

VANCOUVER CLBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Present: Peter Swayne, Ernie Baatz, John Tsang, Mark Perry, Richard McDonald, Rita Leedholm, John Davies, Deanne Ziebart, Theresa Huntly, Liz Cochran, Yuko McCulloch, Goli Khalafi, Mara St.Onge-Dueck
Regrets: Rachelle Czerwinski, Yaming Chen

1. Reviewed minutes of May 20, 2009

2. Elected Chair and Co-chair

- Peter Swayne elected Chair by acclamation
- Rachelle Czerwinski elected Co-Chair by acclamation

3. What is the buzz?

- BCACL AGM was very good
 - Ernie mentioned a good session on aging, present and future situations; there will be increasing numbers of aging PWDD
- Graduation Ceremony of June 26 organized by Rachelle was very successful – much appreciated by the Council and community
 - Lord Byng Sch. Included PWDD in grad. ceremony
- Service Information Fair June 16, '09 was a great success
 - Another information fair is being planned for the Community Living month
 - Presenters were excited and welcomed the idea of coming back
 - Event was well received; attendees found it informative
 - Opportunities for improving upcoming information fair were discussed
- Mara's block party is now scheduled for Halloween
- CLAN (Community Living Agencies Network) – Ernie updated council; Network discussed administrative matters e.g. new contract monitoring procedures
- RDSP Workshop by DDA is scheduled for September 24; location TBA
- HOPE workshop by BCACL for parents of children with special needs
Presented by Auxiliary to Sunnyhill Health Centre for Children & Hope Foundation of Alberta
When: Thursday, October 1, 2009 - 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - Studio 103 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby

4. Manager's update:

- Nina Magee is new Quality Service Manager for Coastal region
- Children and Youth Services will be provided through MCFD starting Nov. 1 CLBC will then be strictly an adult oriented service provider
- Region will lose 28 FTE to MCFD; Vancouver will go from 13 to 6 or 7 facilitators; Facilitators and Analysts for Vancouver will be @ 210 W. Brdwy
- Transitions are still a priority for CLBC – group of graduating youth are known; group will be monitored closely by a Facilitator responsible for transition
- Changes have been announced regarding Autism Funding for children 6+; \$2000 more per child to age 6; specialized programme (\$70,000 for 70 children) cancelled; payment on receipt of invoices
- 2010/11 CLBC budget includes \$10m for "Enhanced Eligibility", i.e. providing services (details not yet known) to those currently outside CLBC mandate
- CLBC's relationship with Vancouver Coastal Health is continual work in progress
 - provincial protocols re relationship Health Ministry to CLBC being developed

- Queenswood Report is now on CLBC's website and accessible by members of the public; Minister has directed CLBC to implement all recommendations
- With the increased 2009-2010 budget, CLBC has been able to provide some level of service to almost all clients and put in place new services
- John Davies thanked the council for their efforts in providing feedback on supports and for being a point of contact, the link, for families and individuals whom CLBC supports
- "Recreation Unlimited" – CLBC contracted with Vancouver Parks and Recreation to provide recreational opportunities for young adults who were not receiving services; program was well received by participants

5. Transition Parent Support Group:

- Yuko & Rachele coordinate a parent group for parents of Transitioning Youth
- Ruth-Anne should be on distribution list of Yuko
- VSB resource teachers have been notified to contact R-A re transitions
- CLBC transition FTE met with 20 VSB teachers last year

6. Draft of Council's Terms of Reference was looked at briefly; further revisions likely

7. Action Plan for Council

- suggestions for action:
 - Increase public awareness of CLBC
 - Contact CLBC clients to research their needs and interests
 - Identify generic services
 - Pick a generic service to explore and help make more inclusive, e.g. Community Centres
 - Create a community newsletter with help from CLC
- Council's reaction to suggestions:
 - Wait for CLBC to complete its reorganization and re-branding efforts then use CLBC materials to inform public when these are available
 - Share information / heighten awareness / communicate
 - Put on seminars to educate community e.g. on: employment; RDSP; Day Programs
 - Encourage businesses to be welcoming places
 - Assisting with parent groups and performing our existing roles is sufficient outside work for volunteer Council members
 - Queenswood recommendations don't necessarily imply that the Council should be taking action in addition to attending Council meetings and providing advice and recommendations

8. The Citizen – CLBC Publication

- Arrangements can be made to send the publication to all council members
- Copies can also be picked up at the Vancouver CLBC office.

9. Next Meeting:

- Wednesday October 28th (6 – 9 pm)