

## **BC COLLABORATIVE ROSTER SOCIETY**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2014**

**The purpose of the BC Collaborative Roster Society as set out in the constitution is:**

- To have a province wide umbrella of high quality, active practitioners for referral purposes for the Bench, the public and other collaborative professionals;
- A vehicle to provide on- going education for Roster members;
- A way to pursue projects such as expanding CP to meet the needs of more diverse populations

In May we held a full day board retreat and developed our vision and mission statements as well as our first strategic plan for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. We carried out a survey of members to help build our strategic plan.

**Vision:** Transform how conflict is resolved in British Columbia through Collaborative Practice.

**Mission:** To maintain and support a roster of qualified British Columbia Professionals dedicated to excellence and respect in the healthy resolution of disputes in our communities.

We have used the strategic plan to guide us for the year. The strategic plan outlines three areas for the roster to concentrate on over the three years of the Strategic Plan: Supporting professional excellence, increasing public awareness and use of collaborative practice and strengthening organizational capacity. We have focused on increasing public awareness of Collaborative Practice for the year, with particular emphasis on building the Pro Bono Project.

### **STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY**

#### **Finances:**

Our current membership stands at 42 members, our membership has fallen by 6 members from the previous year.

We applied for and received an Access Pro Bono grant from the IACP for our Pro Bono project.

#### **Board Health and Capacity:**

Two board members resigned from the board, and we welcomed one new board member, Lindsey MacInnes.

The following committees operated through 2014.

Public Education Materials – Nancy, Bev and Cathy Heinrichs

Website – Nancy, Deirdre and Bev

Membership committee – Lisa (through to her resignation), Robert and Bev

Corporate Links, Sponsorships – Nikki and Danny

Public Education – Nikki, Deirdre and Danny

Training and Qualified Collaborative Trainings Committee – Nancy, Nikki and Robert

Practice Group Outreach - Bev

We began to do succession planning on the Board, with Deirdre Severide stepping in as president-elect.

### **INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND USE OF CP**

The public education committee completed the roster brochure for public education.

We began a blog for the public, posted on the website.

We created a logo for the BC Collaborative Roster Society.

We made a significant sponsorship contribution to the IACP Forum, sponsoring the Forum bags.

We created a Roster Banner for use at Public events.

We held a reception at the IACP Forum for all BC Collaborative Professionals, as well as invited guests. This provided an opportunity for BC Collaborative professionals to network and get to know each other, as well as providing an opportunity to launch the pro bono project.

Our major emphasis for the year has been on developing the Pro Bono Project. We worked on this at the Board retreat, and have continued to expand the precedents that we began with, enlarging them for the purposes of our project. We have worked on a screening questionnaire and process to comply w. s. 8 of the Family Law Act and with the specific needs of the pro-bono project. We have worked on creating all the documents necessary, and begun to create links for referrals to the program. We are working with building a robust evaluation, and hoping to pair with the Family Transitions Social Lab to expand the ability of the evaluation component to include Developmental Evaluation.

### **SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

We held the second training sponsored by the BC Collaborative Roster Society with Dr. Julie MacFarlane.

We created a list of specific trainings that qualify for the Collaborative Training component of membership.

We finalized revisions for the Lawyer's Participation Agreement and distributed it to all practice groups. We revised the Coaches Participation Agreement and the Child Specialist's Participation Agreement. We continued to monitor cases in the courts, for the effect on the Participation agreement and changes to the Participation Agreement, as necessary.

We are designing a mentorship component for the Pro Bono project to build in mentoring in some of the pro-bono cases.

We awarded three IACP Forum Scholarships, paired with the practice groups, as well as a New Practice Community Spirit Award to someone from the newly trained Penticton group.