



## Health Matters Newsletter April 13, 2017

### Today's Health Matters Includes:

- Meeting Schedule
- Community Meetings and Events
- Local Data/ Relevant Reports and Information- Results from Point in Time Homeless Count
- Job Postings for Housing Initiative (attached)
- Affordable Housing Plan for BC
- Why children are uniquely vulnerable to climate change

Sometimes you never know what you will find when you head out on an adventure. What are you waiting for?



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### Our Cowichan- Network Member Meetings-

- ✓ **Next Admin Committee Meeting- May 4 4:30-6:30** Committee Room 2 CVRD
- ✓ **Next Our Cowichan Network Meeting May 11** at **Ramada Silver Bridge**. Light dinner at 5:15 pm Meeting starts at 5:45 pm.

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### Community Events- Meetings

- **Next Sobering and Detox Task Force Meeting April 20, 2017** Room Committee Room 2 at the CVRD
- **EPIC-Community Steering Committee** April 20, 1:30-3:30 Ts'i'ts'uwatul' Lelum 5755 Allenby Road- Duncan, BC

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**Local Data and or Research-** Results from Point in Time Homeless Count

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**Job Postings- Cowichan Housing Association-** Project Manager and Project Lead- attached

(please note that these positions are for a Housing First Initiative and not the building of buildings)

What does the future hold for Cowichan- Tuesday April 25, 2017 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Providence Farm Chapel Room 1843 Tzouhalem Road Duncan BC V9L- 5L6

DESCRIPTION

Board Voice and community partners are excited to invite you to join with other Cowichan residents who are coming together for a Community Conversation during which we hope to hear about how folks view our community – what is our vision for the community, for the people we care about and for ourselves? What is our vision of a BC that is fair, just and working for everyone? What three things would enhance the quality of life for ourselves, our families, our neighbours, and our community? And, importantly, what do we need to do to get there?



Many of us find that we barely know people from different parts of the community. So, we hope the conversations will provide opportunities to get to know one another's thoughts and will build upon community initiatives that are working toward finding common ground and building upon what is working in our community. The goal is to contribute to the development of a framework for wellbeing – a social policy framework for BC along with 14 other communities who are holding similar conversations.

Our province has an Economic Plan. We hope you will join this local Community Conversation as a first and critical step toward contributing to a much-needed Social Plan.

We hope you will say "Yes" to be part of this community conversation in Cowichan and join us April 25, 2017 at Providence Farms in the Chapel Room for a farm fresh working lunch. Our collective voices can make a difference.

Register here by clicking on eventbrite

**Eventbrite**

## **Affordable housing plan for BC**

On April 10, 2017, the BC Rental Housing Coalition – which includes the BC Society of Transition Houses, a First Call member – released its *Affordable Housing Plan for BC*. This 10-year plan proposes specific and costed measures that can be implemented immediately to increase rental housing supply, close the affordability gap and help address homelessness in BC.

Recommendations include reducing poverty and providing income supports to renters and the

homeless through the development of a poverty reduction strategy and alignment of housing with other policy areas such as health, justice and child welfare, among other strategies.

[Download the BC Affordable Housing Plan](#)

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### Why children are uniquely vulnerable to climate change

[A recent publication from the American Academy of Pediatrics](#) outlines how “children are a uniquely vulnerable group that suffers disproportionately from [the effects of climate change].” Globally, children younger than five are estimated to bear the burden of approximately 88% of the health risks posed by climate change.

Climate change has many direct effects on child health. [Read how](#)

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[Do you have a resource, event or information you would like to share?](#)

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