BCASW Seniors Community of Practice

TERMS OF REFERENCE	
BCASW MISSION	We are the professional association of social workers in British Columbia and promote the profession of social work. We advance social work practice and values to create a just and compassionate society.
DESCRIPTION	The seniors' community of practice is an informal group of BCASW Social Workers with an interest in working with seniors. The group will share information and experiences through teleconferences and an online networking site, creating opportunities for participants to learn through knowledge sharing and develop themselves personally and professionally. This group may engage in advocacy, research, etc. based on the group member's interest and capacity.
PURPOSE	1. Bring together a community of practice that can network, support and advance professional practice as colleagues, advocates and mentors. 2. Establish a team of professionals with expertise in a particular field who can offer insight into emerging issues and promising practices. 3. Inform communication by BCASW on strategic topical issues in a timely manner.
OBJECTIVES	1. Bring insight, information and experience from the field from a variety of perspectives to a shared workspace. 2. Maintain a professional networking site that can be accessed readily enhancing online collaboration/communication. 3. Create a venue for position papers, relevant electronic documents, discussion, calendar events and websites.
INCLUSION CRITERIA	1. Current BCASW membership 2. Provincial representation 3. Field expertise 4. Variety of perspectives across field 5. Interest and commitment to participate respectfully
MEMBERSHIP	Members will participate in teleconferences and on-line communication. Members will be given access to shared networking site that can be used for discussion, document sharing, scheduling events.
ADMISSION PROCESS	Members can request to participate and they will be granted access based on inclusion criteria by site administrator.
EXCLUSION	While a variety of perspectives are welcomed, any one who acts in a disrespectful and/or malicious way will be denied access to the site.

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