

## **Special Resolution: Annual General Meeting – May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4:40 pm**

*WHEREAS there is no standard province-wide methodology used by health authorities regarding how base funding and/or annual funding increases are calculated for contracted service care providers; and*

*WHEREAS there are no consistent province-wide standards linking funding to the level of acuity and medical complexity of seniors in care; and*

*WHEREAS the funding of direct care hours for seniors with similar medical conditions varies widely between Health Authorities, within a health authority or a campus of care; and*

*WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging for our residential care and contracted home support members to remain fiscally sustainable due to an identified shortage of funding to cover inflationary costs; and*

*WHEREAS it adds undue financial stress and operational challenges for our care providers who are unaware of what their final operating revenues will be, relative to their budgets, until well into the fiscal year the services are being delivered; and*

*WHEREAS it facilitates better planning and is considered best practice for service providers to be advised in a timely manner what their budget is prior to the beginning of the fiscal year; and*

*WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities have agreed in principle with the need to establish a formal platform for collaborative dialogue*

**Therefore be it resolved that the BCCPA write to the Ministry of Health requesting the following;**

- That the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities formally establish a new *BC Continuing Care Collaborative* to help improve health outcomes for seniors and further enhance partnerships, dialogue and planning between government, health authorities and service providers.
- The *Continuing Care Collaborative* should have senior level representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Health Authorities, the BC Care Providers Association and the Denominational Health Association.
- The first meeting of the *Continuing Care Collaborative* should take place by October 2015.

**Therefore be it further resolved that;**

The *Continuing Care Collaborative* establish as one of its priorities the adoption of four core principles that would help establish a business-to-business relationship between contracted providers and the health authorities. These principles would be adhered to in a consistent manner across the province.

**Timeliness:**

- Health Authorities will aim to provide care providers in writing with their funding notice prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> but no later than 90 days after the start of the fiscal year on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fiscal Sustainability:**

- Contracted care providers are provided the necessary funding to cover identified year-over-year costs related to inflation and/or enhanced service delivery requirements in order to ensure they remain financially whole.

**Equity:**

- The calculation of funding lifts and direct care hours is consistent within and across health authorities.

**Communication and Transparency:**

- Contracted service providers are provided with timely and appropriate communication regarding any significant issue related to their funding relationship with the health authority;
- The methodology used to calculate annual funding lifts will be shared openly with care providers.