

Policy Title:

PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Intent of Policy:

To ensure positive relationships with organizations and to encourage collaboration, cooperation and communication.

Policy:

SVDP forms partnerships with other non-profit agencies, community businesses, and government organizations to improve the SVDP capability to achieve our mission and serve consumers and families.

Procedure:

1. The Board supports collaborative efforts with other community organizations when such actions enhance services and supports and prevent, reduce, or eliminate duplication of services. SVDP, through the Board and the Executive Director, provides leadership and collaborates with others to benefit consumers, their families, and broader Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island community. When effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction can be improved through partnership or alliance, SVDP enters into these relationships.
2. Opportunities to partner/collaborate are evaluated based on the following considerations:
 - ❖ Mutual benefit for partners;
 - ❖ Opportunities for partners to meet their shared social responsibilities;
 - ❖ Acknowledge and celebrate each partner's contributions;
 - ❖ Consistent with the ethics and core values of partners;
 - ❖ Based on clearly defined expectations of all partners;
 - ❖ Based on shared or aligned objectives that support the goals of the partner organizations;
 - ❖ Developed and structured in consultation with partners;
 - ❖ Recognize and respect each partner's expertise; and
 - ❖ Identify clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all partners.
3. SVDP fosters and encourages cooperation at the local, regional, and national levels, through local networking,

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BC Association for Community Living and other organizations.

4. The Executive Director has the primary responsibility for liaising with other organizations, the business community and government organizations including Community Living BC.
5. SVDP advocacy efforts are coordinated with other community organizations and the BC Association for Community Living.

References:

- ❖ SVDP Operational Policy, Community Relations (Section 8)
- ❖ Advocacy Committee Policy and Terms of Reference (Section 3)
- ❖ *CARF Accreditation Standards - Leadership*

Audit:

- ❖ Executive Director Report
- ❖ Advocacy Committee Report

Passed by Board:
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