

For October 18, 2019

New Board, Same Commitment

In July's e-bulletin we let you know about the changes at ADWA. While change is often difficult, we recognize that in our world today and particularly the disability sector, it is inevitable. As we bid farewell to some of our most committed members, wishing them well in their new endeavours, we remain committed to and excited about the work we do.

PDD Review Panel Report & Next Steps

On our Facebook page, we shared that the long-awaited PDD Review Panel Report had been released. If you missed our posting, here is the link again: [PDD Review Panel Report](#). ADWA President, Shauna Pilipchuk, with input from the board, recently sent a letter to the Minister of Community and Social Services, Rajan Sawhney, to acknowledge the report and remind our provincial government that the voice and value of the disability workforce need to be considered in the next steps of PDD Review.

Federal Election – Monday, October 21, 2019

As we continue to engage with the provincial government on behalf of disability workers, the Canadian Association for Community Living has asked all parties running for election to consider a National Disability Action Plan in their 2019 platform commitments. Improvements made for individuals with disabilities have a direct impact on disability workers. You can read about the action plan here: [Federal Election Strategy](#). You can find additional, general election information on the Elections Canada website at <https://www.elections.ca>

Certification Pilot Project Conclusion

The Certification Pilot Project has now been concluded, and ADWA's report has been submitted to the Government of Alberta. We would like to thank all stakeholders who participated in the pilot.

With the commitment to promoting excellent practices and professionalism in the field, the Certification Pilot Project provided valuable insight. We look forward to sharing updates as we are able.

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) in Canada and the United States. Focused on promoting employment inclusion for people with disabilities ADWA recognizes that our disability workers play a very significant role in helping people with disabilities, access employment opportunities within the province. You should, as always, be proud of the work you do! You can read the statement from Minister Sawhney regarding DEAM here: [Disability Employment Awareness Month: Minister Sawhney](#).

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