

# Living Positive

RESOURCE CENTRE OKANAGAN

2020/2021

Annual Report

## Annual General Meeting

DECEMBER 13TH 2020

# Our Mission

To provide harm reduction, prevention and education resources, and supportive services that focus on individual and community health and wellness to anyone living with, affected by, or at risk of HIV, Hep C, or related health issues.

# Our Vision

Vibrant communities which celebrate diversity and ensure everyone can live a healthy and valued life.

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# AGM Agenda

December 13th, 2021 6:00PM  
via Zoom

1. Welcome and territorial acknowledgement
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Introduction of chair
4. Introduction of board of directors and executive director
5. Approval of 2019/2020 AGM minutes
6. Presentation and approval of audited financial statements
7. Election of 2021/2022 auditors
8. Annual report by Board President
9. Annual report by Executive Director
10. Annual program report by staff
11. Any additional business not requiring the passing of a special resolution
12. Nomination for the Board of Directors
13. Moment of silence
14. Adjournment

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brogan Pastro (he, him)  
Board President

Neil Self (he, him)  
Board Vice President

Melanie Willson (she, her)  
Board Secretary

Darren Pastro (he, him)  
Board Treasurer

Cherie Hanson (she, her)  
Director at Large

Kristin Stratulat (she, her)  
Director at Large

Jonathan Marks (he, him)  
Director at Large

## LPRC STAFF

Fahmy Baharuddin (he, him)  
Executive Director

Tamara Jansen (she, her)  
Health and Wellness Navigator

Davis Wiggs (he, him)  
Men's Health Initiative Coordinator

Stacey Squires (she, her)  
Harm Reduction Education Facilitator

Arik Kreipe (they,them/he,him)  
Harm Reduction Education Facilitator

# 2019/2020 AGM Minutes

December 17th, 2020 6:00PM  
via Zoom

## Attendance:

Executive Director: Fahmy Baharuddin

Board members: Cherie Hanson, Jonathan Marks, Brogan Pastro, Darren Pastro, Kristin Stratulat, Melanie Willson

Regrets: Chantelle Ludwig, Neil Self

Members: 7 members present, 4 staff present (non-voting)

- **Welcome and territorial acknowledgment**
  - Meeting called to order by Brogan (president) at 6:08 with quorum present.
  - Minutes by Melanie.
- **Adoption of the agenda**
- **Introduction of chair**
  - Brogan Pastro, Board President
- **Approval of 2018/2019 AGM minutes**
  - Motion to approve AGM minutes with friendly amendments (Brogan/Kristin) - passed
- **Introduction of Board of Directors and Executive Director**
- **Presentation and approval of audited financial statements**
  - Presentation of audited financial statements from Omland Heal by Darren Pastro, Board Treasurer
  - Motion to approve audited financial statements as presented (Brogan/Cherie) - passed
- **Election of 2020/2021 auditors**
  - Motion to elect Omland Heal as auditor for 2020/2021 (Brogan/Darren) - passed
- **2019/2020 Board Report by Board President**
- **2019/2020 Annual Report by Executive Director**
- **Program reports by staff**
  - Health and wellness program – Katie Sokil
  - Harm Reduction Education Facilitation – Davis, Stacey, & Arik
  - Men's Health Initiative – Davis
- **Any additional business not requiring the passing of a special resolution**
  - Motion to send Thank you card to long-term LPRC donors (Brogan/Cherie) -passed
- **Nomination for the Board of Directors**
  - Nomination of Darren Pastro
  - Motion to elect Darren to board members (Melanie/Kristin) - passed, with Darren & Brogan abstaining
- **Moment of silence**
- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm



# Auditor's Report 2020/2021

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of Living Positive Resource Centre, Okanagan

### *Report on the Financial Statements*

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Living Positive Resource Centre, Okanagan (the Society), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, and the statements of receipts and disbursements, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Other Matter*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The current year's supplementary information included in Schedule 1 through 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the supplementary information.

#### *Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

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# Auditor's Report 2020/2021

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## *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## *Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements*

As required by the British Columbia Societies Act, we report that, in our opinion, the Society's financial statements have been prepared following Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*Omland Heal LLP*  
Chartered Professional Accountants

Penticton, BC  
December 10, 2021



# Board President's Report 2020/2021

It is unbelievable how quickly 2021 has come and gone. And, it was my pleasure to have headed up the Board of Directors for the LPRC this year, as I had done in 2020.

2021 has been operations-defining for the LPRC. We have hired new staff who are incredibly committed to their roles. We have been thoroughly impressed with our new auditors, bookkeepers, and financial planning software. Fahmy has continued to impress us with his panache for grant-writing, and has, accordingly, sured up multiple new sources of funding for the LPRC. And, we have doubled down our Board recruitment efforts to ensure that the LPRC's Board represents the varied and diverse clientele that we service every day.

Further, It is impossible to comment on 2021 without speaking of COVID. On that point, this year saw a more regular return to operations than in 2020, doubtlessly as a result of the rather less restrictive COVID measures in place this year. We were thrilled that this was the case. And, we were thrilled to provide PHO-compliant services to our clientele. More generally, it has been the LPRC's pleasure to provide harm-reduction and broader healthcare-adjacent services to our clientele during the worst of the Pandemic, and we are committed to continuing to provide the same throughout 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for attending our 2021 AGM. And, my very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season,

Best regards,  
Brogan Pastro,  
President, Board of Directors

# Executive Director's Report 2020/2021

To our valued members,

2021 has definitely been a challenge for many people, and at Living Positive Resource Centre, we are no exception. Despite this, we have managed to keep our head up, and continue to provide our services to the community of the Central Okanagan region. As always, we could not have done this without the incredible support of our staff, our members, our Board of Directors, and our community partners.

Due to the pandemic, we had to close our doors for a number of months to realign our services and safety protocol. In September, we were able to open to the public once more, and we have been able to provide a steady stream of services to the community, including some new services. Since January, we have been able to collaborate with the UBCO Campus Health's Harm Reduction team (HaRT) to provide drug checking services from our office space.

This is one of many collaborations that we were able to do this year. We have been able to partner with organizations such as the Kelowna Pride Society, Turning Points, the Metro Community, shelters throughout the city, KANDU, the local YMCA, and many others. With these collaborations, we were able to support the efforts against the overdose epidemic that continues to affect our region. As always, we are very grateful to continue to partner with the BCCDC, United Way, Toward the Heart, Interior Health, UBCO and many other service organizations and people to be able to provide much needed services to our community.

We are excited for big projects and changes in the coming year. This year has given us a chance to resettle ourselves as an organization, and that has made way for many new opportunities. As always, I would like to end this report by saying a massive thank you to the staff of Living Positive Resource Centre, the Board of Directors, members of LPRC, as well as the community members who continue to show me how necessary and effective a loving and supportive environment is to foster positive changes and growth.

Sincerely,  
Fahmy Baharuddin  
Executive Director

# PROGRAM REPORTS

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Tamara Jansen  
and Katie Sokil

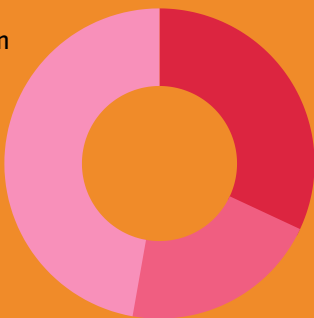
### Challenges:

- Clients not wanting to come to office to reduce social contact which is leading to more outreach and home visits
- Absences due to exposure / staff isolating
- Changes in other community programs
- Disconnect from other service providers
- PICC Meeting Postponement
- Eliminated transportation of clients
- Currently only 1 HW worker as Advocate position is vacant

### Client Demographics:

72 Active Clients

At increased risk population  
34 clients



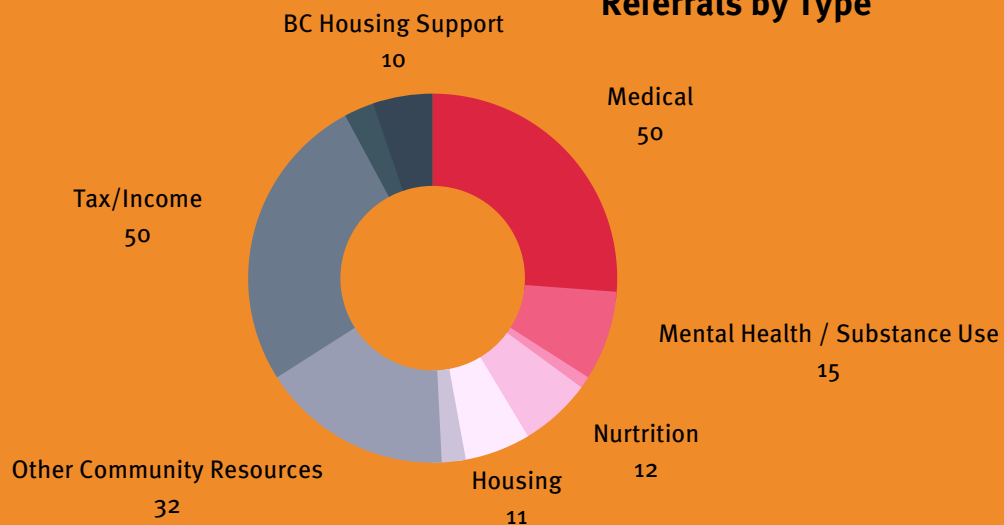
Living with HIV  
23 clients

Living with Hepatitis C, B, or A  
15 clients



Successfully treated for Hepatitis C, B, or A  
4 clients

### Client Services and Referrals by Type



# PROGRAM REPORTS

## HARM REDUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Stacey Squires  
and Arik Kreipe

Volunteer  
Hours  
**100**

**10 active volunteers**  
helping to

- Manage and develop contents for social media accounts
- Deliver workshops
- Edit workshops and programming

Workshops  
Facilitated

**43**

22  
Harm Reduction  
8  
Sexual Health  
13  
Inclusive Language

Harm Reduction  
Pieces Given Out

**50,000**

Including Naloxone kits,  
menstrual products, and  
fentanyl test strips

Individuals  
Served

**335**

## Highlights

Re-established drop-in  
hours open to the public

Started giving out bubbles  
during drop-in

Assisted CMHA with the  
creation of a substance  
use webinar

Joined the I'm Ready  
Program

Helped co-create substance  
use sections of CMHA's Peer  
Support training

Joined the Community  
Scholars Program

Assisted with and evaluated a  
Community Service Learning  
Project for first year  
Engineering students at UBCO

Acted as a community project  
mentor for a high school  
student's capstone project

Delivered workshops both  
online and in person

# PROGRAM REPORTS

## MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Davis Wiggs

The MHI Program has been connecting, networking, and liaising with Pride Societies, regional organizations, and community partners

It has been working closely with its offshoot in Nelson, through ANKORS, and has been working to broaden the support for queer men in the Interior and Kootenay region of BC

After some reworking of the Program, the Program can now be split into Community, Individuals, and Service Providers. This split will allow the Program to address specific gaps in services, and work with community partners to address these gaps. So far, this has meant providing educational workshops, advocacy and guidance for queer men, social media outreach, providing in-person networking events, and providing queer competency education for businesses and service providers in the Okanagan

## Events

### Involved/Organized

Sexual Health  
Workshop at  
Fernie Pride

Movember  
Mo-Ments

Gay Men's  
Health Summit

Queer Social  
Skates

Volunteer Fair  
at UBCO

Okanagan  
Volunteer Fair

Picnic at  
the Park

Sex Now  
Survey

Salmon Arm  
Pride Project

**Annual  
General  
Meeting**

DECEMBER 13TH 2020

**THANK  
YOU!**

**Living Positive**  
RESOURCE CENTRE OKANAGAN  
**2020/2021**