



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: April 10, 2010
Time: 9:00 am – 2:15 pm

Present: Bonnie Fallowfield, Barb Warkentine, Terry Robertson, Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, David Johnston, Justin Pylatuk, Earnie Harding; Cathy Mortensen; Colleen Hermanson; Sharon Taylor; Sharon Doerkson (via conference call), Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guests: Paul Sibley, Truly Shearing

Regrets: Ryan Taylor, Kris Zemplak, Ruth Stanton

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Earnie Harding motioned the minutes of the March 13 and 14, 2010 North Region Community Council meeting be accepted, David Johnston seconded the motion - <u>CARRIED</u>
Justin Pylatuk	Justin tendered his resignation to the North Region Community Council; this will be his last meeting. Pat, on behalf of the council, thanked Justin for all his hard work during his time on the Community Council and wished him all the best.
	DISCUSSION
Elections	There was 1 nomination for Chairperson - Bonnie Fallowfield; and 1 nomination for Vice-Chairperson – Barb Warkentine. It was agreed to open the floor to further nominations: no more were submitted. David Johnston motioned that by acclamation Bonnie Fallowfield be voted Chairperson and Barb Warkentine be voted Vice-Chairperson. Ann Peltier seconded the motion: <u>CARRIED</u>
	DISCUSSION
Committee Selection	Membership Committee – Kris Zemplak, Sharon Doerkson, Sharon Taylor Self Advocate Committee – Earnie Harding; Cathy Mortensen; David Johnston. Community Awareness Committee – Ann Peltier; Colleen Hermanson; Jackie Allen; Ryan Taylor. Ruth Stanton will be asked which committee she would like to sit on.

	Discussion on how committee's can correspond/work together – they can teleconference, or meet prior to or following our regular meetings – contact Ann L if you need help to set these up. Committee reports will be a standing agenda item.		
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Leadership Today Pat/David	Cost of the event will be approximately \$3200.00 plus travel and meal expenses. Pat will connect with Kamloops, Kelowna, and Vernon regarding possible cost sharing to do 3 day event in Prince George. Discussion self advocates attending – it would be more cost effective to bring the training here than to send our members to the Interior.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Follow up with the Kamloops/Kelowna/Vernon offices	Pat/David	Bring forward to May meeting
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Community Living BC Board Meeting/PAC Meeting Terry Robertson	<p>Terry attended the CLBC Board meeting on March 20, 2010. She updated us on the Service Satisfaction Survey. A new CLBC website is being launched in May 2010 and a new Intra Net is being launched in August 2010. They also discussed the Employment Opportunities Program at CLBC. Terry also discussed new monies have been set up for Innovations Projects – this can be accessed through Vancouver Foundations and will be matched by the 2010 Legacies Now Corp.</p> <p>Terry also attended her first PAC meeting and gave us an update. The PAC committee meets 4 times per year. Discussed the distribution of Family Independence Fund. Terry suggested the council look at the performance targets on the CLBC website. PAC also discussed the aging population and a data base has being requested with the demographics, aging clientele, etc, by Ross from Kamloops. Bill 20 - changes to the CLBC board was discussed. By the end of June there will be 6 vacancies on the CLBC board, members are being asked to recruit board members.</p> <p>Terry also informed the members, CAYA (Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults will continue to receive funding to continue.</p> <p>The link to apply to Giving in Action Family for families for home/vehicle repairs is located on the CLBC website.</p>		
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Paul Sibley	<p>Paul gave an organizational overview of our year ahead, addressing challenges – due to economic changes the budget will be impacted in different ways – this year brought us in line zero increase – no cuts but certain amount of growth. Paul discussed long term commitments – annualizing impact. There is a meeting in PG on April 19th to explain the new costing tools being implemented in order to manage budgets, service redesign and staff residential.</p> <p>Paul noted, we are leading the way, and other funding bodies will look at</p>		

	the way we are doing things.									
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Community Council Month Events	<p>Quesnel – October 1st over the lunch hour Dawson Creek – October 1st Prince George – October 16th (Combined with our Community Council Meeting) Fort St. John – Sharon D. and Ryan to pick a date Smithers – October 1st Prince Rupert – October 2nd (Tentatively) Terrace – combine with the Focus 2 day even Oct 23/24 will confirm Fort Nelson – Jackie to confirm Provincial kits to use will be sent to us. Pat will invite Rachel and Kaitlyn to attend our events. An electronic invitation will be sent out to the service providers and families to attend. A discussion was to have all the dates and venues on 1 flyer.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACTION</th> <th>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th>DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Confirm and events</td> <td>All Members</td> <td>May 15th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confirm Rachel/Kaitlyn's attendance</td> <td>Pat</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	Confirm and events	All Members	May 15th	Confirm Rachel/Kaitlyn's attendance	Pat	
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<u>Round Table</u> David Johnston	<p>Self advocates bring issues/concerns, what their needs are. They are voicing concerns that they want to see more low cost housing, DB2 money needs to be raised as they do not feel they have enough to live on. Also they would like to see more training options for different trades in specific job areas – they don't have the qualifications to get the jobs – something like on the job training. Other concerns are pay up front for assessment eye exams etc. David raised a personal concern of the difficulties that will be faced if the \$500 maximum a person can earn will be cut dollar for dollar.</p>									
Truly Shearing	<p>Truly thank the council for being asked attend and values this learning experience. Truly looks forward to be a part of the meetings.</p>									
Bonnie Fallowfield	<p>Bonnie discussed assisting families in the transitioning process. Presenting FSI workshops how to support families without prejudice, support being a part of the community, living in the community – Bonnie will bring back information to share. Bonnie attended Native Court-Workers presentation, it went well, she is trying to recruit aboriginal members for our council. They had a St. Patrick's Day event, everyone dressed up – it was a lot of fun, they incorporated Facilitator Dave Sutton's Birthday into the festivities. Bonnie discussed a website for us to have a look at. Supportworkerscentral.com – it's slow to take off, hoping it will grow and expand. Bonnie will bring bookmarks to the next meeting.</p>									

Earnie Harding	Earnie discussed the 4-plex purchased – the renovations are complete and the building is occupied. There were issues in moving individuals from apartment building to another – owner asked that all Special Needs tenants find other accommodations – there was a discussion with the owner and some can remain. Housing needs to be addressed provincially and Human Rights. Space is an issue. Working on employment initiative and will have more information at the next meeting.
Sharon Taylor	There are issues regarding the costs of our individuals using the public pool, this used to be free, now pool board decided cut funding now all adults pays full price unless financial need proved. It has been negotiated that youth with special needs will get a reduced rate.
Colleen Hermanson	Colleen is going to speak with seniors who have their adult disabled children at home, Their discussions centered around not receiving services, lack of employment services and how to deal with not receiving services. Colleen will report back at the next meeting
Barb Warkentine	David Pitonyak is putting on a workshop – Beyond “Behaviors” - Supporting Confidence, Competence and Well-Being at AimHi in Prince George on May 31 – June 1 st . There is no cost for the workshops but there will be a \$10.00 fee for lunch paid in advance. Contact Sherry Pearson at sherry.pearson@aimhi.ca to register. Therapeutic riding begins May 1 st , they are expecting approximately 50 clients.
Jackie Allen	Jackie followed up with some families in Fort Nelson – things looking good – she spoke to a family who moved from the Vancouver area, and due to lower number of families requiring assistance, they feel they are getting better services. Jackie sees more people in the smaller regions are staying. Jackie distributed copies of the Citizen and some of our “bookmarks”, she also reviewed our Community Council website.
Terry Robertson	Terry gave out postcards for members to share with their communities and discussed the BC Association for Community Living conference being held in Whistler October 22-24, 2010. For more information you can visit their web-site at www.bcacl.org or www.familyfocusconverenc.com . All questions can go to Terry. Terry also told us about the registered disabled saving plan training her husband is taking, if anyone is interested contact Terry. Terry also discussed that Care Providers have to be registered with WCB.
Paul Sibley	Paul echoed Truly’s compliments and thanked everyone for having the opportunity to attend. This is going to be a challenging year – he is confident of making the funding we have available work.
Ann Peltier	Ann P met with Service Providers who are thinking about attending the Plan

<p>Justin Pylatuk</p> <p>Pat Marshall</p> <p>Cathy Mortensen</p>	<p>Forum. With regards to Community Living month, she would like to have the children from MCFD involved as well and is getting a steering committee together. She discussed Vince's visit to Prince Rupert, Kitimat and Smithers, putting on PSI forums. Many people don't have a lot of information or expertise on FASD and Autism and she found it surprising so many people didn't know one another. Ann P heard lift at the pool is gone, she will check it out. Ann P told us of a disabled Forestry worker who refused to take training because the only way he could get into the hotel's training room was to go through the kitchen - the hotel was not wheelchair accessible. Ann P is supported to attend PLAN forum in PG.</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Pat was contacted by Scott Horvath of MCFD wanted the council's contact info to give out for family tables. If you know of anyone else in your area who would be interested please send their name and contact information to Scott at Scott.Horvath@gov.bc.ca Pat reminded everyone about the Plan forum.</p> <p>Cathy will be attending the Plan Forum.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	
Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm	
NEXT MEETING	
May 15, 2010 at the Prince George CLBC office.	