



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: February 18, 2012
 Address: #207 1600 15th Avenue,
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Time: 9:30 am
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Terry Robertson, Ruth Stanton, Ann Lewis

Via Conference call: David Johnston, Ryan Taylor, Kris Zemplak, Pat Marshall, Bonnie Fallowfield, Caitlyn Sassaman, Jackie Allan, Earnie Harding, Cathy Mortenson, Eldon Carter

Regrets: Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor

AGENDA TOPICS	
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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Ryan Taylor moved the minutes of the January 21, 2012 meeting be accepted Terry Robertson Seconded the motion <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
Additions to the Agenda	Managers' report
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Proloquo2go Caitlyn Sassaman, Communications Specialist	Introduced herself; live and work out of Victoria – Vancouver coastal and the North build awareness and partnerships outside the community, supporting staff and council. Working on booklet on cc engagement – 1 story for council – for the north is proloquo2go. Impressed by the work the council has done, hopefully will spark additional hardware for people to use. Discussed on what we need to do to go forward. Jackie wrote a great note outlining what questions we need to ask to move forward. Jackie - Sharon Taylor started this story Pat – update on to date. Touched base with a follow in Quesnel – working with his still, caregivers/workers have difficulty providing support if they are not ... themselves. General feedback, I-pod harder I-pad easier – have had some returned and moved on to the I-Pad. Had a couple and it did not work out – learned how to use the music and didn't want to use the Proloquo2 part of it. Only 2 out of the recipients (6) have refused due to many reasons not to

use this and returned it and they have been passed on – 10 recipients in all. Barb – doing about the same – knows the program, mom bought him an I-Pad – need to work with the caregivers. Will return the I-pod to pass on to someone else. It’s a good thing; it’s given him a voice.

Kris suggests the reason they do not use it because it’s too hard and not wanting to change their way.

Jackie – how do we go about asking for donations and how to they get distributed. Is there a system in place

Pat – confirm the success story’s first, then contact at CKPG – contact and get them on film and get it sent to Apple with a request. Not comfortable to move forward with a story right now. Caitlyn will help with this process.

Bonnie thanks Jackie and Sharon for the work they done to get this off the ground. Very exciting to be able to reach the smaller communities in the local newspapers as well to do some of this outreach.

Kris – asked Caitlyn re: recruitment add for membership. Caitlyn to send Ann the Victoria add and we can tweak it to fit the north.

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<p>Managers Report</p>	<p>Pat Marshall - January 31, 2012</p> <p>CLBC Key Messages - \$40 million increase in funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government has completed reviews of CLBC to address issues and concerns raised by individuals and families – and to look at the broader system of supports across government for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. • Government has provided CLBC with an additional \$40 million to improve and expand services and to implement recommendations from the reviews. • This funding includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$18 million to fully implement new services initiated in 2010/11 • \$10 million to address the needs of transitioning youth and to further develop employment and related supports • \$12 million to address new service requirements related to caseload growth • This additional funding will ensure that more vulnerable adults will now be able to receive supports and services to meet their needs and enable them to live and participate more fully in their community. • CLBC is committed to renewing and fulfilling the original vision of the families and advocates that were instrumental in creating CLBC. • CLBC has to work within its budget, managing fiscal accountability while continuing to find ways to maintain and expand services.
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- 93 per cent of CLBC’s budget is spent directly on providing programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
- We are looking forward to working with government to implement the recommendations and improve services for the people we support.
- CLBC is focused on building stronger relationships with individuals and families. We want to work collaboratively to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the province.

Caitlyn explained the cross ministry team are beginning discussions on the best way to move forward. Identified was one of the challenges was not working cohesively – figuring out how to move forward.

Pat briefly discussed the meetings in the Northwest with families and Self Advocates. The meetings went well, and are looking forward to the follow up and continuing with these discussions.

Kris asked about the CST, she heard conflicting stories on whether this program is shutting down, or can they still direct families to the Team? Pat – ministers report they something like this to stay in some capacity. Paula Grant is retiring; they may be looking at replacing her with a CST team. Question - Are they putting additional funding into this? Pat replied, no, the funding has to come out of what our budget is for the following fiscal.

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Membership Committee
 Sharon Taylor
 Kris Zemlak

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Earnie has forwarded two names. Kris spoke to them and gave them the website. Ann forwarded them orientation packages. Bonnie says we need broad representation from the North and suggested there should only be one member from each area. Bonnie has one person from Vanderhoof who may be interested.

Process – The Membership Committee’s role is to connect with the people council members have recruited. Then the committee will send Ann Lewis their names and addresses for her to forward them an orientation package. Can they attend meetings prior to being approved by the Board, but they will not be paid per diems or travel until approved. Present council members can decide move out early in order to maintain our membership numbers.

Terry knows we have not had people from all areas; these are the areas we may need to put ads in local papers. Terry’s knows of a person from Tumbler ridge who may be interested.

Kris asked that you forward all names to her and she will get Ann Lewis their names and address to send them a package. Membership committee needs to maintain the balance of numbers as per the Terms of Reference.

Earnie motioned we accept the first nomination S.M. a Service Provider from

<p>----- <u>Self Advocate Committee</u> Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston Earnie Harding ----- <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor -----</p>	<p>Smithers, Barb Warkentine seconded the motion – all in favor. This motion was CARRIED</p> <p>Earnie Harding motioned we accept the second nomination C.N. a family member from Smithers, David Johnston seconded the nomination – all in favor. This motion was CARRIED.</p> <p>Packages have been sent out to the prospective members.</p> <hr/> <p>Self Advocated will have a meeting immediately following our next face to face meeting on March 24, until then, there is nothing to report.</p> <hr/> <p>Nothing to report – Jackie says thanks for the Citizens and pamphlets and has passed them around her town.</p>						
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<p>PAC Report <u>Terry Robertson</u></p>	<p>Terry reported in January from their last meeting, recruitment retention and sustainability was going to be a problem in all councils. The PAC asked CLBC for a date to be chosen to bring the chairs together to talk about what we are going to do to keep councils functioning as it is a struggle across the province. In the North we struggle more to stay connected because are so spread out. Terry is jealous of councils that are so close together. There was discussion on reasoning of combining the annual June Council Chair meeting with the April 14th PAC meeting and what that agenda would look like. Bonnie will respond to Brian’s email for answers as to whom and why this was changed and suggest the meeting cover 1.5 days in order to fit in all the agenda items. She will forward the response to the North Region Community Council.</p> <p>Jackie Allan hopes that the April agenda will have some meat to it and it will have meaningful discussions, and not gloss over issues.</p> <p>Barb is hoping what the PAC is requesting will not get lost in the bigger picture of what the June meeting would have entailed.</p> <p>Terry is listed as one of the people on the agenda building committee. Bonnie suggested Terry call Ross to clarify and suggest the extra half day and/or find out how they are separating the meeting so it does not get meshed together. When we find out the exact agenda, we can respond as a whole.</p> <p>Barb will attend this meeting in Bonnie’s place as she cannot make it.</p> <p>As Terry is stepping down March 2013, someone needs to think about the liaison position to PAC.</p>						
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<p>ROUND TABLE</p>	<p>Bonnie Fallowfield – There is a new Analyst in Quesnel. Bonnie is impressed, and says she is eager to learn. Bonnie is kept busy with trying to pull together information for her autism workshop in the fall.</p> <p>Barb Warkentine – Prince George Therapeutic Riding Association is very excited; half their board is completed; they now have 3 paid positions – 1 instructor and 2 assistant instructors/horse caregivers. Activity Living Weekend is slated for March 3-4. Canadian National Therapeutic Riding Association will be here for the PGX, and they are looking forward to Bonnie’s presentation in the fall.</p> <p>Cathy Mortensen – Self Advocates are having a bottle drive to raise funds to attend the Prince George Self Advocate Caucus May 13th -15th. More fund raising is planned. Cathy spoke about the CLBC Meet and Greet with the Self Advocates on Tuesday, February 14th. It was a pleasant afternoon and good discussions.</p> <p>David Johnston – David will be going to Vancouver on March 21st to do educational forum to CLBC 430 – 7 pm discussion to be on the No Barrier Campaign, David’s blogs, People First Provincial Board and education. Jessica is sending David questions prior to the meeting. David has just returned from the Peoples First Retreat where he caught the flu. Feel better soon David.</p> <p>Eldon Carter – The Quesnel Self Advocates held a meeting couple of weeks ago. They are fundraising in order to come to Prince George for May 13-15th conference. They need help in keeping their group together. Bonnie asked how we can support this group to continue, this has always been a volunteer position. Pat will discuss with Wendy Framst, Manager QS. Eldon will be away for the March meeting in Arizona visiting relatives.</p> <p>Earnie Harding – Earnie reported on the Family Forum held in Smithers February 14th. Nineteen family members attended with 5 CLBC staff members. Topics covered were CLBC changes, the breakdown of the new funding and Community Council membership strategic plan was touched on. Other discussion was office staff availability - the office doors are kept locked unless there is more than 2 staff in the office at the time. Discussion PWD clients on wait list, and touched a little bit on aging. Housing came across as major issue. Earnie believes some special needs individuals are living in substandard situations. Earnie believes overall there was disappoint and frustration from family members who attended looking for answers. Part of discussion was the on the breakdown of the \$40 million increase in funding. Good discussion on housing commitment. Families want to ensure their loved ones are looked after. Earnie says they feel they are taking on the whole affordable housing project on their own at a cost of and this is</p>

undoable for them. Smaller communities need a different criteria in housing; the number they were originally looking at was 50% ratio. Earnie feels the families were disappointed they still did not get the answers they were looking for, and that CLBC needs to be more flexible in housing to have good community support.

Bonnie asked, do you think in smaller communities the ratio should be different? Earnie – yes.

Barb – thinks families have to step up as well – there are many more partnerships not just CLBC and families have to fight for what they want.

You don't want to go to segregation, inclusion needs to stay the same.

Bonnie – interesting for council to be kept up to date on what's happening in Smithers.

Jackie Allen – Nothing to report

Kris Zemlak – Kris has been quite busy placement planning, they hired 3 people on temporary basis to look at increasing capacity in their programs. She met with licensing, and discovered some of the proposals might not have to be. There is a 7 page assessment Kris will send out to council members. Kris discussed the conference happening in Prince George March 27 and 28, 2012 entitled Aging and Quality of Life for adults with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities. There are some well-known key speakers coming in to share their knowledge in this area. Kris also spoke of the Sexuality workshop held and is hearing awesome feedback from parents who were involved with the CST. There are some CARF changes, which means a bit of work needs to be done in this area. There are also plans in the works to get the Northern executives together for discussions around Homeshare. We have over 10 home-shares to date; the most challenging piece of the work is making the right mix – their needs and location of the home.

Ruth Stanton – Prince George conference Follow your Dreams, Sunday May 13th to Tuesday May 15th. The Agenda is out with workshops on Laughing Yoga, Toast Master, Employment, Your Rights, Taekwondo Demonstration, The World Café, Expressive Music and 5 Big Decisions. More information to be announced. This will be held at AiMHi – 950 Kerry Street, Prince George BC. For more information call 250 564-6408 ext 224 or send an email to princegeorgecaucus@hotmail.com

There may be funding available through BCACL

Ryan Taylor – The Fort St John Self Advocate group is still kind of new. They are still discussing the name, haven't decided yet. Once they know the committee will be the first to know.

Terry Robertson – Terry is going to 100 Mile House for a workshop and meeting new families. She was in Quesnel a few weeks ago and has concerns surrounding the SILS program. Terry is concerned some do not have anyone

	to champion for them. She wants to get word out. If other people have these concerns, please let Pat know. Pat discussed the Ministers are getting together to discuss this issue, as well as Jane Holland.
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NEXT MEETING

Face to Face in Prince George March 24, 2012 9:30 – 3:00
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