



Richard Gregory BSW MSc RSW

Richard has been a proud social worker for over 30 years. Richard has worked with a variety of populations in a variety of agencies. He has worked in both the child welfare and the young offender systems, he has worked with youth and families in crisis at a runaway and homeless shelter and with families of children with special needs. While in Calgary Richard was also a sessional instructor in the Social Work Program at Mount Royal University. He was the coordinator of and instructor in the social work diploma program at Medicine Hat College from 1998 to 2015 when he moved into the position of Department Chair – Health and Human Services. He is responsible for 5 programs, including social work.

Richard has also done a considerable amount of volunteer work, including 19 years with HIV and AIDS. He was president of the board for the HIV Network in Medicine Hat for six years and was the president when they opened the harm reduction program in Medicine Hat. He has been the chairperson of the Social Development Advisory Board with the City of Medicine Hat, on the Board of Directors for the Women's Shelter, and was one of the Human Rights Advisors at Medicine Hat College for 13 years. He served as secretary for the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education (CAPDHHE). Richard has been a strong advocate for equality and social justice. In Calgary he was very involved with the gay community and was one of the organizers of the first gay pride parade in Calgary and lobbied for the inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected right in Alberta. Richard is just completing his 6<sup>th</sup> term on council for ACSW. Richard has been a member at large, treasurer, vice president and president.

In 2013 Richard received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee award in recognition of his volunteer commitments. In 2016 Richard received a Hero Award from the Chinook Foundation of Calgary in recognition of his endeavours in advancing the quality of life for GLBTQ people. Richard was presented the Sunny Andrews Award from the Association of Social Work Boards for outstanding regulatory social work board service in November 2016.

Richard is very proud of the work that has been accomplished by ACSW but knows that there is still a lot of work to do. In addition to the regulatory functions of ACSW Richard enjoys advocating on behalf of the membership and the clients our members serve. He would like to continue this work for another term and asks for the support of the membership to do so.