Profit Sector Niki Sharma; Green Party Leader Sonia Furstenuau; and Liberal MLA Karin Kirkpatrick, official Opposition Critic for Children, Family Development, and Childcare.
- Participation in regular (roughly quarterly) meetings of the Social Services Sector Roundtable, and weekly covid-related calls in first 4 months of the pandemic. This ensured Board Voice had the latest information coming out of government and were able to share our sector's concerns directly with decision-makers. At the roundtable, Board Voice sits on the procurement/contracting sub-group as well as human resources, both of which are in early days of engagement but will be bringing key players in government and our sector together to address issues, problem-solve, map new directions.
- Submission to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, along with others in our sector, which yielded two important recommendations from the SSCFGS for Budget 2021: One to develop a social policy framework in BC, and the other to sustain and support the work of the charitable sector through multi-year contracts.
- Collected stories from nine of our member organizations on innovations and challenges in managing operations during the pandemic and shared this with our members, allies, and all stakeholders at the SSS Roundtable.
- Profiles on 12 member organizations written by BV executive director and featured on Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction website in March 2021 (significant media coverage of individual organizations and Community Social Services Month as a result)
- Outreach to federal CRA Advisory Committee on the Charitable Sector has led to Board Voice being part of focus groups on modernizing of federal charity legislation (first focus group April 9)

- Participating in an ad hoc working group at provincial government level looking at salary grid issues between BC Housing and MCFD for supportive housing staff

Advocacy for a Social Policy Framework for BC

- Submission to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
- Letters to all BC social ministries referencing work of Board Voice
- Opportunities for this conversation ongoing at the Roundtable meetings
- Topic raised in all meetings with social ministers

Member Development and Knowledge Sharing

- Production of a how-to guide for registering and reporting as a lobbyist
- Zoom session for Board Voice board with Registrar of Lobbyists Michael McEvoy
- Profiles on 12 member organizations written by BV executive director for Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction website in March 2021. Stories are now featured permanently on the Board Voice website
- Ongoing development of provincial project that will provide virtual capacity-building sessions for community social service boards and senior staff all over BC (funded by Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction)
- Up-to-date and relevant website, including growing library of governance resources
- Monthly newsletters
- Weekly e-blasts

Sustainability

- Maintained membership through the pandemic and added two new members
- Provincial project to develop capacity workshops for boards is providing additional admin revenue and support costs of staff through 2023
- In conversation with allies about additional revenue to support Board Voice to work on specific policy issues relevant to our entire sector
- Purposes being reworked to prepare for another run at seeking charitable status