



North Region Community Council Meeting
November 19, 2011
Community Living Centre
#207 – 1600 15th Avenue
Prince George BC V2L 3X3
9:30 am

Present: Barb Warkentine, Terry Robertson, Patricia Marshall, Ann Lewis
Conference Call: Cathy Mortensen, Earnie Harding, David Johnston, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, David Johnston
Regrets: Bonnie Fallowfield, Kris Zemlak, Ruth Stanton, Sharon Taylor, Eldon Carter

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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Ryan Taylor made a motion the minutes to the October 15, 2011 meeting be accepted. Terry Robertson seconded the motion. CARRIED
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Face to Face vs Conference call Meetings	<p>Terry Robertson understands why there is a need to limit face to face meetings, but feels it will make it easier for people not to join; quieter people will probably engage less in the conversations and this is a concern. If we don't have the budget would it be possible to meet less but spend more time when we do? Our budget will only allow us to meet face to face one more time this fiscal. Meeting in the next fiscal face to face could be done quarterly, right now without knowing the budget, it would be an estimate. Having our meeting through conference calls will keep us connected as we cover such a large geographical area. Committees will set up additional meetings to keep in touch by emails and phone calls for their committees. For now our meetings will be:</p> <p>January 21, 2012 teleconference February 18, 2012 teleconference March 24, 2012 face to face in the Prince George office</p> <p>Concerns were voiced on where CLBC is going and how will it look in the future.</p> <p>Ann Peltier: We had very little information on what the budget was for this year. At the March meeting we might know better where we stand budget</p>

	<p>wise, at that time we will be able to have a stronger plan for meetings for the next year.</p> <p>Barb Warkentine – as a group we made strong connections and we can't lose this piece work. When we do have the opportunity to meet face to face, we really need to talk about this connection.</p> <p>Jackie Allan is concerned it will become Region driven because the council members from Prince George can meet face to face but not the other council members.</p> <p>Ann Peltier suggested an extended the meeting on March 24, 2012 to a full day up to 4:30.</p> <p>One way to ensure everything can be completed is to send reports, hand outs to Ann Lewis prior to meeting for distribution. If the meetings do finish early, committees would have time to break into their groups and hold their meetings during this time as well.</p>						
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<p>Managers Report Pat Marshall</p>	<p>Doug Woollard is currently acting in the CEO position.</p> <p>David MacPherson is now Acting Director of Regional Operations for the north region and Sharon Rose for Vancouver Coastal Region.</p> <p>Pat Marshall discussed the Client Support Team struck by the Minister on Nov 1st. Pat chairs this group with Mary Henderson-Betkus from Northern Health and Ed Berry from Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). In addition, they will have guests attend who have the responsibility of supporting individuals. Phone calls from the North Region go to David O'Toole (1-877-660-2522); information is gathered and then passed on to the CST Chair, Pat Marshall. Pat has 5 days to respond. Pat works with the CST and the individual to resolve the issue. If the caller is not satisfied, the CST submits their documentation to Deputy Minister whereby they have 5 days to respond back to the caller. If Self Advocates are not sure how to proceed, a facilitator can help with this process.</p> <p>Criminal Record Checks. Pat discussed the workflow, information sheets and forms for the CRC process. CLBC has changed its Criminal Record Check Policy to comply with, and exceed requirements in, the <i>Criminal Records Review Act</i> (CRRA). CLBC's expectation for Community Council volunteers to have a criminal record check is consistent with this policy. The new Act requires us to do this. Ann Lewis will send out packages and will be available to answer any questions as needed. Forms can be dropped off to any CLBC office to be mailed to Ann for processing. There is no fee charged to the council member, CLBC will cover the \$20.00 per member fee.</p>						
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<p>PAC Report Terry Robertson</p>	<p>Terry feels everyone needs to have a good life in welcoming communities and she believes this is the most important and should be #1 value in CLBC's</p>						

	<p>strategic plan.</p> <p>Terry read 2 letters from Denise Turner sent to Bonnie Fallowfield; the Board cancelled their November meeting in Prince George, but hopes to be able to reschedule in the summer of 2012 and get a chance to meet with the North Region Council. Denise thanked us for the work we are doing.</p> <p>Terry believes Denise sends a very sincere message, and they have taken steps to move to where we need to go. She has respect for the board for the changes made.</p> <p>Earnie says regarding his community, it brings to light the inequities throughout the province. Folks were uneasy about CLBC's future from the information put out in the media. Some families were reluctant to call the client support team as they feel they might lose what services they have. We agree these changes are good thing in the long run and the council is confident in having Doug Woollard as Acting CEO.</p> <p>January 13 – 14, 2012 are the dates for the next PAC meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="462 724 1502 808"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="462 724 873 766">ACTION</th> <th data-bbox="873 724 1258 766">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th data-bbox="1258 724 1502 766">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="462 766 873 808"></td> <td data-bbox="873 766 1258 808"></td> <td data-bbox="1258 766 1502 808"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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<p>Membership Committee Sharon Taylor Kris Zemplak</p> <hr/> <p>Self Advocate Committee Cathy Mortensen, Ruth Stanton, David Johnston Earnie Harding , Eldon Carter</p> <hr/> <p>Community Awareness Committee Jackie Allen, Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:</p> <p>Kris (report via e-mail) contacted a possible member. She wanted a place to read about the council and Kris suggested that she go to the CLBC website, but recommended that she meet one of us for "tea" and we would be able to inform her much better in person.</p> <hr/> <p>Self Advocate Committee</p> <p>Ann Lewis will supply Earnie with conference calling information to set up their meeting call on January 5, 2012 6:00 pm Smithers time, 7:00 pm Dawson Creek/Fort St John Time.</p> <hr/> <p>Community Awareness Committee –</p> <p>No report, they will email their report prior to January's conference meeting. They do not need conference calling cards for their committee meetings.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="462 1522 1502 1606"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="462 1522 873 1564">ACTION</th> <th data-bbox="873 1522 1258 1564">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th data-bbox="1258 1522 1502 1564">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="462 1564 873 1606"></td> <td data-bbox="873 1564 1258 1606"></td> <td data-bbox="1258 1564 1502 1606"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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Round Table	<p>Kris Zemplak – report via e-mail.</p> <p><u>Home sharing</u>: AiMHi has now 11 home share contracts. This is very exciting and we continue to provide training to the department managers to ensure that we are learning lots as we grow with this support.</p> <p>AiMHi has also been approached by CLBC about increasing capacity in people supported. We did do lots of work in the service redesign last year which included moving those people that made it their choice to change</p>						

living environments (maybe moving to homesharing or cluster living). AiMHi operates under strong values of ensuring that we offer people what they want and where they want to live, and sometimes this will conflict with the pressures to reduce costs or increase capacity. We are again looking at this with people, while still trying to ensure people's lives are not impacted in a negative manner. AiMHi is also encouraging families to contact CLBC or BCACL to voice their concerns about their family members who are awaiting service or needing more services.

October living month: Pancake breakfast was a success. The mayor and council candidates seeking election in November were in attendance.

Canadian blood services: we provide information and encourage employees to give blood.

Healthier you expo: AiMHi secured a booth at the expo on October 23rd.

Value village: Continue to have partnership with Value Village. We are waiting for some more donation bins to be delivered.

AiMHi helped out with a CN centre and Molson Canadian bottle drive to raise money.

Truffles and Travel Event: attended by over 150 people, awesome!! Our first big fundraising event and lots of hard work was put into the event. (Kris ended up purchasing a trip!!) Plans are already in the works for next year!! Hope to see some council members there!!

Caucus conference: sent out the flyer May 13 – 15, 2012

Aging conference: Save the Date!!

Aging & Quality of Life for Adults with Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities Conference

WHEN: March 27 & 28, 2012

WHERE: Prince George, B.C.

Mark the date for this groundbreaking event in Prince George!

The *Prince George Community Group for Aging & Developmental Disabilities* presents world-renowned speakers from the *International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities (IASSID)* Academy for Education, Training & Research. More information on this event to come.

To add your name or organization to our contact list, please email:

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David Johnston – David will be going to Fort St John on Nov 28th to help get the Self advocate group off the ground. His blog on public speaking will be out on Dec 8th at www.bcsaf.org. He has been working at a construction job for the last month and continues cooking once a month. David is also helping the Dawson Creek facilitator with workshops and will be in Vancouver in February attending the Peoples First retreat.

Terry Robertson. Things are going well; she has just finished workshops in Terrace and Smithers. There were 21 folks in attendance at the Smithers and Terry stayed after to meet with families. In Terrace, the weather was not

great, but they had 6 in attendance at that workshop. She is planning to go to McKenzie next weekend to meet with families and workshops, and is setting up dates to go to Dawson Creek and Fort St John. Terry and Bonnie met with Jane Holland on Tuesday, and Wednesday Jane met with 10 families to discuss transition struggles and folks needing more services. Some families have already heard back regarding these issues. Terry is directing families to connect with the client support team. Terry and her daughter went to Edmonton for the national rodeo.

Cathy Mortensen – Cathy is doing volunteer work with the Art Gallery charity auction, they had a good time and it was a successful event. The Art Gallery does not have piano, but she did play for the seniors' luncheon this week. Cathy has also been helping an individual to apply for services.

Earnie Harding – Earnie is proceeding on housing, they have an engineer engaged to develop the concept and costs. Earnie has confirmed a service provider to let his name stand for council membership and also a parent from Burns Lake with a transitioning child is quite interested to have her name stand. Earnie will refer them to the Membership Committee. Publicity is having an effect on community; we are starting to see some of the benefits. Quite a number of families telephoned their concerns and Earnie believes more will be calling in. The MLA for the Sunshine Coast was in Smithers and meet with their group – it was interesting to hear what was happening down there.

Ryan Taylor – Ryan is helping to get the self advocate group back up and running as the last one fell through. They don't have a name for it yet.

Ann Peltier – There is so much in the media; not just CLBC but other ministries as well. The community is questioning on what is happening, who's in charge and where should people be going. She has had people phone her, listened radio reports. She agrees there needs to be more funding available for services and staffing in CLBC. Ann is happy to hear the government is listening to this. It is important to let people know what is happening and staff are on board with the changes. Families are feeling better supported.

Jackie Allan – Winter is here and Jackie is starting to get used to it. She is busy keeping up to date on what's going on. Jackie is happy to hear staff view this as a positive move. It's good news to hear families are finding resolution. She really enjoys the AimHi newsletter.

Barb Warkentine – Barb is glad staff are happy, and as a parent tries to support government and their decisions. It's good to hear the positive; we need to stay positive for the people we see in our community.

Therapeutic Riding Association had their best fundraiser ever on Oct 1st – colorful entertainer Julian Austin was in attendance and donated the sales of his CD to this event. They raised \$15,500 at this fantastic evening. Pictures of

	Barb's son will be used in advertizing as well as in advertizing for Wrangler Jeans. The association has a great team enabling them to hold this all together.		
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NEXT MEETING			
January 21, 2012 – via conference call			