

Biography of Enid Martin – MSW, RSW



I have worked in many careers including being a radio journalist on Vancouver Island, a supervisor of an income assistance office and a social policy analyst in Victoria, BC.

In 2007, I completed my Bachelor of Social Work Degree– with distinction – at the University of Victoria and in 2010, I received my Masters in Clinical Practice from the University of Calgary.

I work as a Social Worker on an interdisciplinary team at the Didsbury Hospital, assisting patients of all ages. I assist families and residents with finances, legal matters and provide emotional support. Since 2008, I have been able to build the reputation of social work in the Didsbury Hospital and community from having no social work presence to my current almost full-time (.8 FTE) position.

I co-chair the ACSW Social Workers in Health Interest Group that meets monthly to discuss topics involving professional growth and ethics and I am involved in a sub-committee that wrote an article on the recent Mental Health Review in the province. I have presented at the ACSW conference on two occasions and am always willing to assist ACSW colleagues with projects.

If elected, I would bring the unique rural social work perspective to the table and demonstrate that rural practice requires advocacy, creativity, collaboration and strong networking skills – all skills that I feel are essential for effective Council members. Although urban social workers face their challenges, rural social workers must form trusting community relationships and work together to find solutions to many different issues because of the lack of resources in rural communities: collaboration is the key to providing client-centered care. I pride myself on my ability to critically analyze and synthesize material. As a Council member, I would maintain open and inclusive dialogue to support our membership and ACSW values.