

“What Do Aging People Want”



**The Catholic Health Association of BC
76th Annual General Meeting and Conference**

**Thursday, September 15, 2016
Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam**

With an ever increasing number of seniors who are reaching a point in their lives where they need assistance in their daily living activities, ranging from care in their home to placement in a residential facility, our healthcare system is facing an unprecedented challenge of meeting these growing demands. But have we ever really taken the time to truly understand what seniors want from the system or have we been over-paternalistic in developing programs and services that we think will be in their best interests?

A great deal of work has been done in BC by the Seniors Advocate to understand the services that seniors require and then to measure how well the system is doing in meeting those requirements. Our keynote speaker, Isobel Mackenzie will share with us the work that her office has done in identifying the major issues in seniors' care in BC and how well we are doing in meeting those needs.

We will explore several dimensions of seniors' care including the social and physical needs, the technical aspects of planning for later life, how spiritual care in our facilities is an integral part of healing and how we will face the new legislation related to Medical Assistance in Dying.

Together, our presenters will build a scenario of care and planning that will be essential to providing effective programs that ensure the health and dignity for our growing elderly population.

Agenda for the Day

- 9:00 am Mass with Archbishop Miller celebrating
- 9:45 am Coffee/Juice/Muffins
- 10:15 am Sara John Fowler
Welcome/President's Report
- Rick Folka
Treasurer's Report
- Monsignor Rossi
Ethics Committee Report
- 10:45 am Isobel Mackenzie: Seniors Advocate for British Columbia
"BC Seniors Advocate: Issues and Mandate"
Questions?
- 11:30 Philip Weaver: Manager - Spiritual Health & Pastoral Care, *Providence Health*
"Spiritual Needs at the End of Life"
Questions?
- 12:15 Lunch
- 12:45 pm Executive Director Report
Pastoral Care Committee Report
- 1:00 pm Roxanne Wright & Alison Leaney: Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee
"Planning for the Future: Knowing the Options"
Questions?
- 2:00 pm Stretch Break
- 2:10 pm Gordon Self, VP Mission, Ethics and Spirituality, *Covenant Health*, Edmonton
"Medical Assistance in Dying: What Have We Learned and What Are We Still Navigating"
Questions?
- 3:15 pm Nominating Report
- 3:30 pm Introduce 2015/16 Board / Missioning Ceremony
Adjourn

Our Presenters . . .

Isobel Mackenzie

Isobel has over 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, licensed care, community services and volunteer services. Isobel led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency, serving over 6000 seniors annually. In this work Isobel led the pioneering of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice. She led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among many other accomplishments. Isobel has been widely recognized for her work and was named BC CEO of the Year for the Not-for-Profit Sector and nominated as a Provincial Health Care Hero.



Prior to her appointment as the Seniors Advocate, Isobel served on a number of national and provincial boards and commissions including the BC Medical Services Commission, the Canadian Homecare Association, BC Care Providers, BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation. Isobel currently serves on the University of Victoria's Board of Governors.

Isobel received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Victoria and has a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto. Isobel lives in Victoria with her husband and they have two children attending university.

Roxanne Wright

Roxanne is a Regional Consultant with the Assessment and Investigations and Health Care Decisions Team in the Services to Adults Department of the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia. She previously worked as a Youth Supervisor and Child Case Worker with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Roxanne has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia and is currently completing a Masters of Public Administration at the University of Victoria.



Allison Leaney

Allison is the Provincial Coordinator, Vulnerable Adults Community Response, is a Registered Social Worker in Services to Adults at the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. A member of the original Adult Guardianship Implementation Team since 1995, Alison continues to link internal Services to Adults operations with the work of external stakeholders in ongoing implementation of BC's adult guardianship legislation.



Gordon Self

Dr. Self provides executive leadership for clinical and organizational ethics, mission integration, diversity and spiritual care for Covenant Health. He is co-facilitator of the Covenant Health Leadership Challenge Program and the Foundations in Leadership for Catholic Organizations helping develop leaders in values-based decision-making and moral reflection.



Gordon was a member of the Core Team commissioned by the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada to develop the new edition of the Health Ethics Guide, the foundational ethics resource used by Catholic healthcare organizations in Canada, including Covenant Health.

A former chaplain at St. Boniface General Hospital in Winnipeg, Gordon pursued a fellowship in mission and ethics with Trinity Health in Michigan. He holds a doctorate in organizational ethics with a focus on discernment and decision-making. His column, *Ethics Made Real*, which ran monthly in *Western Catholic Reporter* from 2010 to 2014, continues on the Covenant Health website, together with other contributors from the Ethics Centre.

Philip Weaver

Philip is the Manager for Spiritual Health (Pastoral Care) in Acute Care and Clinical Pastoral Education Services at Providence Health Care. His clinical work has included care for patients in mental health & addictions, palliative care, HIV/AIDS and general surgery. Philip has served as an adjunct faculty member at both the University of Winnipeg School of Theology and the Vancouver School of Theology. He combines his extensive experience in Canada and the US with his grounded knowledge of theoretical models to help prepare graduate and post-graduate students as they develop the competencies necessary to excel as spiritual care providers. Philip also recently served on the Ministry of Health's task group charged to develop a framework for Spiritual Health in British Columbia and is currently a member of the BC Spiritual Health Advisory Council. This past April, Philip became President of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care.



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Conference Registration

The Executive Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre
405 North Road, Coquitlam
(Within walking distance of Lougheed Town Centre Skytrain Station)

For room reservations, call 1-888-433-3932 and quote
“Booking ID 18097”

A block of deluxe rooms at the rate of \$120, a Corner Suite at \$130 or a
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will be held for conference registrants until August 26th

No charge for parking for the day

Registration for the day, including lunch: \$150

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Please include your cheque with your registration,
payable to “CHABC” and mail to:

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Conference registration deadline: September 9th

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