

Moving Forward 2016 – 2020: A Strategic Plan

VIRRJA's organization and structure

1. VIRRJA will continue to be focused as a federation of local programmes, but provide for the inclusion of independent practitioners and governmental organizations and affiliates.
2. Beginning in 2017, VIRRJA Annual dues will be raised to \$25 for programmes and \$25 for individual practitioners.
3. Membership attendance at quarterly meetings will average 60% of paid up membership
4. Membership will reach 80% of all restorative justice programmes operating within the Region's geographic area.
5. VIRRJA will strive to facilitate the membership and participation of First nations RJ programmes.
6. VIRRJA will strive to establish deeper connections between and among the member programmes.
7. VIRRJA will amend it's By-Laws to provide for the election of an Executive composed of six Directors each serving a two year term and stagger their terms to provide for ongoing continuity.
8. VIRRJA will seek a grant to provide travel assistance to programmes to attend the regional meetings 3 times/year and the AGM/Conference.

VIRRJA's tasks

1. VIRRJA will establish a model for local programme evaluation that is implementable within local programme limitations, that at least 75% of individual programmes agree to undertake and report outcomes and results to VIRRJA for tabulation on a regional basis, and that assists local programmes in their own progress and development.
2. VIRRJA will, in light of the RCMP's withdrawal from the local training field, seek to develop a training structure that meets local programme needs through inter-programme co-operation and collaboration. It will also seek to expand the

understanding and use of RJ models beyond the Community Justice Forums model.

3. VIRRJA will seek to extend the scope of RJ to include a much wider range of referral sources and applications, including files involving Elder Abuse, school-based programmes, community-based referrals (minor sports leagues, neighbour disputes, minor levels of sexual and other assault, etc.
4. VIRRJA will enhance the listing of training resources and programme development approaches on the VIRRJA website.

VIRRJA's lobbying goals and objectives

1. VIRRJA will increase its representation on restorative justice to government ministries, agencies and organizations to heighten awareness of its positive contributions to community and to enhance and stabilize funding within the justice system
2. VIRRJA will focus efforts on extending and enhancing MOUs for Crown referrals.
3. VIRRJA will establish regular networking functions between member organizations to spread knowledge of best practices and unique responses to common issues and concerns
4. VIRRJA will promote municipal and regional government support for restorative justice as a local option which engages community in a leading role in the justice system
5. VIRRJA will take a stronger role in making submissions to government and presentations to provincial and national investigations and other inquiries that address issues of concern to restorative justice.
6. VIRRJA will continue to encourage the formation of regional associations in other areas of the province with an objective of developing a single, province-wide voice for restorative justice