



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: March 26, 2013

220 – 174 Wilson Street, Victoria

Present: Karen VanRheenen, Mary Emmond, Veronica Berlando, Catriona Johnson, Bev Kissinger, Nigel Livingston, Sharon Sinclair, Michael Langridge, Louise Doucet, Kristen Kay, Kam Judge, Mary Harber

Regrets: Michael Hayes

Guests: Hannah Livingston, Clare Motherwell, David McPherson (CLBC), Nina Linguanti (QSA), Ric Matthews (CLBC), Tracey Michelle (CLBC), Bill Hustler

AGENDA TOPICS	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order – 5:30pm
Thank You and Good-Bye	<p>Karen thanked David McPherson, who is retiring from CLBC as the South Island Regional Director. He was given a card, and then the cake was cut. David said that as he looked around the table, he saw old friends. He was honoured and privileged to work with our Council. He introduced Ric Matthews who is taking his position.</p>
Recognition of Members who have received awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigel Livingston received the Queen’s Jubilee Award for his work with CanAssist. • Mary Emmond is our Region on the Provincial Special O Softball team. • Mike Langridge is representing our Region in the Provincial Special O swimming meet. • Linda Motchman was awarded Volunteer of the Year by Lifetime Networks Victoria. • Kristen Kay is completing her degree. <p>Bill Hustler, who had come to say Goodbye to David, left the meeting at this point.</p>
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Nina Linguanti – Budget Up-date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently – budget tabled through the House, but not passed via legislation. There are draft budget management plans. There will be more details at the end of April. CLBC Regional’s first priority will be the people who will be coming into the CLBC system in April. • PSI has increased utilization. Nina can provide more specific numbers through Veronica for a future meeting. • Trends – Requests –

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>South Island</u> has highest number of contracts with IF attached. Most of this money goes through host agencies. This has been a very successful use of IF. Families appear to feel a level of security with host agency administration rather than direct administration. Families have less work to do in administering IF funding, but still retain choice and decision-making control. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Without a Host Agency, families have more control around choice of services, but spend more time administering funding. ▪ Family Governance is more accessible to families with the IF option. ▪ Catriona spoke about IF having a rich history and philosophy in addition to being a funding mechanism. She made the following three points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In a systems world, IF is a method of payment. Regarding supporting families, families receiving IF need to balance support vs. isolation in their use of IF; and CLBC should consider promoting IF in terms of a philosophy of inclusion and creativity. 2. She agreed with Louise that if IF is going through a host agency that means reduced risk of isolation. On the other hand, some people have complicated, unique needs which might be difficult to meet in some community settings. 3. Ultimately services provided with IF should align with the goals in the Person-Centred Plan. The Person-Centred Plan would have a goal of inclusion in community, as much as possible, no matter an individual's needs. IF is very flexible, it doesn't necessarily mean that 1:1 results in isolation. Creative use, such as family governance, partnering with others, etc., can result in meaningful community involvement and relationships. ○ Host Agencies – means more people in the circle/life of the person with diversabilities. CLBC is doing a good job of monitoring and controlling who becomes a host agency. ○ Employment – There are many funding requests for employment support. ○ Home-Shares – There is a demand for residential placements, particularly by an aging population whose adult children have never received services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David and Nina had other commitments and left the meeting at this point.
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<p>Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes</p>	<p>January Minutes were accepted. February Minutes were accepted.</p> <p>The Minutes have not been put on the website since last April. Also, the list of members on the website is out-of-date. Catriona up-dated all the member biographies in September, but these are not on the website yet. Veronica will follow-up and find out why.</p>		
	<p>ACTION</p>	<p>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</p>	<p>DEADLINE</p>
	<p>Follow-up on up-dating South Island Community Council website.</p>	<p>Veronica</p>	<p>April Meeting</p>
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<p>Tracey Michelle – Aboriginal Advisor, CLBC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey has been the Aboriginal Advisor since February 2012. She works in the South Vancouver office. She has a degree in political science and a law degree, and has worked on policy development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tracey's role is to engage and familiarize Aboriginal communities regarding CLBC. She interacts with individuals, families, and staff of CLBC. She develops working documents, i.e. protocol agreement including different Ministries. She has a broad mandate. ○ She works closely with Jessica Humphry, the Self-Advocate Advisor. ○ Cultural Competency – understand historical characteristics, beliefs, attitudes and values. Big picture overview. ○ Family governance could mean that various cultures can inform the groups they are involved in governing. ○ There is a history of separating people from their aboriginal roots. ○ Ministry of Children and Families has an Aboriginal Team. ○ CLBC services are provided off-Reserve. There is no direct funding on-Reserve. ○ Disability is viewed differently in First Nation communities. There is no traditional First Nation word for disability. ○ Federal Canada has a broad definition of disability, whereas CLBC has a very specific definition. CLBC bases resources on data. The data is incomplete regarding First Nation clients. ○ CLBC will be looking at more First Nation home-shares in the future. 		
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<p>Macro-Regional Employment Forum information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catriona and Mary E. are going to the Macro-Regional Employment Forum. (Both are on the Employment Committee). There will be an outline of everything that is going from CLBC. • It is the same day as the Resource Fair 		
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Resource Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon will talk to Caitlyn about the stand-up board for the SICC table. Sharon will phone around for volunteers to be at the table. Sharon will send Linda an e-mail to forward to all CC members. • If the SICC table and some of the tables of agencies Board members are on (i.e. Beacon), the same volunteers might be able to cover both. • There can be an E-mail Sign-Up sheet, on the table, for people to add their names to, in order that we can pass on more information. • Our One-page SICC description can be on the table, if available. Catriona will bring this up with Caitlyn during phone call. • Bev will make sure table is registered, and see about a strategic location 									
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Contractor for the Task Force Implementation Committee: Joanne Granek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revising Community Manual • Identifying Best Practices for CLBC to support Councils • Developing recruitment and policy • Up-dating council's self-evaluation process. • She comes with a rich, experienced background. 									
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PAC report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen will write a report covering what is working well for SICC for April 6. • Suggestions from the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have always had strong leaders as Chairs. ○ Committees aligned with Regional Working Plans ○ Close, working relationship with CLBC office. ○ Connections with the University and College ○ Strong, consistent, long-term, membership. ○ Good diversity of council members. ○ Administrative support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contract built into SICC budget planning. ▪ Professional, timely minutes ▪ Structure strengthens sustainability ○ Accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ learning from Self-advocates, ▪ providing hearing equipment, ▪ telephone equipment, e.g. for Saltspring member to participate long-distance. ○ Innovative ○ Hard-working ○ Tangible outcomes – i.e. One Day, Sango. 									

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Order of BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to nominate Bill Hustler for Order of BC. • Michael H. will follow-up on this. 		
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Update on June 5-7 Art Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canadian Disability Assoc is meeting during that time. ○ Art Exhibit – downtown, 50% of the artists will have disabilities. ○ Catriona will be seeing Michael. She will ask him about the location of the Art Exhibit and have him pass this info on to Linda. Linda will forward this information to Council members. ○ Judy Newman coming to speak. She is involved in international work around disability. She has a disability herself. She will be a lunch-time speaker at UVic. She has been asked to do a panel presentation open to the public. ○ Agenda too tight to invite Shelley DeCosta to talk about Diversabilities. ○ Sheena Morrison wants to start planning for International Day for People with Diversabilities. She wants a Proclamation next year. 		
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	Find out location of Art Exhibit	Catriona	
Forward location of Art Exhibit to Council Members	Linda		
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Committees	<u>Employment</u> (Report Attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie Fasullo and Andrew met with the Employment Committee. They discussed training of support workers in the employment area. Could SICC have a role in promoting this direction? Mary & Catriona talked about the Community Support worker program at Camosun and possible revisions to gear it more towards serving people in employment settings. • The next Employment Committee meeting will be set up by e-mail. • Victoria Economic Development Group – what are they doing? The Committee will look into this. 		
	<u>Community Engagement</u> (Report Attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had a good meeting with Doug Nutting • RIV supporting Self-Advocates in leadership. Developing a day-long or two-day workshop around volunteer leadership and volunteer roles in community was discussed. Doug will look into this further. • Emily replaced Bonnie Blacklock at RIV. • Save-on-Foods Arena – if you are attending an event with a person with diverse abilities, when you buy the ticket, ask for the support person to be 		

given a free ticket. This won't be offered or advertised. It is going to be a 40-year long program, structured like the RIV pass. Ordering the Free Support Person ticket on-line is not an option. The free ticket has to be requested at the Box office. The person with the diverseability doesn't have to be present when the tickets are bought. If there are any problems with this process, contact Doug Nutting, Recreation Integration Victoria.

- Curriculum – Aboriginal – Linda Lukus – curriculum for foster parents of aboriginal children. Linda's presentation is more in-depth than the information Tracey presented this evening. Linda's curriculum would be very valuable education for non-aboriginal caregivers of aboriginal people with diverse abilities. Committee to follow up with getting the on-line curriculum information.
- Meeting scheduled – Wendy Sue, Lifetime Networks Victoria; Doug Nutting RIV; Bev, Community Living Victoria, SICC– April 17. The Committee will be looking at ways to increase services on the Peninsula. Doug and LNV are very open.
- Doug is joining the Committee and would like to be a Council member. Tammy Khanna, Independent Living and Housing Society, is interested as well.
- South Island Education Committee - Gentle Teaching Conference – there are 10 spaces still available. Members can show up and say that Kristen OK'd their attendance.
- Sept 7 – One Day event.
- Self-Advocates Conference in June
- Erin Johannas and Shelly Nessman – mapping project. In Vernon, they did a workshop from 9-3, with about 50 Self-Advocates, with a one-hour break. We could do something similar, including sending out a special invitation to community leaders, CLBC staff, CC members, mayors, to attend in the afternoon. We would aim for about 50 people, with about half being Self-Advocates. With the community leaders, we could share the information gleaned from Self-Advocates earlier in the day, at a one-hour dinner presentation. We could have another meeting, closer to the date, so that our Self-Advocates can get to know what will be expected of them. We can liaise with Caitlyn about what community leaders to invite.

Transition

- Mary H. has a passion for Transition, so she will be a member of this Committee.
- No meeting scheduled yet.

Strengthening Community Council (Minutes Attached)

- Overview of PowerPoint to take to Self-Advocates. What would help us to be support Self-Advocates in leadership roles? We received good quality input.
- Need to meet again to distil info down into next actions.
- Mary E. presented at Self Advocates for a Brighter Future.
- Finding new Council members was discussed. Skills from the following list would be useful in a new member:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project management ○ Financial management ○ Policy work ○ Legal ○ Personnel work ○ Quality Assurance ○ Accessibility. ○ Need a representative from First Nations, Western Communities ○ To keep gender balance on the Committee, it would be good to have more males. ○ Could a Home Share provider be on Council? We can't have someone who is directly paid by CLBC. Veronica will look into the possibilities. ○ Veronica is narrowing down list of possible members from the Western Communities. ○ Next Committee meeting still to be scheduled. 												
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CLBC update;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info Flash – update on MCFD re. young adults 19-24. CLBC has started to collaborate on the development of that program. • New Family Law Act for BC – in effect in March. • Employment program of BC. Pilot Projects in Nanaimo, Simon Fraser and North Interior. CLBC looked at readiness of all areas. • Ric Matthews is now our Regional Director. • New Facilitators: Selena Light and Heather McDougal. • Council member recruitment - Veronica will follow-up with Jason, a possible Council member from the Sooke Family Resource Centre. He is male, from the Western Communities, in his late 20's and has PSI experience. • HST will no longer be in effect as of April 2, 2013. CLBC is proactively working with service providers to make the necessary changes. • Self-Advocate Conference recap - March 7th, -75 people attended. Quality of Life was the theme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PWD simplified for transitioning youth. Is on-line process going to stay? Catriona will ask Paula Grant about this in her Thursday phone call. ▪ Nigel Livingston met, mid-March, with Coco Café founders. This business 												

is still in its infancy stage. If Council is interested in hearing about CoCo Café, CLBC would be supportive of investigating this further and gathering information. Nigel will be making contact with Coco Café personnel to come and present to our Council in May. Jack and Nigel met with Coco Café in their roles as members of the Vancouver Foundation. It is a sign of success that Coco Café is not CLBC funded.

- In a CLBC Info Bulletin, there is a question about which elements of the employment plan should CLBC be focusing on. If you haven't given your feedback yet, please go back and look at it. You can use the hyperlink to access the form.

Ric Mathews (replacing David McPherson)

- From South Africa, has lived in Canada for 16 years - most of that in Vancouver, where he still lives.
- Influenced by Jean Vanier and Desmond Tutu.
- For the last 6 years Ric has worked in Vancouver's East Side, and saw how marginalized people were treated. He saw the disconnect between the needs of the people in that area, and those who are mandated to help meet those needs.
- Ric is excited about the possibility of bridging the structures, and facilitating conversations between Community Development folk and Quality Service folk – what is needed vs. what resources we have.
- Expects to be on a steep learning curve for next few months.
- Council attendance - David came to Council meetings about twice year. Usually September, when the strategic plan is developed, then again near the end of fiscal. Ric is happy to be guided about his meeting attendance, and to work the logistics of coming from Vancouver.

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Contact Jason from the Sooke Family Resource Centre to see if he is interested in joining the SICC.	Veronica	April Meeting
Does the PWD application have to be done on-line now that it has been simplified?	Catriona	April Meeting
Contact Coco Café to see if they will make a presentation to our Council in May.	Nigel	April Meeting

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<p>Updates from service providers: Kam, Kristen, Bev, Nigel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strike is over. • Catriona handed out 2nd Wave brochures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Wave meetings are the first Thursday of the month at CLV. ○ Jack Styan is coming on April 4 and will be talking on the Community Action Employment Plan, at 7pm. ○ May 9 -Veronica, Laurie and Ric will attend the Second Wave meeting.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June – Mary H. will come and talk about sexuality and safety. • Catriona also handed out Epilepsy information, pens and buttons, as March 26 is Epilepsy Purple Day. 						
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Drop Box	Michael H. is committed to this idea and will set up the SICC Drop Box.						
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Quality of Life Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Harber’s students are doing a project on Citizenship and Quality of Life. In order to move this project out of the classroom, she will be sending out an e-mail to agencies providing residential services, suggesting that clients come up with an idea involving song/dance on the topic of Citizenship and Quality of Life. Students will come out and video tape the performances, make these into a long movie, then have a movie event. There will be a red carpet, participants will get dressed up and have their hair done, ‘paparazzi’ will be present. There will only be room for 20 residential agencies to participate, so the first 20 to respond to the e-mail will be part of this project. • Mary requested that her e-mail be sent out via the Council contact list. • Self-Advocates are working on surveys re. Quality of Life questions. 						
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Inclusion BC Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be held May 22-25. (Info at: http://bcacl.org/conference-2013) • Registration is now open. 						
ADJOURNMENT							
Meeting adjourned at 9 pm Moved by <u>Mary Emmond</u> 2 nd by <u>Bev Kissinger</u>							
NEXT MEETING							
Date: <u>April 30, 2013</u> Time: <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Location: <u>220 – 174 Wilson St, Victoria, B.C.</u>							