



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: April 30, 2013

220 – 174 Wilson Street, Victoria

Present:

Nigel Livingston, Bev Kissinger, Michael Langridge, Veronica Berlando, Sharon Sinclair, Kristen Kay, Michael Hayes, Louise Doucet (via spider phone), Doug Nutting (RIV), Linda Motchman

Regrets:

Mary Emmond, Mary Harber, Karen Van Rheenen, Catriona Johnson, Kam Judge, Ethel Underwood (Aboriginal Parent)

Guests:

Hannah Livingston, Selena Light (CLBC Facilitator), Angela Clancy (FSI), Rachel Skidmore (FSI Resource Parent), Ann and Zola Auld (FSI Resource Parent and her daughter),

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Family Support Institute: Angela Clancy	<p>Angela Clancy, E.D., grew up in Victoria, was a 'Special Sitter', worked with RIV, and with Karen Van Rheenen's daughter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSI present in almost all regions of BC. • Started with 6 parents 27 years ago, now there are about 200. Most have adult children, but all ages are represented. • FSI will support a family with any child, of any age, no formal diagnosis necessary. • Parent-to-Parent support. Match parents (geographic, diagnosis) via large data base of Resource Parents. • Families are the experts on their own family members. • 70% of calls to FSI are regarding school-based issues. • BC Summer Institute for Inclusive Learning – July 15-19, 2013. • Pilot Project – Social Networks – supported by CLBC. Over 30 families around Vancouver volunteered to be part of the project. • FindSupportBC – FSI hopes to launch this website in June . What is available to families, when? FSI hired students to research all supports/services available, how to apply, when. • FSI is in the process of putting together a book written by siblings. • Media available to be borrowed. No cost to parents. • Corporate sponsorship with Accent Inns, who donated 15 gift certificates for a free night. Anyone who mentions FSI when registering at an Accent Inn, gets a really good discount and Accent donates \$5 to FSI. Accent Inns are committed to on-going participation in a Respitality-type program. • Support Worker Central website -matches workers with people looking for workers. Site can be finicky to navigate. Angela can help anyone to find what they are looking for.

	Angela and the Resource Parents left at this point.		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Review march Minutes: Acceptance, or correctons \Agenda additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order - 5:30 • Motion to adopt minutes of March 2013 meeting by Bev Kissinger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Nigel Livingston. o Carried <p>Action Items from Executive Minutes: Bev followed up with her brother and got a contact number. Kristen will liaise with Caitlyn regarding sending a letter to the mayors inviting them to attend part of the Self-Advocates conference.</p>		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Nomination of Doug Nutting for Community Council	<p>Doug presented at Engagement Committee. Doug has been involved with RIV for 25 years and has agreed to be on the SICC. Doug was nominated by Bev Kissinger. Michael Hayes seconded the nomination, and it was carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug’s work history includes working in Group Homes, and for CLV delivering programs, director of vocational services. • Doug is part of World Disability Union out of Istanbul bridging knowledge and technology between the first world and people with disabilities in other parts of the world. <p>Michael welcomed Doug to the Council.</p>		
Order of BC	All individuals on SICC need to nominate Bill Hustler. In order to write up the nominations, Michael will need a lot of information about Bill’s history and contributions. Ellen Tarshis will probably know a lot of this, and Bev will follow-up with family members.		
Drop Boxes	Michael learned that this requires the Oracle software that is used at UVic. We could buy this service, but how could we sustain this financially? The point was raised that individuals can sign up for Drop Box without purchasing anything. Nigel will get one of his technical associates at CanAssist to look into this.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Have someone at CanAssist look into how to use Drop Box without having to pay for expensive software.	Nigel	Next Meeting
Talk to family member about Bill Hustler’s contributions to our community.	Bev		

	Contact Ellen Tarshis about Bill's contributions to our Community.	Michael Hayes	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
June Meeting	Brian Sailsbury and Joanne Granek will overview manuals, recruitments of Councils, etc.		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Megan Tardif Invitation	Megan will be invited to the September meeting.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Megan Tardiff invited to September meeting.	Veronica	Next Meeting
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
CoCo Café	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoCo Café will cater our May 28th meeting. • They have been given a budget of \$150, excluding drinks. There are no particular dietary consideration. Karen has a list of questions for them when they make their presentation. • Linda to send an e-mail to those not at today's meeting asking if anyone has any dietary restrictions and for an RSVP. • Steve Halabura will come as a guest next month. His son is just transitioning to adult supports. Steve is an entrepreneur. 		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Email re. dietary restrictions and RSVP	Linda	One week
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Committee Reports	<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary went to Macro Regional Employment Forum which was about getting families, self-advocates and other stake-holders together about employment. <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Sowden had to cancel. Hopefully she will come to the May committee meeting. • Panorama Rec Centre – is open to talking to us about space for a Social Group. LNV is happy to get something going. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friday Night Social – extremely popular. ○ We want 10 people to start with. ○ Start Social Group in September. ○ More info out to people when there is more to give. ○ The music band that plays at Namaste is funded by a gaming grant. We would like similar music, but perhaps provided by someone on the Peninsula. 		

- Family Forum – Bev talking to Jennifer Pratt, who is always looking for opportunities for people with diversabilities in the Sidney area.
- Beacon Bus Challenge – for people who receive services from Beacon, in order to get them to using public transportation more. Each participant is given a punch card, and must take the bus 10 times to win a prize. The Challenge is working well. Next time perhaps Beacon will organize a Scavenger Hunt.
- Self-Advocacy Conference will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church – June 18th and 19th.
- One Day event – September 7th.
- The Committee is looking into training for individuals with disabilities, so that they can go out and volunteer. A partnership with RIV might work well. Individuals might need coaching, how to talk to children, certificate, a leadership course. If our individuals have this training, perhaps charities will feel confident about taking on volunteers with disabilities.
- Hockey - Lacrosse Box at Braefoot – 10-15 people showed up today.

Transition

- Of our five objectives, we have met three already.
- Two are tricky – finding out from families what is working, and what is not. We might try and get this info from another agency – FSI, CLBC, Second Wave. We want information specific to the Island. We would share what we learn with CLBC. CCs are not mandated to do surveys.

Strengthening Community Council

- Veronica will follow up with Ethel Underwood, who was unable to come tonight.
- David Carter has been approached. As soon as we set up our next Committee meeting, we will invite him to it.
- Volunteer Victoria – Sharon still needs to follow=up.

ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Follow-up with Ethel Underwood	Veronica	Next Meeting
Volunteer Victoria	Sharon	Next Meeting

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CLCB Updates	<p>Teleconference between SICC and Louise Doucet – it did work for at least half the meeting. Some bugs still to be worked out. It is available if Louise wants.</p> <p>Resource Fair – CLBC participated. It went well.</p> <p>Still no budget report. It was suggested that we invite Nina to SICC May meeting to give a budget up-date.</p> <p>Second Wave May meeting (2nd May at 7pm) – Veronica, Nina, Ric and three</p>

	other staff will present and answer questions. Last year there was a good turn out.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Karen to invite Nina to our May meeting to give a budget update.	Karen	ASAP
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Service Provider Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev presented at Home Share meeting on the Representation Agreement. • Council would like to hear from Service Providers about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues – strikes, struggles, what’s the buzz in the community. • Informal update 		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Update on Regional’s Special O	<p>Michael L. has extra Swimming lessons: Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays in order to prepare for Provincials, which will be held July 11-14 in Langley Michael competes in the Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle.</p> <p>Mary does softball. She is not swimming this year.</p> <p>There are also extra Golf lessons now for the Special O golfers going to the Provincials.</p>		
Resource Fair Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary and Sandor Jusko manned the table at one point. Many thanks to them. • We need to find ways to interact more with people. Only one person signed up to get more info about us. • Give Caitlyn feedback on Community Council overview card. • Sharon suggested e-mailing all agencies participating in the Resource Fair, letting them know we send out info at times, and asking if they want to be on our e-mail list. Bev is on Resource Fair committee and gave Sharon permission to use the list of agencies present at the Resource Fair. • Next year list us as SICC instead of CLBC CC. Veronica was listed as contact person. 		
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Home Share Review: Megan Tardiff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interim report will be completed by the end of April, and a final report is due by the end of June. • Lots of interesting comments were recorded in the email from Megan. It is well worth reading. (Attached) 		
Thank You	Bev handed around a card for Rosemary and Sandor thanking them for sitting at the SICC table at Resource Fair. The card was signed by everyone present.		
ADJOURNMENT			
Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm Moved by <u>Bev Kissinger</u> 2 nd by <u>Sharon Sinclair</u>			

NEXT MEETING

Date: May 28, 2013 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 174 Wilson St, Victoria, B.C.