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BCACCS SUPPORTS BOARD VOICE CALL FOR BC SOCIAL POLICY FRAMEWORK

Vancouver—In June 2013 Board Voice announced the draft and endorsement of the “There is a Better Way” statement by five of metro Vancouver’s largest social service agencies; Family Services of Greater Vancouver, Greater Vancouver Community Services Society, Options Community Services of Surrey, Pacific Community Resources, and PLEA Community Services.

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is adding their voice to the call for community leaders and provincial and municipal governments to open a province wide discussion to create a BC Social Policy Framework that would define how we can build better lives for our children, our parents, and ourselves.

The statement calls for a partnership with the social services, health care, justice, Aboriginal leadership, and education sectors to begin a conversation with British Columbians in order to create a plan to meet our current and future social needs.

“We know that it will take a great effort to create a social framework for B.C. as a guiding vision to respond to the needs of our children, their families, and their communities,” says Mary Teegee, BCACCS Board President, “but it is important that we build support for the province-wide initiative. One way we can do this is to become part of this discussion and represent; our children; their current and future needs.”

The “There is a Better Way” statement points out that virtually every family in the province will access social services at some point in their lifetime. The services that are trying to address some of the most pressing social issues cross ministerial silos, bridge across the government, non-profit and corporate sectors, and lack a common vision.

“We need a well-developed B.C. social policy framework in order to meet the increasing needs of British Columbians,” says Karen Isaac, BCACCS Executive Director. “Without a clear vision organizations and agencies that tend to social issues will continue to work as independent silos, draining ever dwindling funding without improving delivery or outcomes.”

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More info on Board Voice:

Link to “There is a Better Way” [statement](#)

Link to Board Voice [website](#)

More info on BCACCS:

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) is committed to nurturing excellence through community outreach, education, research and advocacy, to ensure every Aboriginal child in B.C. has access to spiritually enriching, culturally relevant, high quality early childhood development services.

Link to BCACCS [website](#)

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