



North Region Community Council Meeting

January 15, 2011
 Community Living Centre
 #207 – 1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time 9:30 am – 1:50 pm

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Barb Warkentine, Earnie Harding, Ryan Taylor, Eldon Carter, Terry Robertson, Jackie Allan, Ann Peltier, Kris Zemplak, Ruth Stanton, Truly Shearing, Ann Lewis

Via Conference call: David Johnson, Cathy Mortensen, Sharon Taylor

Regrets: Pat Marshall, Colleen Hermanson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Barb Warkentine motioned the minutes of the November 20, 2010 Council meeting be accepted, Ryan Taylor seconded the motion. Carried		
AGENDA			
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Additions to the Agenda	Giving in Action Aging in Place Training		
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Giving in Action	A copy of the approved grants from Family Independence Fund and Children and Youth with Special Needs Fund from Jan 2007 – Sept 2010 was given out and discussed. 806 families in BC shared in over \$28, 000.000 in funding. The Family Independence Fund helps families throughout the province who have children or adults with developmental disabilities living at home. Grants help with the care of the relative by providing one time grants to support for projects such as home renovation – including lifts, elevators, ramps, flooring, door widening or vehicle modifications that enable the individual to live in the family home and access their community. The grants enable families to stay together by addressing accessibility issues in their home and with their vehicles.		
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Strategic Plan	The Strategic Plan was read through. Updates will be made after each meeting and the final copy will be available shortly after our year end.		
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership Committee – Kris brought up the question of who delivers orientation for new members. The manual states orientation should be done as soon as possible after a member has been confirmed by the CLBC Board of Directors. The Council Chair and/or Vice Chair with assistance from the CLBC Manager will co-ordinate and organize the orientation session. Eldon, our new member, has been given an updated binder and he has signed all pertinent documents. Kris explained the duties of the Membership committee, Ryan explained Self Advocate committee and Jackie explained Community Awareness committee. Eldon will let council know at the February meeting which committee he chooses to be on. Bonnie will do the orientation with Eldon as they both live in Quesnel.</p> <p>Kris reminded the Council, quite a few members terms will be up in 2013. Bonnie suggested the council start mentoring other members in their roles, for example, Chair, Vice Chair and different committee members.</p> <p>Self Advocate Committee – Terms of reference completed, David is still looking into the list of self advocates in the North.</p> <p>Community Awareness Committee – Terms of Reference will be agreed the final copy will be sent to Ann L for the next meeting</p>		
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	Choose a committee to be on	Eldon Carter	February Meeting
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Managers Report Truly for Pat	<p>Truly Shearing attended the meeting in Pat Marshall’s absence. News from Pat, the budget for Council is right on track.</p> <p>On January 31st, CLBC is launching its third annual WOW!clbc awards campaign. These awards acknowledge the importance of our relationships with our community partners in fulfilling our vision of ‘good lives in welcoming communities’.</p> <p>From the end of January through the first week of April, CLBC will be accepting nominations in four categories: Family Member, Community Partner, Service Provider and Self-Advocate. Two WOW!clbc award recipients will be selected from each of the five CLBC regions.</p> <p>This year we are hoping to enlist broader community support in promoting the WOW!clbc campaign. In 2010, we invited CLAN and the CEO Network to participate and we are doing this again this year. In addition, we are reaching out to family organizations, such as the Family Support Institute and VELA, as well as Self-Advocate groups. We are also looking to involve</p>		

	<p>the Community Councils in a bigger way. Truly Shearing will be the lead for the North Region, and is asking for any volunteer help and for the council members to start discussions and get people to nominate and promote the awards. There will be 1 council member on the panel as well. There was discussion on council members coming a day early in May (on the 13th) in order for them to attend the awards ceremony. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>						
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PAC – Terry Robertson	<p>Provincial Advisory Committee was supposed to meet this weekend; they were informed future meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Ross Spina met in early December with the PAC members and asked they send him questions or concerns they had to be brought back to the board. Terry wants to do something that is meaningful and useful and has an impact on helping families. New information will be forthcoming. Brian and Doug will send out their new vision, only the Chair person of PAC was asked meet with the Board. Terry will keep us posted on further developments.</p>						
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Meeting Dates for 2011	<p>February 19, 2011 – 9:30 am March 19, 2011 – 9:30 am April 9, 2011 – 9:30 am May 14, 2011 – 9:00 am June 11, 2011 – 9:00 am</p>						
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Round Table	<p>David Johnston - David met with and is now a member of Dawson Creek’s Obair Economic Society - The Obair Economic Society is a group of citizens concerned about unemployed workers in our community. They provide services to assist the unemployed to become employed.</p> <p>Sharon Taylor - no report this month</p> <p>Cathy Mortensen – nothing to report this month</p> <p>Kris Zemlak – discussion Aging, AimHi is working with community members to develop training session in conjunction with the UNBC International Association for Scientific Study for Seniors to be held in PG. AimHi employees will be taking the TYZE training.</p> <p>Jackie Allen - connected with a Fort Nelson family and with School District #81 Jackie attended the RSDD presented by Gordon Robertson, she learned a lot of valuable information. Jackie discussed the Northern Lights College access policy is on a case by case basis. She continues to review CLBC websites. Jackie gives her regrets, she will not be attending February’s council meeting.</p>						

Ann Peltier - not much to report, she did have a phone message from Kim Lyster regarding Aging in Place, they will extend invitations to Thompson and PNG. Ann is also attending the Aging in Place workshop in Vancouver and will report on this at the next meeting.

Terry Robertson - busy helping families, biggest thing happening is connecting CLBC Microboards, IF and others for a brain storming/dialog session on opportunities to share resources. This will be held on February 12th at AimHi, letters and invitations early next week. Terry will be attending a Vela staff retreat in the lower mainland.

Bonnie Fallowfield - supporting a number of families in Quesnel. The Affordable Housing Action committee, a community group of residents, represents various organizations, including the City of Quesnel, United Aboriginal Housing (UAH), Quesnel Shelter and Support Society (QSSS), Quesnel United Church, Community Living BC, M.L.A Bob Simpson, Quesnel Women's Resource Centre, Amata Transition House, Northern Health, Quesnel Tillicum Society, (Friendship Centre), and University of Northern B.C. We meet monthly to promote support for subsidized housing and to increase the availability of safe, affordable, accessible housing for people in Quesnel.

In 2010 the City of Quesnel commissioned a housing needs assessment for Quesnel and area. Terra Housing Consultants examined those paying over 50% of income on housing cost, assisted living households, households on wait lists, and other affordable housing indicators. They determined that 1155 households are in need, with only a 208 unit supply of affordable, safe housing, **a net deficit of 947 units**. There is a substantial need for affordable housing among those who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness or living in substandard housing and unable to pay for improvements. (Report available on request.) Kim Lyster contacted her to possibly meet later in April. Bonnie was on the selection committee for the CLBC employees award.

Recommendations were made for next year to have separate categories. Bonnie explained the local CDC was hosting a CDC Valentine fund raiser and silent auction. Bonnie also continues to be very busy at her job.

Eldon Carter – Eldon has recently moved, to a building with 4 units and he feels a lot safer. They also have their new elevator. They are together more and he is learning a lot, also its easier for the staff because everyone is in one place, they do more learning one on one. The Christmas Self Advocate shindig was cancelled, but there may be a dance in the near future.

Ryan Taylor - told us about the newsletters they publish every month. He will ask the Events Coordinator to email copies to Ann L to distribute regularly to the council member.

Earnie Harding - BC Housing will be in Smithers at end of the month. He will be meeting on Tuesday with mayor and representative to keep them aware of the housing situation. High Roads bought a 4-plex in Smithers, another home for 24 hour care and amalgamation of the 2 make it a much safer environment, it is all working out and the clients are doing well. Earnie discussed from speaking to other societies, they are experiencing a high number of clients on their workload, and there are concerns of people falling through the cracks. Earnie would like clarification regarding assessments for PSI and or FASD and whose is responsible for the costs, is this covered under Health?

Ruth Stanton - The Self Advocates conference tentatively scheduled for May 2011 has been cancelled as they already have too much on their plate. Later this year or early 2012 they will decide on another date. Ruth told us about the Self Advocate Christmas Banquet on December 10th, it was a great success enjoyed by all.

Barb Warkentine - MSS & BC Housing are requesting REP agreements, at a meeting with health she learned they will not accept a REP agreements; there was more discussion on REP agreements. Barb would like more clarification regarding REP agreements vs Power of Attorney. Barb also discussed the Therapeutic Riding newsletter; there is a section on what's happening in Prince George and a section on parents helping parents.

Individualized Funding (IF) provides individuals and families with flexible, person-centred, self-directed payment options for arranging, managing, and paying for supports and services.

Direct Funding is an IF payment option where funds allocated by CLBC are paid directly by CLBC to an individual or his/her agent (family member or representative) for the purchase of supports and services.

With the **Host Agency Funding** payment option the funds allocated by CLBC for the purchase of individualized supports and services are paid by CLBC to a Host Agency that has been approved by CLBC and selected by the individual and family. The Host Agency administers the funds and works with the individual and family to arrange and manage the supports required. This option provides the benefits of Individualized Funding, but with less responsibility for paperwork and record-keeping.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm

NEXT MEETING

February 19, 2011 starting at 9:30 am