



ACR NEWS BULLETIN

2008 09 27

Vol. 1-3



To: Family Councils and Members of ACR

** Please circulate this Bulletin among your networks. **

This Bulletin includes:

**Advocacy Training - (Vancouver and Surrey)
Sponsored by the BC Seniors Advocacy Network (BCSAN)**

"Factors Shaping End of Life Decisions" - an 'Ethics Evening Public Forum' on Monday, Oct 6, 2008; and Conference "A Vision for Quality End of Life Care" on Tuesday Oct 7, 2008, sponsored by Vancouver Coastal Health

Launch of 811 Service in BC (non-emergency healthcare information and referral service) on October 15th, 2008

REMINDER - We're seeking your thoughts on just 'what' makes a good Residential Care Aide!

REMINDER - Our 'New' BC Family Council Network – has your Family Council joined?

Advocacy Training - BC Seniors Advocacy Network (BCSAN)

(BCSAN is made up of 11 community organizations, five regional representatives and 57 volunteer advocates across BC.

The BC Seniors Advocacy Network (BCSAN) is recruiting volunteers to become advocates. The BCSAN is a provincial network of volunteers who assist seniors who are facing a variety of complicated situations and require supports and information to deal with the issues at hand. Advocates provide practical assistance, help identify issues, resolve problems, and connect people with needed resources. Advocates can help seniors to ensure that their voice is heard and that they receive

access to services to which they are entitled. They are looking for people who are good communicators and are interested in taking on a challenging and rewarding role as an advocate. There is no charge for the training. Pre-registration is required. **To get involved, please contact Colleen McKenna at 604-684-8171 ext. 232.**

Training dates and locations:

Vancouver – *the training will take place at the 411 Seniors Centre (411 Dunsmuir (corner of Homer Street) from 10 am to 4 pm.*

Dates: Wednesdays (3): October 8, 15 and 22

Or Mondays (3): October 20, 27 and November 3

Surrey – *the training will take place at the Come Share Senior Support Services at 15008 – 26th Ave., from 10 am to 4 pm.*

Date: Fridays (3): October 10, 17 and 24

“Factors Shaping End of Life Decisions” – an ‘Ethics Evening Public Forum’ on Monday, Oct 6, 2008; and Conference “A Vision for Quality End of Life Care” on Tuesday Oct 7, 2008, sponsored by Vancouver Coastal Health.

The Forum and Conference is located at the Paetzold Health Education Centre, Vancouver General Hospital, 855 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver BC. The Forum is free – although space is limited and registration is required. For information and registration contact Servane Mason at servane.mason@vch.ca

Launch of 811 Service in BC (non-emergency healthcare information and referral service) on October 15th, 2008

We understand that this 811 Service number will be launched on October 15th and that there will be an associated website.

“REMINDER” What characteristics make a great Residential Care Aide? Here’s your chance to share your experience, thoughts and observations and recommendations.

At our AGM (21 June 2008) we spent some time in dialogue with those present on the general subject of residential care. The session, kindly facilitated by Dr. JoAnn Perry, ended with her invitation for all present to send us their thoughts on the ‘characteristics’ that make a good Residential Care Aide. We hope to use this information for an ACR Position Paper. To participate simply send us an email (info@acrbc.ca) with your thoughts and observations on the characteristics that make a good – maybe even ‘great’ Residential Care Aide! . *Please indicate RCA in the subject line.*

We welcome input from all who are interested in Residential Care: residents, family, friends, staff (Nurses, RCA’s, Rehab Staff, etc.). We invite Family Councils to consider a “Family Council” submission.

“REMINDER!” Has your Family Council signed up for the * NEW* BC Family Council Network yet?

Ever wondered what other Family Councils do? What challenges they face and what successes they have had? Perhaps you wonder just how they are organized and how they got started? Perhaps you’ve read the **ACR Family Council Handbook** (available from www.acrbc.ca) and attended an **ACR Family Council Workshop** and would like to connect with some other Family Councils. Well, now there’s a new way to connect with other Family Councils. See the ACR News Bulletin Sept 4, 2008 Vol 1-2. archived on our website for further information www.acrbc.ca

Not yet a Member of ACR- Advocates for Care Reform?

Consider joining us in working for the development of family councils in residential care facilities and advocating for improved quality of care and life for those in residential care facilities in BC. We can't do it without you!

Membership and donation forms are downloadable from the ACR website (www.acrbc.ca).

ACR is a non-profit society and registered charity.

Disclaimer

This bulletin contains material that is meant to be informative, thought-provoking and promote dialogue. This material is for information only and should not be construed as an endorsement of the views expressed, products or services mentioned and should not replace consultation with the appropriate qualified professionals. Individuals who require medical, legal or other expert advice should consult with the appropriate qualified professional. ACR does not endorse any specific approach to care. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those held by the ACR Board of Directors and staff.

Submissions for inclusion in the bulletin are most welcome. However, the editors reserve the right to edit material and to withhold material from publication. Although ACR makes every effort to ensure accuracy, reliability and currency, we cannot guarantee the information contained in this bulletin.