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HOSPICE CARE REPORT TO BE RELEASED

Hospice Care in British Columbia: The Path Forward
A plan to improve access to quality, sustainable and accessible hospice care for all British Columbians

The Provincial Hospice Working Group (PHWG) is a collective of non-profit organizations who took the initiative to coordinate the development of a path forward to improve access to high quality, fully integrated, and sustained hospice care for all British Columbians.

Hospice care complements the medical services already provided by the health care system by focusing services and resources on the unmet psychosocial, practical and spiritual needs of persons and their families.

This report describes the current state of the non-profit hospice care sector in BC, highlighting the major gaps, challenges, and opportunities to leverage and sustain the sector.

It also outlines the importance of volunteer-driven, person-centered hospice services within the health care system as a means of meeting the needs of British Columbians affected by a serious illness.

The recommendations were developed in consultation with the PHWG, hospice organizations across British Columbia, roundtable stakeholders, and industry experts.

The founding members of the PHWG are representatives of the British Columbia Centre for Palliative Care, British Columbia Hospice Palliative Care Association, Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, Victoria Hospice, and Vancouver Island Federation of Hospices.

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