

Developmental Disabilities. The report was sent to Brian Salisbury, Director – Strategic Planning.

Innovate – Responses from Council members

During the February 25, 2010 working session, the Council worked on the first two stages of the Appreciate Inquiry method; the topic was “meaningfully connected lives through a balance of opportunities for life-long learning leisure activities and employment”. The Council members were asked to work on the third stage “Innovate” as meeting follow-up at home and submit their thoughts and suggestions via email to the Chair prior to the next meeting.

Manager’s Report

CLBC CPD Staff

Sharon Rose updated the Council on the Community Planning & Development staff. The list included names and positions of the facilitators in the Surrey/Delta region. Sharon also informed that facilitators are experiencing a very high work load.

Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI)

This new initiative currently has 5 individuals who have been determined eligible under this stream, since February 1st, 2010.

Regional Presentations to Health and CLBC Staff

Guidelines for Collaborative Service Delivery for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

These new guidelines have recently been approved and, in order to ensure full understanding and implementation, CLBC and Ministry of Health Services are doing presentations around the province.

Aboriginal Forums

During the January Council meeting Sharon Rose reported on upcoming aboriginal forums organized by CLBC. The forums have been postponed in order to allow some discussions to continue. These discussions will help to clarify the roles of the different organizations involved in service delivery to aboriginal communities.

Family Independence Fund

The Family Independence Fund helps families buy equipment, convert vehicles and renovate homes so family members with developmental disabilities can remain at home and gain greater access to their communities. The fund is administered by the Giving in Action Society which is supported by the Vancouver Foundation.

Innovation Forum

The Innovation Forum will take place on May 3, 2010. This is a conversation about encouraging creativity and innovation in community living. Sharon Rose asked the Council members to think about someone in the community whose attendance would be important and relevant. The Council was asked to submit the names to Sharon, as soon as possible, in order to ensure invitations are sent on time.

WOW CLBC Recognition Award

Sharon Rose explained what the CLBC WOW recognition awards are. CLBC is also interested in having one Council member to be part of the selection panel. The Council is also welcomed to submit a nomination. Some ideas were discussed at the table. April 4 is the deadline for the nominations. Josefina Marchetti will send via email any pertinent information and the nomination form to all the Council members.

Globe & Mail Partnership Activity

During the January Council meeting, Sharon Rose informed the Council about a partnership between "The Globe & Mail" and CLBC. The Globe & Mail supplied CLBC with copies of the February 24, 2010 edition to be distributed in a few regions; 500 copies per region. CLBC requested the Council's assistance in order to make this possible and have the news papers distributed at key spots. CLBC provided stickers with the "Start with Hi" campaign slogan to stick on each news paper. Coreen Windbiel, Council member and SACL Executive Director, volunteered to assist through Clover Valley Industries.

Sharon informed the distribution of the newspapers by self-advocates from Clover Valley was a success and well received by the public. Two locations were selected; one of them was at Holland Park, where the Surrey Olympics' celebrations took place; the other was in the Cloverdale area.

Update on Aging Parents Brochure

Background: A few months ago the Surrey/Delta Community Council sent to CLBC Communications Department a draft of a rack card on Aging Parents, for approval. Back in January, CLBC Communications Department informed they were preparing a brochure which was being rewritten in plain language and which was going to be translated into several languages. That brochure was

going to address, among other topics, the concern raised in the draft of the aging parents brochure submitted by the Surrey/Delta Council.

The draft of the CLBC brochure was received and distributed to the Council members. The Council agreed this brochure does not reflect the Council's concern and does not clearly state that CLBC provides a plan for the future. It was also agreed that the brochure is not what the Surrey/Delta Council has been working for. The Council will further discuss this issue in its April meeting and make a plan to realize its original goal of printing and distributing a rack card in Surrey for the purpose of increasing public awareness.

CLBC Video Response to Council's Feedback

A report containing feedback about the CLBC Video presented to the Council during its January meeting was written by the Vice-chair and reviewed by the Chair. Although CLBC was not able to implement all suggestions, the feedback was well received and several amendments were planned.

PossAbilities Article

As informed by the Chair back in February, CLBC communications specialist, Rachel Schmidt, was interested in highlighting the Surrey/Delta Community Council in an article. The Council will continue its work on the importance of creating "connections" through recreation and leisure activities for people of all ages, opportunities for Life-long learning and employment and share its outcomes in the article. Rachel is hoping for working photos of the council to include.

The article will be published in the Fall 2010 edition of PossAbilities, a local news paper.

Follow-up on Last Work Session and Planning for the Upcoming "AI" Session: "Implement"

During the February meeting the Council worked in groups through the first two steps of the "Appreciative Inquiry": "Inquiry and Imagine". The topic was: Creating "connections" through recreation and leisure activities for people of all ages, opportunities for life-long learning and employment.

The third step was "Innovate" and Council members emailed the Chair their thoughts and suggestions. These ideas were shared to the group by council members. There was agreement that the next working session of the Council would be devoted to completing the last step: "Implement", and that at that point the council would have a clearly formulated action plan in place.

Moving Forward – Adult Literacy Project

This project is about life-long learning rather than only preparing individuals for employment. The Adult Literacy Project has been in place for several months and the coordinators of this initiative are interested in getting some feedback and in collecting some data. The Council has been asked to assist by doing interviews and asking questions to the students. This will allow the Council to collect real data related to its life-long learning inquiry and it will allow the coordinators of the project to get feedback. The students will also benefit as they will be interviewed by people they do not know. This will give everybody a better idea of what is working and what is not.

The Council unanimously accepted the idea. The Chair will contact the Project leader and will inform her of the Council decision to participate by conducting the interviews.

At Risk Youth with Developmental Disabilities

This is a new area of focus for the Surrey/Delta Community Council. The Council will examine the rapidly growing number of individuals with Developmental Disabilities that become involved with drugs, gangs, street life and crime. Some local authorities and organizations are eager to engage in planning and discussion with the Community Council.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on April 29, 2010 at 6:00 (working session).

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35.