



North Region Community Council Meeting
September 10, 2011
Community Living Centre
#207 – 1600 15th Avenue
Prince George BC V2L 3X3
9:00 am

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Barb Warkentine, Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, Earnie Harding, Eldon Carter, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, David Johnston, Sharon Taylor, Ann Peltier, Patricia Marshall, Ann Lewis, (Jackie Allen – not able to connect via conference call)
Regrets: Kris Zemlak
Guests: Paula Grant, Paul Sibley

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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	David Johnston made a motion the minutes to the June 25, 2011 meeting be accepted. Earnie Harding seconded the motion.		
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AGENDA			
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Paula Grant, Director of Quality Assurance	Paula delivered an Adult Guardianship Power Point Presentation. Discussed were Principles and Assumptions, the Adult Guardianship Act, Role of the Designated Authority, Emergency Provisions, Ongoing Inquiries, Assessment of Capability, Associated Risk Factors, Caregiver and Adult Abuse Indicators, CLBC Facilitators Process, Challenges, Representation Agreements, Health Care Consent, Who Makes Decisions, Roles and Responsibilities of the Temporary Substitute Decision Maker and the Public Guardian Trustee.		
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	Copies of the Power Point will be sent out to all council members.	Ann Lewis	
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Paul Sibley	Paul gave an overview and discussed the challenges of working within our funding envelope, not just CLBC but for all government funded services. Paul read and discussed the August 16 th letter to the Editor from our CEO. The issue of equity is being addressed, we provide services based on the best		

	<p>information we have at the time. Our region has completed approximately 60% of the contract reviews. Requests for services are telling us a lot, and individuals are encouraged to plan with facilitators at least 6 months prior to turning 19. Paul talked about planning for Health and Safety verses planning for “nice to have”. The waitlists are constantly being reviewed and we encourage individuals to contact us if their current level of need should change. Paul also discussed our biggest initiative – Quality of Life Framework. The Pilot project in the Fraser region was a huge success. Information on this and Dr. Schalock’s interviews can be found at website at: http://www.pdd.org/docs/ed/SchalockTreatment.pdf</p>						
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Evaluation Results Bonnie Fallowfield	<p>Bonnie reviewed the results, the overall ratings were: 1 □ Excellent 3 □ Very Good 2 □ Good 1 □ Satisfactory 0 □ Poor Bonnie has sent the completed forms to Brian Salisbury along with the Managers evaluation.</p>						
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Managers Report Pat Marshall	<p>Pat has almost completed the unused file project removing all files that have been non active for over 3 years.</p> <p>BC Housing is going great – Chris Wetmore is facilitating in getting our folks priority, though there are still housing issues in a few communities.</p> <p>BC Housing has taken over Balding Hughes D&A Rehabilitation centre and also built sweat lodge at that location. This centre is being run under new directors, with new provincial eligibility criteria for our folks. The building is not yet wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>Minister Bloy will be here next week and will also be visiting AIMHI.</p> <p>The CLBC Board meeting will be in Prince George in November. The draft agenda has been prepared and the time slot for meeting the council is November 24th 5pm to 6pm at the Coast Hotel. It is not an option to have everyone on the Council attend. Once the agenda is confirmed, notification will be sent out to council members. It was suggested to have the Board come on the weekend of November 19th to visit not just hold meeting; if they come on the weekend families can attend. Bonnie requested Paul to take back to the Board if possible to have them come for the Council meeting on Nov 19th.</p> <p>Ministry Employment Program has not been announced, this was tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>Facilitator Vince Sherry will be retiring early in 2012</p> <p>Pat is the Chair of the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Planning Team. We have confirmed the End of Day Celebrations on March 19, 2011 at the Civic Plaza. For more information on routes, entering the relay contest, visit the website at http://www.rickhansenrelay.com/en/</p> <p>Pat is also involved in the legacy funding from sponsors to provide accessible</p>						

	playground equipment.		
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Community Living Month Events	<p><u>Terrace</u> Date: Oct 1, 2011 Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm Walk, Run or Wheel the Millennium Trail to the highway to Chills ice cream shop.</p> <p><u>Dawson Creek</u> D a t e : O c t o b e r 6 , 2 0 1 1 Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Location: Northern Lights College Gazebo (Behind College alongside the residence grass area)</p> <p><u>Smithers</u> Date: October 7, 2011 Time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm BBQ, cake and drinks, games and prizes at High Roads</p> <p><u>Prince Rupert</u> D a t e : O c t o b e r 2 2 , 2 0 1 1 Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm Location: Mariners Park in Prince Rupert Community BBQ with guest speakers. We are bringing awareness to enhance individuals with developmental disabilities in their community and to ensure that our community is an all inclusive community. We will be handing out cake, balloons, pins and brochures, and there will be a draw. Contact Val Whomes for more information</p> <p><u>Quesnel</u> – this event has been postponed until further notice. <u>Fort St John</u> – No event planned for this year <u>Prince George</u> Date: October 28, 2011 Time: 8:00am – 10:00am AiMHi will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast AiMHi Gym. (charge is now \$6.00 for everyone).</p>		
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	Send out all info to the Council for all events	Ann Lewis	ASAP
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Face to Face	<p>Discussion on having more meetings via conferencing rather than face to face especially over the winter months when there could be travel delays and the extra costs these incur. Also for the safety of all members while travelling. It was agreed for council members to mail/e-mail Ann Lewis all reports and/or hand-outs at least one week before the meetings and she will see they are distributed.</p>		

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PAC Report Terry Robertson	Next meeting date – September 24, 2011.		
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Committee Reports	MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:		
Membership Committee Sharon Taylor Kris Zemplak	<p>We have had resignations from Sharon Doerkson and Colleen Hermanson</p> <p>Statistical information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 members 4 family= 31% 5 Self advocates = 39% 2 Community members = 15% 2 service providers = 15% <p>Discuss on what to do with the 2 new positions: there has Ann P will send Cristy application to fill out and</p> <p>Need to find replacements – start reappointment forms now. Possible Vanderhoof/Burns Lake area. Stagger the new committee and. The membership will map out what this will look like before the next meeting. Mentor someone to be chair and vice chair. And the PAC role. Ann L will also send all members applications as well as letters requesting reappointment.</p>		
Self Advocate Committee Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston Earnie Harding , Eldon Carter	<p>Self Advocate Conference – how is this coming – will bring posters to the next meeting and forward to Ann Lewis to fan out. Looking to suggestions workshops. All Self Advocates to take requests back to their area’s to ask for suggestions and bring to the next council meeting.</p>		
Community Awareness Committee Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor	<p>Ann Peltier expressed it was nice to see that there is more community involvement and awareness for Community Living Month events.</p>		
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Round Table	<p>Kris Zemplak - Things at AiMHi have been as busy as usual...</p> <p>White spot delivered 40 pirate packs to AiMHi in recognition of the White spot “camp for kids” event in the lower mainland. Many of the kids dressed up in pirate costumes and we decorated the gym. Family picnic held in June and what a success!! Attendance was large as usual. A Youth Committee was formed to encourage youth in the community to join in. We have offered</p>		

many events for this group. One of our managers is on the board of Mardi Gras and will see how we can partner up these two committees. The garden looks great, lots of work by employees, community and self advocates.

Home sharing is keeping us busy with finding people the “right” place to live and fitting in just so!! There are lots of variables when you are helping people make these very important decisions.

Agency is very pleased with the outcome of the negotiations with BCGEU, strike action has a very negative impact on the many people that rely on our services.

AiMHi continues to attempt to keep families informed of the concerns around the supports being offered by CLBC and continues to empower families to speak up for their families or themselves

Truffles and Travel; please help us in promoting this event!

David Johnston – David had a great summer, he discussed his blog is going well – Ruth Stanton mentioned she has read it. Everything is going great. David and Dawson Creek Facilitator Truly Shearing-Berg have put a lot of work into this year’s Community Living Month event. David is very excited to give his presentation at this event.

Terry Robertson – spent the summer supporting families, believes some families are in crisis. College is back, there are 11 participants in the program at CNC. Terry has finished her kitchen renovations. She is going to Terrace and Smithers late October to hold RDSP workshops, and would like contact names for Mckenzie/Chetwynd so they can plan workshops there as well. Brianna attended the rodeo in Williams Lake; 6 individuals and caregivers went to Quesnel and the Nationals will be in Edmonton in November.

Bonnie Fallowfield – The Power of Knowing Each Other Book launch with her son Nolan was a great success. There were 75 in attendance including the media. Bonnie is busy helping plan her son’s holiday. She is supporting families with transitions. Bonnie is excited to be back to work, this year she grades 8-9 only. CHAPS Fall Riding Show is September 17th. Bonnie is a director and Nolan will be MC’ing this event. Bonnie will take the employment CD to the school in the near future. Camp at Whistler held wheelchair events, bungee jumping, kayaking etc., this will be on U-tube shortly.

Eldon Carter – Eldon had a leisurely summer. He went to a concert in Prince George. He is still working.

Cathy Mortensen – Cathy is busy volunteering at the Art Gallery; she plays the piano. She is very happy with her new leg brace and finds walking is much easier now. She went to Kelowna to visit family. On a sad note, one of her good friends passed away.

Ryan Taylor – Ryan went to the BBQ and Fort St John Association for Community Living awards. Ryan handed out gift bags to all the golfers at the FSJACL golf tournament where they raised over \$6,000. Ryan’s back yard is a shambles due to construction; they are diverting the water run-off.

Earnie Harding –Victoria has given BC Special Olympics \$500,000. grant over the next 3 years. The 2014 Summer Games is a real plus. Dan Hamhuis from Smithers is talking the lead on this. On Oct 20th individuals from Smithers will attend hockey games.

Pamela Martin visited Hazelton for a sawmill opening and met with Earnie to discuss special Olympics, recycling initiatives, access grant, special needs and services and transitioning. High Road has received CMHC approval to go ahead with phase 2. They have also received their 3 year accreditation.

Ruth Stanton – The summer was good; she took her first train ride to Prince Rupert. Ruth also had her first Caucus meeting in Vancouver. It was very interesting; they had a couple of issues but all went well.

Sharon Taylor – Sharon spent most of the summer buried in the CARF accreditation process; she does it all in her agency and has designed really good plans in her sleep. She continues to write service plans with staff. Sharon went to Vancouver and saw the show “Momma Mia”. She also spent 4 days in Quesnel with family.

Ann Peltier – It was an uneventful summer. Everything is going ok – busy planning the Terrace Community Living Month event. Had a discussion with a lady in Terrace (Christy) to join our council. CHILL summer ice cream shop closed. Ann is not sure what it will turn into; this was a good opportunity employment for self advocates. Ann continues working for woman’s society and with her husband.

Paula Grant – Paula thanked the council, saying she always looks forward for the opportunity to come to the North.

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ADJOURNMENT

1:50 pm

NEXT MEETING

October 15, 2011 9:00 am