



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: April 27, 2013
 Address: Coast Inn of the North,
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time: 9:30 am – 3:00pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Justin Pylatuk, Sheryl Demers, Terry Robertson, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Ruth Stanton-Davies, Eldon Carter, Vince Sherry, Kris Zemlak Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guest:

Regrets: Willie Neal, Ryan Taylor, David Johnston

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Justin Pylatuk motioned the minutes of the March 16, 2013 meeting be accepted, Terry Robertson seconded the motion. Correction to the minutes; Terry will attend the April meeting PAC – Can we invite Nora Flaherty – Terry will look into this.	
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Additions to the Agenda		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Managers Report- Pat Marshall	STADD – Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities DSM5 Diagnostic Statistical Manual 5 – used by qualified practitioners DSM4 will be grandfathered in BUDGET only an estimate for the year, new budget will be out later, new terms of reference will impact the next fiscal budget and the results of the election will also impact it. PWD applications – MSD requires completed assessments	
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Chair Report – Barb Warkentine	Barb read out the minutes from the monthly phone Kris – proactive in membership Pat – this is in the annual report as one of the successes Sharon – looking at the process and orientation Community Awareness – out reaching with past council members	

	New brochure – Barb will send to Ann to attach to the minutes Pat – what is the discussion around the new Terms of Reference, what are they looking for to include/what is not there. Next week there will be a draft TOR sent out and Ann will forward to all council members for review.		
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PAC Report – Terry Robertson	<p>Joanne attended the last meeting they were asked to respond to questions, can she share never got a response back</p> <p>Do you currently have an orientation and what is your experience</p> <p>What do you think should be included added to what you currently do</p> <p>What do you want to included re geography/community</p> <p>Who are some key people council community</p> <p>Local issues to inclusive</p> <p>Handbook – how to use</p>		
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	Terry will ask Brian to send out to all council member	Terry – when approved she will send out	
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PATH – Terry Robertson and Barb Warkentine	<p>Terry discussed her daughters PATH - Planning Alternate Tomorrows with Hope – process has been around for a long time and was used to push an inclusion agenda.</p> <p>Key elements: team effort, does not only have to be done for persons with disabilities, can be used for businesses, strategic plans, individuals and others. Planning together – there is never a wrong plan. Cross section of age groups is helpful.</p> <p>What do you know right now, where do you want to go, what are the first steps and who needs to be involved, 2nd steps – additions supports, and then THE DREAM.</p>		
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October Community Living Month pre-planning	<p>Discussed on holding one big one for Prince George and inviting the Provincial Rep for employment, Jack Styne.</p> <p>Discussed resource Fair get businesses come and discuss stories of having individuals on staff.</p>		
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Microboard – Terry	<p>What is a Vela Microboard?</p> <p>A Vela Microboard is formed when a small group (micro) of committed</p>		

	<p>family and friends join together with a person with challenges to create a non-profit society (board). Together this small group of people addresses the person's planning and support needs in an empowering and customized fashion. A Vela Microboard comes out of the person centered planning philosophy and is therefore created for the sole support of one individual.</p> <p>Essential Components of a Vela Microboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process must be focused on the dreams and wishes of the person for whom the board is being created; • All Microboard members must be in a close, voluntary, and committed relationship with the person for whom the board is being created; • These close relationships are the foundation of the board and must be honored above all other activities. 		
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Committee Reports	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Self Advocate /Employment Committee</u> Ruth Stanton-Davies, David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Willie Neal, Sheryl Demers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bigger project for the future, a resource book for the North – self ad to communicate with other Self Advocates in the region with stories and to spread awareness, will address the TOR at the next meeting <p>2. <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, Shannon Moyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to have meetings as they have evenings free and CLBC staff do not work evenings. Pat discussed Hours of Work for CLBC staff so they can help. <p>3. <u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Taylor, Kris Zemlak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking good, new member Vince Sherry – Vince needs a mentor. 		
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ROUND TABLE	Barb – article for PGTR, in Saddle Up magazine, and an new website,		

volunteer coordinator 25 volunteers and 38 riders and 10 more on the list. Looking forward to this year. AGM June 12th at the Agra-Plex. Will send this to Ann to fan out. Barb discussed the issues of applying for passports for adult individuals.

Sharon – Just back from Cuba – it was wonderful. Northern Health is doing a presentation on your toolbox on May 29th will send Ann the information to fan out.

Sheryl – good committee to be on. A lady said to her last week, things never change, but she discussed how much things really have. Sheryl looking to hire staff.

Ruth – Ruth recently had a meeting with the new self advocates, she also received training for BC Elections. Ruth gives up her position on the Self Advocate Board in June. Currently Ruth “mans” the donation table at Value Village.

Terry – Passed on Linda’s apologies for not being able to attend this meeting, they are looking at rescheduling if people wish. Naramata was cold; but they had a large turnout with 80 people attending numerous workshops. Among others, Terry attended the grieving workshop. Megan Tardif attended. Work-wise very busy 4 families came to her last week with concerns about the election and what is going to happen. Now Terry is focusing on planning a 33 day trip this summer with her family, driving from Prince George to Disneyland. Eugene Organ, Lake Tahoe, Virginia city, Brice Canyon, Vegas to name a few.

Ann P – Training in Terrace augmented systems i-pads had 45 people in attendance, it was a great turn out Ann has a new puppy 3 months old Lab/Sheppard cross. Ann will be a grandma soon will be coming to visit for 4 months in December. She will also be helping Terry do a PATH in Terrace.

Kris - Prince George Community Response Network : doing work to develop PGCRN in our Community

Better at Home: AiMHi will be attending a couple of meetings in June to learn more about this program which offers support to seniors to remain living at home through both volunteers, and paid employees (light housekeeping, transportation, and visiting). They require a “lead organization” in each community to carry the contract, and we may be successful in having AiMHi assume this role.

Adventure Odyssey Club: Always looking into new fundraising opportunities for the Adventure Odyssey Club – currently, we are considering Garden Seed Sales and a Garage sale. Still continuing with the 50/50 draw.

Prince George Self-Advocates Caucus

The Caucus and with assistance from the staff liaison, worked on the plans for their AGM. Job descriptions were developed for the 5 Caucus Board positions and the AiMHi Board Member position.

Social Media: We have recently set up both a Facebook page for AiMHi, and now have a Twitter account! We believe that these new developments will assist us with both Community Awareness and Fundraising.

Home Sharing: We currently support 21 people in homes with 19 Home Sharing contractors.

Infinite Employment Solutions: Resume development, job site training, job supports, and community connections

A &H Information management: full-service document, destruction company offering off-site paper shredding services. We provide our customers with the highest level of security while emphasizing green-friendly shredding initiatives and a customer-first approach. A&H has full-training team members who take care of your document shredding needs safely and efficiently.

A&H Mobile Crew – IES provides a prompt response to your employment requirements as we work with many people who are ready to work. I.e.:

Office Packaging: mail-outs, collating, digitizing, scanning, shredding, employee identification, and poster rolling. Janitorial Services: office cleaning, outdoor maintenance, carpet cleaning. Landscaping Service:

mowing lawns, weeding gardens, snow removal. Delivery Services.

-Successful at getting janitorial jobs at PG BC Elections Office.

Bike Warehouse: Opens May 3

Value Village: Continue to do neighborhood. Bins are located in PG at the following places: AiMHi-950 Kerry Street, Foothills Blvd Regional Landfill site, College Heights transfer and recycle station at 6556 Broddy Road, Canadian Tire on Domano Blvd, First Baptist Church on 5th and Gillett, Our Saviour's Church at 3590 Duffrin off of Ospika Blvd. Call for pick up at 250-649-3332.

We have recently set up a Facebook page for AiMHi

(<https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/AiMHi-Prince-George-Association-for-Community-Living/504353962945480/fref=ts>) and are

further using a Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/AiMHiBC>) to better advertise the program.

We have also been busy in creating "Community Alliances" to increase clothing donations. We offered this out to community groups through e-mail and word of mouth. The offer allows Community Groups to coordinate their own Clothing Drive and schedule the AiMHi's Common Goods van to pick up one large consolidated donation. In turn for their efforts, we pay the Community Group \$1.00 per bag.

Justin – Justin is thinking about the possibilities of running for city council in May. Has to fill out the papers. Job is going well, but he has cut

down from 3 days a week to 2.

Eldon – St Pats dance was great - good music, good food, good times. Eldon will start back working with RCMP department next week, working 2 days a week to keep their vehicles clean.

Vince - Vince is always busy finding things to get involved in, he is very happy to be here, and have input to the council. His wife is in Ireland right now. Vince will be involved in committee on dementia in Sept 11-12. Vince will get the information to Ann to fan out. Then will be off to Hawaii with his wife in September. Welcome aboard Vince.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:
May 25, 2013 9:00 am
CLBC Office
Prince George BC