



COMMUNITY LIVING
BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting
January 28, 2017
Marine 1 & 2, Community Living BC Head Office**

Attendees

Provincial Advisory Committee Members:

John McCulloch, Acting Chair, Vancouver
Lynnetta Beingessner, Kootenay
Mark Skelton, Central and Upper Island
Donna Long, Central/South Okanagan
Vicki Stratton, Surrey-Delta-White Rock

Dawn Robertson, Upper Fraser
Barb Paciejewski, Simon Fraser
Sheryl Demers, North Region
Colleen Larson, North Okanagan
Ruth Shannon, Richmond

Guests:

Beverley Kissinger, South Island

CLBC Board:

Jane Holland
Onkar Biring

CLBC Staff:

Megan Tardif – Director, Quality Assurance
Jessica Humphrey – Self Advocate Advisor, Communications
Jack Styan – Vice President, Strategic Initiatives
Sara Miller – Vice President, Corporate Services

Minutes prepared by:

Rebecca Lim – Executive Assistant

1. Welcome

Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. All members shared a brief introduction.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

Motion:

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Committee approves the agenda.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting conducted on September 24, 2016 was reviewed.

Motion:

Mark Skelton MOVED and Ruth Shannon SECONDED the approval of the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Election of PAC Chair

The previous PAC Chair, Ross Spina from Kamloops Community Council has stepped down due to family priorities. PAC members voted and John McCulloch from Vancouver Coastal Council was elected as the new PAC Chair.

3. PAC Liaison and Advisor Support Update

Megan Tardif shared the responsibilities of Quality Assurance (QA) Department and the changes she has made in her department to allow her to be more responsive to the needs of regional staff, support the process of formal complaints, and work on important projects, like the monitoring framework, for example. As part of this, there was a change in roles for Sylvie Zebroff and Jessica Humphrey.

Sylvie Zebroff has been in the position of Family Partnership Advisor for the last 7 years and has now moved to the position of Quality Assurance Practice Analyst. As part of this work, she will be involved in Quality Assurance projects and will continue to play an important role in improving the work CLBC does with families and bringing the family lens to the QA work.

Jessica Humphrey's position of Self Advocate Advisor will now report to the Communications Department. She will support this Department in their engagement strategy with families and self-advocates. She will be the primary liaison and support for the PAC and Community Councils.

The QA department will continue to work with Jessica in her role and will continue to support managers in their role with Councils.

4. CLBC Board Updates

Onkar Biring and Jane Holland shared the updates below:

CLBC Board Education session – Self Advocacy Leader, Sherwin Strong from Comox Valley presented to CLBC Board on January 25th meeting. Sherwin shared with CLBC Board his journey of self-determination and transition to adulthood as an Aboriginal youth. He will have a presentation to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting in March 2017.

Aboriginal Project Plan – CLBC is currently working with a consultant, Caroline Moore. She is providing support and advice to CLBC on strategies to improve services and supports to Aboriginal people. Caroline presented to the Board on January 25th and

made some recommendations related to staff training, engagement of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and regional strategy development.

Service Plan – This three year plan is in the process of being approved by CLBC Board. It sets out an approach to managing the delivery of services and supports for the next three years using available financial resources. It details the strategies and performance measures that CLBC can use to ensure accountability and achieve its goals.

Employment – CLBC is working on a streamlined process for transitioning youth to access employment service as soon as they completed high school which ultimately support genuine community inclusion through employment.

Regional Reorganisation – Implementation of this regional reorganisation was completed in mid-November with an overall positive response by all CLBC employees.

Include Me! & Quality of Life survey – is being continued and extended Province wide. PAC members suggested that a report on progress be included in the agenda of the next PAC meeting.

There was a question about whether the quantitative materials (statistics and research) that is prepared for the annual CLBC budgeting process could be made available to Councils for information.

5. Housing Initiatives and Update

PAC members shared about the housing initiatives in their region. Beverley Kissinger from South Island Community shared a video about a co-housing family group and John McCulloch from Vancouver Community Council discussed about families facing difficulties in exploring housing with their local municipality.

Jack Styan and Sara Miller from CLBC conducted a presentation on Inclusive Housing. They provided an update about what CLBC has been doing to raise awareness and build partnerships with BC Housing to increase inclusive housing for people with developmental disabilities. The Provincial Government has provided \$700 million additional funds recently, of which \$500 million is allocated to BC Housing. A list of all approved affordable housing projects is now available on the BC Housing Website. A new CLBC brochure which helps to promote inclusive housing is now published. Interested parties can contact Jessica Humphrey to place an order for their community councils. Councils can also request support from their manager to explore different housing resources and ideas.

6. Committee Member Round Table Report

Each member provided an update on the major events/activities happening within their councils.

7. Provincial Trends to bring to CLBC Board

- a. Some difficulty in engaging families to attend events and opportunities in each community. The low turnout in some communities for the recent CLBC sponsored presentations on Family Governance by Janet Klees is an example.
- b. Difficulties in recruiting family members for most councils. Members agreed new communication and engagement strategies with family groups across the province need to be developed.
- c. Transition remains a big issue for families in the Province, and resources should continue to be focused here by CLBC.
- d. Some Councils, particularly those that cover large territories, continue to have problems with distances to travel to meetings, etc.

PAC would like to explore ways of helping CLBC address these issues, and discussion of PAC's role and relevance to the Board and to CLBC staff would be welcomed. There were various suggestions on how PAC could provide greater insight to the Board on the issues facing families, and perhaps even support Councils better across the Province. It was agreed this topic should be addressed ("The Role of PAC") on the agenda of the 9th June meeting with Board and Council Chairs.

8. Community Council Recruitment Strategies

PAC members reported many councils have been experiencing difficulties in recruiting family members. Jessica Humphrey and PAC members shared some successful recruitment strategies. Examples of successful strategies include sending letters to potential family members inviting them to attend a meeting as a guest; production of video or infomercial about the council on the website; participate at self-advocate/family events and gatherings and request to get on to their agenda or develop a presentation to introduce council. Members can contact Jessica for support in community mapping family and self advocate groups and creating council presentations.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, acting Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm. Next PAC meeting will be held on April 8th, 2017. The annual joint PAC and Board Meeting will be scheduled on June 9 and 10, 2017.