

## Sector Update - December 9, 2024



### Updates from the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Last week, BC Care Providers Association's (BCCPA) Board of Directors and voting members gathered for the 2024 AGM. Four policy motions were voted on, and appointments to the Board of Directors were approved.

BCCPA is excited to have Marc Kinna (Baptist Housing) as our new President, as well as Gavin McIntosh (The Care Group) as Vice President and Angela Grotoli (Optima Living) as Treasurer.

BCCPA thanks our outgoing President, Ron Pike (Elim Village), who will now serve as Past President, and to outgoing Past President, Aly Devji (Langley Lodge), for both of their tremendous work and dedication on the Board of Directors.

Read more [here](#). View photos from the AGM and Holiday Party [here](#).

### Annual Report

BCCPA's 2024 Annual Report is now available! Get a glimpse of yet another successful year for the Association as the leading voice of B.C.'s seniors living, wellness and care [here](#).

*Physical copies will be mailed out to member sites following the Canada Post strike.*

# Event Updates



## **Tuesdays with Terry (Dec. 10 at 2-3 PM | Zoom)**

We invite you to our final “**Tuesdays with Terry**” webinar of the year taking place on **tomorrow at 2-3 PM**. In this session, BCCPA CEO, Terry Lake, will provide key updates following the Association’s AGM last week.

Reserve your spot now by registering [here!](#)

## **11th Annual BC Care Awards: Register now!**

Thank you to all our members who took the time to recognize excellence in their workplace and submit a nomination for the 11th Annual BC Care Awards!

Earlier this month, our Events and Recognition committee reviewed over 90 nominations and selected the award recipients. All nominees will be celebrated on our website and mailed a certificate of nomination. The award recipients will be announced in January 2025.

Join us in celebrating those who provide the best quality of life for B.C. seniors on March 2, 2025 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria!

Read more and register [here](#).

## **48th Annual Conference: Call for Speakers**

BCCPA invites you to apply to speak at our 48th Annual Conference in Victoria, B.C. from June 1st–3rd, 2025. We’re seeking dynamic speakers with fresh ideas for an audience of senior leaders, managers, owners, operators, and other key stakeholders.

Read more and apply [here](#).



## **WorkSafeBC: First-Aid Attendant Designation Changes**

Thanks to our advocacy with our partners at SafeCare BC, WorkSafeBC has restored the original guidelines that enabled all health care employers to utilize registered nurses as first aid attendants and has updated it to bring into alignment with new regulation and guideline.

Read the guideline [here](#). More information and resources related to the new first aid regulation can be found [here](#).



## Join Us to Find Skilled International Talent

BCCPA and Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC) are thrilled to co-host a hiring and networking event designed to connect our members with skilled talent, including refugees and newcomers holding open work permits. This hiring fair has been created specifically for employers in home health, independent living, assisted living, and the long-term care sectors.

### **Event Dates and Locations:**

January 15, 2025 | Vancouver | Register [here](#).

January 22, 2025 | New Westminster | Register [here](#).

January 31, 2025 | Maple Ridge | Register [here](#).

This is a unique opportunity to find skilled candidates while supporting inclusive hiring practices. Space is limited, so sign up today to secure your spot!

Don't miss out—register now to help build a more diverse and vibrant workforce.

## Opportunities in the Sector

### **Be featured in the Vancouver Sun this holiday season!**

Is your care home participating in any holiday initiatives where children connect with seniors? Vancouver Sun wants to hear your stories! Reply to this message and BCCPA will connect you with a reporter to share your stories this holiday season.

### **Health Quality BC: Appropriate Use of Antipsychotics in LTC Action Series**

Health Quality BC and partners are supporting long-term care homes in B.C. to embed sustainable practices around the appropriate use of antipsychotic medications (AUA).

They are now accepting applications for [It Starts With Asking Why](#), a new action series that will help care homes learn from each other about AUA.

**Registration Deadline:** January 10, 2025

Questions about the Action Series? Email [longtermcare@healthqualitybc.ca](mailto:longtermcare@healthqualitybc.ca).

**[Register today!](#)**

**International Council on Active Aging Conference (ICAA): Call for Presentations**

Do you have the expertise and passion that will elevate the exchange of ideas and professional growth at the ICAA Conference 2025? The International Council on Active Aging invites proposals that inform and inspire the workforce dedicated to the well-being and health of older adults.

[Click here](#) for the Call for Presentations.

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