



North Region Community Council Meeting

Community Living Centre
#207 – 1600 15th Avenue
Prince George BC V2L 3X3

DATE: March 19, 2011
Time: 9:30 am

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Barb Warkentine, Sharon Taylor, Terry Robertson, Colleen Hermanson; Eldon Carter, Earnie Harding, Jackie Allen, Ruth Stanton; Ryan Taylor

Via Conference Call: David Johnston, Cathy Mortensen

Regrets: Kris Zemlak, Sharon Doerksen; Ann Peltier

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Earnie Harding moved the minutes of the February 12, 2011 meeting be accepted, Barb Warkentine seconded the motion. <u>Carried</u>
AGENDA	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Proloquo2go/I Pads	Bonnie told us of an amazing video that brought her to tears regarding non verbal individuals now being able to communicate with the use of Proloquo2go. This opens their world to communicate what they want. This technology is too good to miss. There is approximately \$500.00 per person paid through Autism funding, if possible don't let youth transition without bringing this. Sharon Taylor will send Bonnie Fallowfield a short video to show at the next Board Meeting – she will get permission from those on the video prior the viewing. The council discussed this alternate communication devise that Sharon Taylor brought forth at the November 2010 meeting. This program was tested and released through I-Tunes and you can view it by going to http://www.proloquo2go.com/ . This is compatible with the I-Pod and I-Pad to be customized to fit your needs.

	<p>Earnie Harding motioned to support the purchase of assistive speech devices to assist communication for challenged individuals. David Johnston seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Demonstration to Council	Sharon Taylor	April 9, 2011
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Paula Grants Visits	<p>Paula Grant will be invited to do an adult guardianship presentation at the September 10th council meeting.</p>		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Let Kris know regarding joint training with AimHi		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
<p><u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Taylor Kris Zemplak Sharon Doerkson</p>	<p>Nothing to report, we have full quota but need to start planning for vacant positions over the next couple of years. Bonnie is asking to bring names of possible new council members forward within the next few months. Bonnie will bring this up at the next Council Board meeting. We need to start secession planning as we are responsible for our own recruitment and this may take months to complete. Planning should start 6 months prior to a council member leaving. Our newest members are Cathy, Colleen and Eldon. 75% of current membership will be leaving over the next 2 yrs.</p>		
<p><u>Self Advocate Committee</u> Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston Earnie Harding , Eldon Carter</p>	<p>Earnie spoke to individuals to see if they would have their names added as a contact for the Self Advocate Committee in their respective areas. Ruth discussed there will not be a Self Advocate Conference this summer. If you know of any Self Advocates who want to join, please send Ruth their information. Earnie mentioned there are Self Advocate meetings monthly in Smithers at Highroads.</p>		
<p>----- <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Colleen Hermanson, Ryan Taylor</p>	<p>Jackie says the committee has not met as a group. Jackie discussed how we can get our message out there better; info tables at trade fairs. Community Living month is good but there is room for improvement. Add to the Strategic Plan, direction for the next year regarding submitting articles (like our Proloquo2Go) to the Citizen.</p> <p>Caitlyn Sassaman is being asked to talk to Clubs, Committees and Councils that have Accessibility Committees and to get applications for memberships for our Community Council members. Pat is on Prince George Accessibility Committee, this is one place to start. Pat suggested the council members attend different local meetings to make presentations that let them know what CLBC and the council is about; for example Rotary clubs. Jackie suggested a joint BBQ with transitioning youth to show them where they're going as adult.</p>		

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	Bring different ideas to the next meeting on how to get information out – little projects.	All members	Next meeting
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PAC – Terry Robertson	<p>Terry – discussed the minutes from the March 5th meeting. New Terms of Reference have been done and Norah Flaherty is heading up the Quality Service Committee – this committee will consist of 3-5 members and the job is to support the board and be a liaison with PAC. They discussed the huge turn over in new members, all which have a business background. The board will be travelling BC over the next year to talk to people in different communities. The Board will be meeting 6 times a year – up from 4 times previously. Terry feels the Leadership she is providing is fresh, new and exciting. There was discussion to have Norah attend one or all Community Living Month events.</p> <p>Terry shared what other PAC members are doing; a video is being made to show what “BEST Practices” are for Self Advocates sitting on the PAC or Community Councils (South Island Council); the north and central Island council are working on a “branding” exercise to go beyond the local disability community – more to the business community in their region. The Service Plan for PAC is now posted on the CLBC website. Brian Salisbury is the CLBC person responsible for Councils and PAC.</p> <p>Terry also discussed the “Proposed process for developing and approving recommendations for the CLBC Board or Staff Consideration” paper. It’s a 3 step process – in short:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Step 1 – Discuss recommendations and get approval from the CPD Manager; and to use the online Community Council Forum to determine if the issues are being experienced elsewhere.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Step 2 – Councils are to attach a one-page briefing note to the “carried” recommendations to be sent to the attention of Brian Salisbury Advisory Committee.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Step 3 – the Advisory Committee will discuss the recommendations and vote on whether they will be forwarded to the Board or CLBC staff for consideration.</p> <p>Kim Lyster shared at the Aging workshop in Richmond a 90 yr old woman and her 55 yr old son attended.</p> <p>Discussion on a lot of people do not know what services out there, and the services keep changing – is there some way to do a provincial listing of services?</p> <p>CLBC is working together with Health on problematic issues for families; this may take some time to iron out.</p>		
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<p>Managers Report Pat Marshall</p>	<p>Harry Bloy was appointed Minister of Social Development and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism on March 14, 2011. Harry also serves on the Treasury Board and Cabinet Committee for Families First.</p> <p>Good news - 2 additional staff have been allocated to the north one for CPD and one for QSO.</p> <p>Good news –Northern Health are providing us contracts, they are funding us as they go. They are providing staff in the Prince George, North West and the Peace.</p> <p>They all follow the same format; one assessment is applied to everyone. They provide funds to pay for services, if there are no funds available; one of their staff provides the services. We are asking for long term care assessments - it’s our goal to have people age in place.</p> <p>Bonnie asked is there a priority tool from health regarding terminal individuals. Health will reassess every 6 (you have to ask to be reassessed). Who does the referrals? CLBC staff, Homeshare providers, HSCL nurses, family members.</p>		
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	Review webpage Family First.	All Council Members	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
<p>Round Table</p>	<p>David - is travelling to Vancouver on Monday to have Blog training. David is helping with a Fund Raiser for Peoples First on April 16th – and an Easter dance on the last Saturday in April. Also in April David will be helping “man” a table at the mall with brochures and pamphlets. David is doing well in school and passed his tests. He has just come back from the Special Olympics in Kelowna where he placed 4th in the 1600 meter; 6th in the 100 meter and 6th in the 200 meter races earning him a silver medal. Way to go David.</p> <p>Cathy – also attended the Special Olympics where she participated in bowling and track and field.</p> <p>Eldon – Happy Birthday Eldon!! Eldon is helping plan a get together Hawaiian dance on April 15th at the friendship centre. Some people will be bringing their own music for Eldon to play. Requested he send a poster to Ruth to distribute.</p> <p>Ruth – The Self Advocate Group has been trained to use the Tyze program; but they are not sure when it will be fully up and ready. They have 2 trainers who can assist others. Ruth will get a list their events, meetings and get-together’s. The Self Advocate group meets every 2 weeks in the evenings – hoping this is a better time slot to encourage more people to attend. .</p>		

Colleen – the Self Advocate group in Prince Rupert is going well, there was a great turn out at their recent potluck. Colleen was asked to join knitting group. Self Advocates would like to know who to go to assist in preparing Wills and other legal documents. PLAN or AimHi will do this. REFERRALS to. Re housing units in PR are they the same as Smithers. Colleen will contact Chris Wetmore .

Earnie – The Housing people cancelled the March meeting – they will be there in April. Earnie discussed the Smithers recycling charity; it supports 4 programs; environmental, employment for Self Advocated, Programs and Housing. They have submitted a business plan to reduce waste by 50% they already reduce 20%. \$500,000 to start was allocated to them to further business plan. This will create more jobs for Self Advocates such as driving fork-lifts, unloading trucks and all jobs are paid more than minimum wage.

Ryan – discussed the Self Advocate meeting last week. Have not had meeting until the Executive Directed hires someone to over-see and help with meetings. They have only had lunches and get-togethers at the association. If you wish to have lunch at the association, you need to let them know a week ahead of time.

Pat – We were granted permission to hold a North Regional Staff Conference A staff member is coming from Vancouver to cover the Prince George office – all other phones will be forwarded to PG. We will have learning events, Team building, Policy and Education events as well.

Terry – discussed the Feb 12th Microboard Event, Terry was involved in a support group every month to 6 weeks and is trying to resurrect this. The big thing on here plate now is the College of New Caledonia – the new programs start Nov 1st but needs to be paid in advance. She will take issues back to the CNC March 31st meeting. Terry and her husband are planning another RDS workshop. Work is very busy as always.

Sharon T – discussed the Ability Tax Group, a partner of PLAN. There are over 25 disability Tax credits, benefits and deductions you may qualify for. The Ability Tax Group partners with PLAN and will go back over medical/tax records. The assessment is free, but their commission is 20% of any savings they find you. Their website is <http://www.abilitytax.ca>

Jackie - discussed the FSJACL drama troupe, there are 6-8 members who meet once a month and express themselves through dance, song, artwork – supporting their artistic side. Jackie discussed the indoor track at the rec centre for everyone in the community to enjoy it. The evacuation issues have been taken care of. The only contact Jackie has had in Fort Nelson are by parents of youth and the concerns of accessibility to playground equipment both on and off school grounds.

	<p>Barb – Nothing to report this month</p> <p>Bonnie – not a lot going on, Bonnie attended her first CHAAPS directors meeting. Bonnie discussed the Employability CD and felt overwhelmed, she will connect with Barb Penner for feedback - Bonnie will follow up with her. Bonnie shared the story of the store of a Family Support Institute colleague in Quesnel who has started a belly dance group. The 5 who come consistently have a wide range of needs, and are having an amazing time together. Bonnie will contact Kim Lyster to confirm the upcoming forum dates and locations.</p>		
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	Check to see if events are also listed on AimHi Calendar of Events	Ruth	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Travel Advance	<p>Can the Council members get travel advances for travelling to the council meetings? Yes, but there is a very short time period for this, forms must be filled out and into Pat minimum 3 weeks prior to the meeting so they can be signed and sent to Victoria for processing.</p> <p>Travel expense forms must still be completed and if there is money leftover it must be reimbursed back to CLBC as soon as possible using either a personal cheque or money order. You cannot carry over any “leftover” monies to the next month’s travel. Cash advances cannot be used to purchase items for October’s Community Living Month Events.</p>		
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	Forms available at the next meeting.	Ann Lewis	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Meeting dates	<p>April 9, 2011 9am – 2:00 pm May 14, 2011 9am – 2:00 pm June 25, 2011 9am – 2:00 pm July – NO MEETING August – NO MEETING Sept 10, 2011 9am – 2:00 pm October 15, 2011 9am – 2:00 pm Nov 19th 9:30am – 2:00 pm December – NO MEETING</p>		
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	Ask Paula to come in September	Ann Lewis & Kris Zemlak	
	Ask Denise Turner to attend October's meeting	Terry Robertson	
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ADJOURNMENT			
2:20 pm			
NEXT MEETING			
April 9, 2011 9:00 am			