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SENIOR ON SENIOR ABUSE: WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS THE AGGRESSOR

New Care to Chat Speaker Series Tackles Challenging Issues

Vancouver, B.C. (Sept. 11, 2013) — The field of seniors care is diverse, with many sectors playing an important role. To foster knowledge exchange among the continuing care sector and others that deliver services to seniors, the BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) is hosting a four-part speaker series that will address challenging issues facing key decision makers, business leaders, care providers, as well as other professionals, seniors and their families.

The first session's topic is *Resident-on-Resident Abuse: When Your Loved One is the Aggressor*. The **Hon. Suzanne Anton**, QC, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, will provide opening remarks. "Caregivers provide a vital function in supporting our seniors. I am grateful to the BC Care Providers for the work they do in caring for B.C.'s older and often vulnerable adults," says Minister Anton.

Daniel Fontaine, CEO of the BCCPA says, "*Care to Chat* is an opportunity to bring experts and thought leaders from across Canada to speak to the continuing care sector and other stakeholders about emerging topics. Our members think it's important to take this type of proactive approach as a means of developing adequate responses to many of the emerging challenges facing our sector and the community at large."

Rick Cluff, host of CBC's top-rated Early Edition, will moderate the expert panel consisting of:

Dr. Barry Cooper, Ph.D., R. Psych., The Forensic Alliance

Dr. Gloria Gutman, Ph.D, FCAHS, OBC, LL.D (hon.), SFU, Gerontology Research Centre

Patti Stark, LL.B., criminal defence lawyer

Marnie Stickley, MSW, social worker, Vancouver Police Department, Elder Abuse Unit

Care to Chat's platinum sponsor is Medical Pharmacies Group Limited, and Rexall is the gold sponsor. Jeff Nider, regional manager of business development at Medical Pharmacies, says "we've been a valued partner with the BCCPA for many years and we're very pleased to be at the ground level when they're launching this exciting new series."

The event takes place at 12 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013 at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver and is open to the public and media. It is approved by the Law Society of B.C. for 2.0 CPD hours. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the BCCPA website at: www.bccare.ca.

About BCCPA: The BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) is a non-profit society that has been serving private and non-profit community care providers for over 35 years. The BCCPA has over 230 facility and commercial members across British Columbia. In addition to creating over 15,000 direct and indirect jobs in the continuing care sector, BCCPA members care for more than 11,000 seniors each day in residential care and assisted living, and over 10,000 each year through home support.

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