

Annual Quality Forum 2021



Hospice Care in British Columbia: The Path Forward

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Our mission is to better coordinate resources, and develop an integrated, strategic approach to hospice care across BC and in consultation with key stakeholders.



The Problem

Current health and social systems cannot meet the needs of older adults challenged by frailty or serious illness.



The Solution

- Leverage hospice care across British Columbia
- **Community hospices** are well-placed to address the needs of older adults living with serious illness, frailty and grief
- BC Hospice Survey
- Roundtable Event





Current State

BC Hospice Survey 2019





Survey Overview

Objectives

Generate a deeper understanding of:

- 1) the variety of hospice programs and services in BC;
- 2) the people and care settings supported;
- 3) funding sources;
- 4) workforce structure;
- 5) support needs

Participants

- 71 Hospice Organizations were invited
- 53 responded
- 75% response rate

Methodology

- Online Survey (September 3 to October 6, 2019)



Hospice Care in BC: Current State Assessment is on our [website resources page](#)



Strengths of BC Hospices

- **Spread out** across rural, remote, and urban areas of BC
- Operate with a deeply ingrained **person-centered philosophy**
- Vast network of **well-trained volunteers**
- **Support** individuals with life-limiting illnesses, their caregivers, and bereaved
- Provide psychosocial, practical, and spiritual supports to **over 10,000 British Columbians every month**
- **Community funding model** that provides services at minimal or no cost





Challenges to Hospice Care

- Lack of **coordinated provincial standards** across the sector
- Inconsistent relationships with public health care system
- **Insecure** funding
- Limited **networking and collaboration, coordination** among hospice organizations
- Limited **access to tools, resources, education, and training**
- Lack of **public awareness** re definition of hospice care
- Risk of **reduction** in volunteer hours
- Lack of **cultural competencies** to meet the needs of underserved populations



Roundtable Event



The Roundtable (November 2019)

- Consultation with stakeholders and subject matter experts
- **5 stakeholder tables:**
 - Sustainability and performance management
 - Collaboration in partners
 - Models of best practices
 - Education and Training
 - Underserved populations



The Path Forward

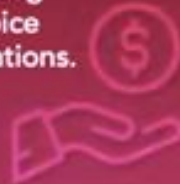


A 10-step collaborative plan for growing hospice care across BC.

1 Form the Hospice Care Alliance of British Columbia, representing the hospice sector, government and patient and family groups.



2 Secure reliable funding for hospice organizations.



3 Advocate for a provincial policy and strategy for hospice care.



4 Establish a common definition for hospice care.



5 Establish provincial standards and an accreditation program.



6 Raise public awareness of hospice palliative care.



7 Establish hospice competencies and a provincial training program.



8 Ensure an effective volunteer engagement strategy.



9 Use technology for networking, training and knowledge exchange.



10 Explore partnership opportunities between hospice organizations and underserved communities.



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Moving Forward



2020 -2022 Plan

- ✓ Attain Province-wide endorsement of the 10-step path
- ✓ Establish HCABC
 - ✓ Website hcabc.ca
 - ✓ Advisory council & terms of references
 - Governance structure & membership
- Ensure collaboration remains a core strength of the Alliance
- Coordinate Alliance resources
- Plan, execute, and evaluate the



Your Role in 2020 -2022 Plan

- Express your support of the 10-step path plan and/or send questions to contact@hcabc.ca
- Subscribe at hcabc.ca to stay informed of progress
- Share the report with your community, MLAs, and media
- Participate in execution of the 10-step path



Thank You

Read the full report at:

www.hcab.ca

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