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BCANDS / SPARC Partnership

BCANDS and the Social Planning Council of BC (SPARC) have made the preliminary commitment to work in partnership to begin to examine accessibility within British Columbia’s First Nations and possible strategies to assist.

Many BCANDS clients request assistance regarding home modifications and in addressing accessibility issues. The Society is looking forward to the insight, experience and guidance from communities as we take the initial steps in examining this very important area!

BCANDS Recipient of the 2013 - Canadian Mental Health Association’s Dr. Nancy Hall - Leadership Award

The British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society was the recipient of the Canadian Mental Health Association’s (CMHA) - BC Division’s, 2013 Dr. Nancy Hall Public Policy Leadership Award which was presented to the Society in September, 2013. The Dr. Nancy Hall Leadership Award is the highest award bestowed on an organization by the CMHA and awarded annually to honour the late Dr. Nancy Hall who acted as a key advisor, consultant, and friend to CMHA BC for more than 15 years. Dr. Hall passed away in 2011 after a battle with cancer. The award recognizes individuals or groups within BC that have influenced mental health policy and contributed to positive mental health.

The BCANDS Board of Directors and team are sincerely grateful and honoured to receive this award and sincerely thank the CHMA for this recognition of our work. Further information on Dr. Nancy Hall, the CMHA and the award can be found at www.cmha.bc.ca.

Pictured Above: The Late Dr. Nancy Hall

BCANDS Recipient of the 2013 BCMA Provincial Award for Excellence in Health Promotion

The British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society was honoured on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the British Columbia Medical Association’s (BCMA) Annual General Meeting, as the recipient of the BCMA’s 14th annual, provincial Health Promotion Award of Excellence within the not-for-profit sector!

BCANDS is sincerely grateful to have been chosen by the BCMA as a recipient for this prestigious award and recognition of our work. Further information on the Award and the BCMA’s Annual General Meeting can be found at www.bcma.org

Pictured above: 2013 BCMA
Above Right - Williams and Ali Davies BCANDS Disability Case Managers (left) accept the BCMA award on behalf of the Society.
Dear Friends, Colleagues, Partners and Members,

I hope this message finds you all well.

It is a great pleasure to be able to address you through our Voices and Visions quarterly newsletter and to be able to report that the Society continues to provide responsive, and quality Aboriginal health and disability services to individuals and communities across British Columbia.

Client satisfaction and the identified need for the expansion of our programs remains high and we continue our efforts to expand current services, partnerships and collaborations. Financially, the Society continues it’s strong, transparent and accountable operations which is not only demanded by our funding partners and Board of Directors but is a vital component in ensuring that resources are available for our client’s health and disability related services.

The successful services of BCANDS require the efforts and the contributions of many who work with our team in making a positive difference in the lives of British Columbia’s Aboriginal people. At BCANDS we are fortunate to have a strong and dedicated Board of Directors who not only provide excellent governance but also supports our team in imagining and exploring the realm of possibilities for improved services and client satisfaction.

I am impressed and very proud of the skill, compassion, empathy and dedication of each of our team members which is demonstrated daily in their work with our clients and our communities and I applaud each of them.

I would like to thank each of our funding partners for their support and collaboration over the years and to recognize the new BC First Nations Health Authority (FNHA). We look forward to a strong partnership and expanded relationship with the FNHA as we continue our work towards holistic wellness for our people.

BCANDS - 22 Years Strong!!!!

BCANDS is an award winning, provincial, charitable Aboriginal organization serving the disability and health information / resource and support services needs of Aboriginal persons, organizations and communities across British Columbia. Established in 1991, BCANDS is the only organization of it’s type in Canada.

BCANDS provides disability and health related services within two core areas:

1) Disability Case Management — BCANDS Disability Case Management is a method of providing services through a professional case manager. The Case Manager collaboratively obtains and assesses information received from the client, the client’s family, and associated disability and health service providers, when appropriate. From this information, the Disability Case Manager works closely with the individual client, their support systems and external service providers to obtain, arrange, coordinate, monitor, evaluate and assist to develop, when required, necessary client services, assistance and programming. BCANDS Disability Case Management services are available to any Aboriginal person living with a disability within British Columbia regardless of age, location or disability type.

2) BCANDS Health Information / Resource and Support Services - The BCANDS Health Information / Resource and Support Services is an important program which assists to provide First Nation health organizations, individuals and communities with relevant health related information, linkages and supports. The ultimate goal of the program is improved First Nation health through the access to relevant information and services, based on community, client or organizational identified need(s). The BCANDS Health Information / Resources and Support Services are delivered at no cost to the Nation, community, organization or client requesting assistance, as able.
First Ever Indigenous University Director of School of Social Work visits BCANDS

BCANDS was pleased to have Kundoqk, (Dr. Jacquie Green - Haisla Territory), the first Indigenous Director of the University of Victoria’s School of Social Work and the first Indigenous Director of any School of Social Work in Canada visit the BCANDS office with Ms. Cheryl Aro (Gitxsan Nation) UVIC’s Field Education Coordinator - Indigenous Specializations. BCANDS is a strong partner with the UVIC School of Social Work working with practicum students within our disability and health information/resource and support services programs.

In Development

BCANDS is currently working with the Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) Aboriginal Advisory Committee to explore the possibility of developing a provincial Aboriginal disability gathering/conference sometime in later 2014.

Although in the early stages of development, it is anticipated, if realized, that this event would bring various disability organizations, individuals and leadership from across British Columbia and Canada together to learn about issues, strategies, resources and best practices.

If you or your organization would be willing to assist in the development or sponsorship of this conference please contact our office at: bcands.bc.ca

Stay tuned to www.bcands.bc.ca for updates!

Meet the BCANDS Team!!!

BCANDS is governed by an elected, volunteer Board of Directors who receive no remuneration for their services. The current BCANDS Board of Directors are:

Mr. Frazer Smith 
Board President

Mr. Stephen Lytton 
Board Vice President

Ms. Ruby Reid 
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Anna Sawyer 
Director

Mrs. Trudy Spiller 
Director

BCANDS Disability Case Manager, UVIC, Dr. Jacquie Green -

BCANDS Programs and Administrative Team

From Left to Right: Ali Davies - BCANDS Disability Case Manager, Cheryl Aro - Field Education Coordinator, Director - School of Social Work - UVIC and Gilbert James - 4th Year Practicum Student - School of Social Work - UVIC.

BCANDS Honorary Patrons

Chief Andy Thomas – Esquimalt First Nation

The Late George Watts – Tseshaht First Nation

Chief Simon Lucas – Hesquiat First Nation

Grand Chief Ed John – Tl’Azt’en First Nation

Her Honour the Honourable Judith Guichon – Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia

Rick Hansen – C.C. OBC,

Diana Fowler LeBlanc – C.C., B.S.W., D.U.
Did You Know...

That BCANDS Health Information / Resource and Support Services Centre and our Disability Case Management team may be available to attend, present and/or provide information at your organizational meeting or community event, in person or through video or teleconferencing.

We can’t make it to all events due to funding restraints, but if you have an event that you feel BCANDS presence would be beneficial to and if your community or organization can assist with transportation and accommodation costs, we’ll do our best to be there!

Our Ongoing Mission.....

In early 2013 the BCANDS Health Information / Resources and Support Services with support from BCANDS leadership conducted an informational gathering survey aimed at the First Nation community health leads of British Columbia.

First Nation community health leads were contacted through a 2010 First Nation and Inuit Health (FNHI) generated contact list, which was updated as required by the Society throughout the survey process.

67% of the current (2013) Health Directors / Health leads within British Columbia’s First Nation communities participated in the survey. The remaining 33% were either unable to be contacted, could not schedule a time conducive for both themselves and BCANDS or were in the hiring process for a new Health Director / Health Lead. No organization or Health Director / Health Lead declined the offer to participate due to non-interest.

Of the 123 organizations listed on the FNHI generated 2010 contact list BCANDS was successful in speaking directly to 82 Health Directors / Health Leads, constituting the majority of on-reserve health leads within British Columbia in 2013.

The survey provided valuable information to the Society but also confirmed the importance of ongoing community contact and collaboration which must continually be engaged in by BCANDS. From the FNHI generated 2010 contact list it was noted that of the original 123 Health Leads listed, 56% had changed during the three year period.

The following represents the information / insight provided by the on-reserve Health Leads within British Columbia to BCANDS in early 2013.

74% of the Health Leads indicated that they had or will access BCANDS services in the future.

Accessing BCANDS Health Support and Disability Services

12% indicated they were not sure, with the remaining 14% indicating they had not.

70% of the Health Leads completing the survey indicated that they were unable to meet the needs of their on-reserve clients relating to disability and support services. 9.5% indicated that they were able to meet the needs of their community members sometimes but with the support of external organizations. 19.5% indicated that they were able to successfully meet the needs of their membership with 1% providing no answer.
During late 2012 and early 2013 BCANDS conducted a satisfaction survey facilitated by practicum students of the University of Victoria and Camosun College. The following is an overview of the information gained from that survey.

- 82% indicated that BCANDS answered their questions clearly and satisfactorily;
- 85% indicated that BCANDS were knowledgeable on services provided;
- 95% indicated that BCANDS employees were respectful in their interactions;
- 81% indicated that BCANDS provided services in a timely manner;
- 90% indicated that BCANDS provided services in a culturally aware and respectful manner;
- 89% indicated that BCANDS employees were genuinely interested in their needs;
- 87% indicated that BCANDS was successful in addressing their requested needs;
- 82% indicated that they were satisfied with the services received from BCANDS.

From the 67% of the current First Nation on-reserve Health Leads, 90% indicated that BCANDS current and expanded disability related / health services were a priority and a health need within their community. 8% indicated that they were uncertain with the remaining 2% indicating that this was not a priority.

In addition to the current BCANDS on-reserve community-based health information / resources and support services delivered by the Society, of the 67% on-reserve Health Leads participating in the survey, 98% indicated that the BCANDS health information / resources and support services must continue to be expanded as a priority area to include health support and resources to assist community members needs which are not currently addressed under the FNIH Non-Insured Health Benefit (NIHB) program and components thereof.

DONATE TO BCANDS

The British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society is a registered Canadian charity, and has been in successful operation for over 22 years.

Charity # 896694098 RR0001

Our Mission:

“Supporting the unique and comprehensive disability, health and resource needs of Aboriginal persons and organizations across British Columbia, through relevant, timely and accessible client services”

We need your help!!!

Your tax deductible donation helps to make a difference in the lives of our clients, their families and their communities, breaks down barriers and helps to ensure that disability and health services are equitably available to all.

If you would like to be a change-maker and help to make a difference in the lives of many, please send your cheque to:

Attn: BCANDS Finance Manager
1179 Kosapsum Crescent,
Victoria, British Columbia
Canada - V9A 7K7

or

Donate through PayPal online at:
www.bcands.bc.ca

Thank you for your support!!
BCANDS Social Responsibility

BCANDS works with a variety of health and disability organizations across British Columbia, both Aboriginal and non to assist in our clients success and to assist our Society in fulfilling our mandate.

The Society is proud to support our team members and Board in assisting our sister / partner organization’s mandates, as able, through memorandums of understandings and serving in various advisory roles. Some of these relationships include:

⇒ Co-Chairperson - Aboriginal Advisory Committee - Community Living British Columbia (CLBC)
⇒ Member - Aboriginal Infant Development and Aboriginal Supported Child Development Provincial Steering Committee (AIDP/ASCD)
⇒ Member - Jordan's Principle Tripartite Working Group
⇒ Board Member – Family Support Institute
⇒ Member – Ministry of Social Development – Community Relations and Service Quality - Region 1
⇒ Member – Canadian Library Association
⇒ Associate Member - First Nation Health Association
⇒ Member - First Nations Manager’s Association
⇒ BC Labour Market Partnership - Multi Sectorial Advisory Committee
⇒ Member - Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)
⇒ Member - Public Health Association of BC (PHABC)
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – First Nations Health Society
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – Union of BC Indian Chiefs
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – First Nations Summit
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – Metis Nation British Columbia
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – United Native Nations
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – Northern Health Authority – Aboriginal Health
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – Provincial Health Services Authority – Aboriginal Health
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – Vancouver Coastal Health Authority – Aboriginal Health
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – First Nations and Inuit Health – Nursing Directorate
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – First Nations and Inuit Health – e-Health Solutions
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – First Nations and Inuit Health – Environmental Health
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding – British Columbia Government Employees Union
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding - Vancouver Island Health Authority - Medical Officer of Health
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding - H’ulh-etun Health Society
⇒ Memorandum of Understanding - Kwakiutl Nation
Do you have an upcoming community event or meeting you would like to list on the BCANDS website or newsletter? If so, please email your event information to: bcands@bcands.bc.ca

**Upcoming Conferences / Events**

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For more event listings please visit: [www.bcands.bc.ca](http://www.bcands.bc.ca)