

Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Present: Rachelle Czerwinski, Sue Salter, Peter Swayne, John Tsang, Yaming Chen, Richard McDonald, Ken Wakeman, Natalie Marach, Anne Dumas, Jan Wood, Ernie Baatz, Mara St.Onge-Dueck
Anita Lee, Tina Stagnitta

Regrets: Rita Leedholm

1) Welcome and Introductions

- **“What is the Buzz?”**

Discussed what’s going on out there – what are people saying? Any news?

- The people we serve don’t understand the new CLBC system. Information explaining our system needs to be communicated to families and clients. Example – a sheet explaining our services.
- Pri-care rates have not increased for a few years.
- MEIA rent portion has been increased.
- Inclusive opportunity for Army Cadet. Discussed the need of more inclusive opportunities.
- Concern expressed regarding the possibility of segregated schools
- Disability Savings Plan – RDSP is a new savings plan that will be available for our families.
- Richard will be recognized at CLBC conference for his work as a Self Advocate.
- Mara relayed some information about Quest (an inexpensive grocery store) located on Georgia and Knight.

We concluded this discussion with the agreement that communication is important. How do we gather and communicate information to the public?

2. Review Agenda

- Discussed Agenda and how much time should be allotted to each item.
- Next meeting Community Council and Anita Lee will be bringing resources for discussion and education.
- Anita explained the Intake Flowchart for Vancouver CLC (attached to the minutes). Vancouver CLC office is also producing a Resource Library.

3. Group discussion re: CLC mandate

- **Review mandate**

Community Council agreed that their role was not to get directly involved with specific issues that are communicated to them by families. Council members should direct the families to CLBC staff or other resources as applicable. General issues that are communicated to them can be taken to Council meetings.

- **Look at issues identified at orientation**

Issues were broken up into 3 major areas. Welcoming Community. Linking with CLBC and Finances.

ISSUES

Welcoming Community	Linking with CLBC	Finances
Transportation – Information	Information – Communication	Transportation
Transitioning – Employment	Transition – Employment	Transitioning
Safety & Protection – Downtown Eastside	Safety & Protection	Safety & Protection
Empowering	Crisis Response	Crisis Response
Cultural Differences, Stress	Family Stress	Family Stress
Older Families	Older Families	Older Families
Parenting Teens	Parenting Teens	Parenting Teens
School Issues	School Issues	School Issues
Social Isolation	Social Isolation	
Poverty – Downtown Eastside Low Disability Benefit	Poverty – Downtown Eastside	Poverty
Outreach – Discrimination	Home Support	Home Support
Housing	Housing	Housing
Participation – Leisure Activities		
Legal Issues		

4. Key Issue Identification

1. Communication – Information

- Minutes on-line
- Newsletter
- Manual
- Pamphlets
- Forums

2. Crisis Response

3. Transitioning

- School Issues
- Older Families
- Parenting Teens
- Transitioning from child-hood to school
- Transitioning from high school to adult
- Transitioning from adult to senior

4. Community Involvement

- Housing
- Leisure Activities
- Employment
- Transportation
- Cultural Communities

5. BCACL Conference

Richard MacDonald will be attending the BCACL Conference as a representative of Community Council.

6. Ernie, Ken and Peter have volunteered to work on setting-up guidelines for Community Council budget expenditures.

7. Next Meeting to discuss

- Communication and Information. Bring your resource information.
- Anita Lee will discuss CLBC services

Next meeting: April 28, 2007

Time: 9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Location: 4th floor – 210 West Broadway

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