



North Region Community Council Meeting

Community Living Centre
 #207 – 1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 Date: October 16, 2010

Present: Ann Peltier, Earnie Harding, David Johnston, Ryan Taylor, Jackie Allen, Sharon Doerksen, Terry Robertson, Kris Zemlak, Ruth Stanton, Barb Warkentine, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Via Conference Call: Sharon Taylor

Regrets: Bonnie Fallowfield, Cathy Mortenson.

Guests: Malachy Tohill, Regional Director, BC Housing; Chris Wetmore, Health Services Coordinator; Jane Holland, Advocate for Service Quality

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Approval of last meeting's minutes	David motioned the minutes of the September 25 th Council meeting be accepted, Ryan Taylor seconded the motion. Carried
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Jane Holland, Advocate for Service Quality	Jane thanked the Council for the invitation and spoke briefly about her background and family. Jane was appointed by, and reports to, the Minister of Housing and Social Development, which means she works independently of government. She explained the purpose of the Advocate for Service Quality is to assist in situations involving adults with developmental disabilities and transitioning youth with special needs and their families who could benefit from the intervention of someone working independently of the MHSD and CLBC. The Advocate works in collaboration with, but independently of CLBC, the Ministries of Housing and Social Development, Children and Family Development, Health, and other ministries as required, as well as with the Representative for Children and Youth, and the Public Guardian and Trustee. The role of the Advocate for Service Quality has been expanded to include youth with special needs and their families transitioning into adulthood.

Jane said there are no fast rules to when individuals connect with her, the sooner the better to figure out a solution, every situation is different and we need to provide our families with a lot of information.

The group discussed issues on funding, links into transition, and the health care changes. There was also a discussion on monitoring and tracking for long term care facilities. Health care and best uses for resources are the biggest issues coming from the Service Redesign. Referral services can be cumbersome and it's hard to always get people to the table. We are all experiencing the same concerns regarding aging in place. Continue with good conversations to help remove any fears our individuals and families have regarding the Service Redesign. Give them the knowledge and support them to explore other options. Do not impose what we think should happen, let them have the opportunity to explore different possibilities.

There was discussion on the challenges of when an individual does not qualify for CLBC supports and what were our options? Let the family know what other supports are out there, inclusive schools systems, alternate programs for the whole family, don't make them dependant – participate, volunteer versus day care program, be creative. People do not want to grow up just to go into the world of service delivery – they want to grow up and go into the world.

Terry discussed her transition experiences.

If you know of families who are deeply frustrated with transition – provide them with Jane's contact information, the more issues she sees the more they will know what the issues are out there.

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<p>Malachy Tohill, Regional Director, BC Housing</p> <p>Chris Wetmore, Health Services Coordinator</p>	<p>BC Housing is a Provincial Crown Agency that develops, manages and administers a wide range of subsidized housing options for those in greatest need. They are committed to enhancing and forging new partnerships with private and non-profit housing providers, other levels of government, health authorities and community agencies to develop housing options for frail seniors, those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, people with mental and physical disabilities, Aboriginal people, and women fleeing from abusive relationships. Their mandate is to fulfill the government's commitment to the development, management and administration of subsidized housing.</p> <p>Malachy Tohill and Chris Wetmore gave overviews of the application process and the application web sites, http://www.bchousing.org/applicants/apply,</p>
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for BC Housing directly managed homes only. The application gets forwarded to Chris; who connects the individual to a case manager. The link for housing listings outside of the lower mainland is http://www.bchousing.org/resources/Housing_Listings/zone8-12_singles.pdf

All areas voiced concerns of the lack of available single unit accessible and affordable housing for our individuals. Mr. Tohill discussed the building in Terrace will be directly managed by BC Housing; he suggested we let our individuals know so they can put in applications now. Construction has already started in 12 different communities; both modular and stick built buildings. There was discussion on what the housing plans were for the north as the numbers of individuals with disabilities is increasing. BC Housing acknowledges there is a need for more housing and is committed to focusing on Senior Housing and PDW needs.

Mr. Tohill is having meetings with the Housing Boards in Quesnel, Ft St John, and Dawson Creek.

Housing subsidies were explained as being attached programs; the programs in turn are responsible for managing it.

Chris Wetmore spoke to us regarding the applications. We are to encourage our individuals to keep their applications updated as they are reviewed on a regular basis. And also to fill out the proper forms if they are no longer seeking housing.

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Strategic Plan	Tabled until next month after all the information from Community Living Month events are in.
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PAC Report – Terry Robertson	<p>Terry gave a report on the Provincial Advisory Council’s first meeting held Sept 25, 2010. The day was opened by the new Chair – Ross Spina. Terry reminded the PAC Council about the BCACL/Family Focus Conference. Denise Turner, the new Chair of CLBC Board was not able to attend; Ken and Darrell are completing their 6 year tenures. There are presently 9 members on the Board with 2 positions to be filled.</p> <p>The Board has 2 standing committees - Audit and Finance, and Human Resources and Governance. 94% of the present CLBC budget goes to direct service.</p> <p>Denise Turner is working on creating another standing committee- Quality and Service, possible opportunity for 2 people from PAC to be involved at a deeper level.</p> <p>CLBC Board priorities are Contract Management System and Service Redesign. There are approximately 13,000 adults being supported in the</p>
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	<p>province, with the average cost of \$35, 000.00 per year. 300 are in home share residences. The Board will soon have a new website.</p> <p>There was a presentation on new social media pilot. Family Members that were asked to do the survey did not give positive feedback. There were questions on how to keep it secure due to some personalities making them lonely and venerable. Similar to TYES program. There is a possibility this program will come to the north – testing will be in the remote areas – no timeline for this. Stephen Russell will be retiring and being replaced by Brian Salisbury.</p> <p>Terry discussed the Committee Chair meeting held June 26th, Bonnie, Pat and Terry attended. They thought the meeting was not useful, would like to see less of “we did this at our council meeting” and more in depth discussions on things that can help families and individuals within CLBC. Terry’s thoughts were the information presented could have been emailed saving the all the costs associated with travelling to the meeting. Council asked Terry to share at PAC what could be done better. CLBC’s Jule Hopkins, Manager Service Accountability, presented a report on Aging.</p> <p>PAC was asked to help get the word out for WOW awards.</p>						
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<p>Committee Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Committee • Self Advocate Committee • Community Awareness Committee 	<p>The new member cannot be approved until Dec., he will be invited to attend the November meeting, but must sign the confidentiality and picture release. He will not be able to vote at this meeting. The TOR will be completed and ready for approval by the November meeting</p> <p>Self Advocate committee has no report.</p> <p>Community Awareness Committee – all over the north had a good Community Living month events, committees will have all reports to the next meeting. Information for the events were sent to Caitlyn Sassaman and she is publishing them on Face-Book and Twitter. Terry discussed the Prince George event had a good turn-out. The pancake breakfast at AIMHI received great reviews. The TOR will be completed and ready for approval by the November meeting</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="464 1707 873 1749">ACTION</th> <th data-bbox="873 1707 1256 1749">PERSON RESPONSIBLE</th> <th data-bbox="1256 1707 1503 1749">DEADLINE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 1749 873 1822"></td> <td data-bbox="873 1749 1256 1822"></td> <td data-bbox="1256 1749 1503 1822"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE			
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Managers Report – Pat Marshall	CLBC Board is now meeting every 2 months instead of every month. There is no budget report as Vancouver needs to make some adjustments from the						

amalgamation of the three councils. The new Contract Management System is being phased in. Pat explained how this new system will improve our way of getting information, everything will be in once place; notes will be in real time. After-Hours office will now have access to see what contracts/services individuals have in place as the new system is compatible with PARIS. There are many components to the new system; the expectation is to have this fully up and running and staff trained by this time next year. Service redesign is going well here.

Transitioning youth – Pat discussed working with MCFD’s Joanne White Director of Practice, to develop a webinar to help train MCFD staff and delegated agencies on Youth Transitioning. It may be possible that live meetings will happen. This will be core training for MCFD staff.

Pat discussed collective responsibility and the need to meet with the guardianship workers and families in order to do plan. We have amalgamated list of approximately 200 names of youth who may be eligible for adult services within the next 5 years

Pat explained INAC is responsible for funding on reserve. There are no PWD funding on reserve.

Pat reported on PSI, 8 individuals are now receiving services and we have 5 pending. There was discussion on assessments – autism we are funding, Pat explained if the individual is diagnosed with FASD after 19 they are no funds available for assessments, but for children assessments can be done at the local level through the schools and through their pediatrician. DDMH is not doing assessments for PSI.

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Round Table
(Limit to 5 minutes per person)

Barb Warkentine - discussed the dance being held at a local venue. She will send pictures and give a full report at the next meeting.

David Johnston – discussed Community Living Month event in Dawson Creek, he told us about his presentation and being interviewed on local TV; David said he received complements galore. David also talked about People First – he has been asked to do a presentation at the high school to get youth involved. David is also participating in a presentation at the Focus conference and will report back at the next meeting.

Earnie Harding - the Community Living Month in Smithers went very well, approximately 110 attended. Earnie discussed homeless awareness the Executive Director of Highroads spent 48 hours on platform and ate food from low cost food outlet. Earnie talked about home sharing seminar in Smithers, staff are now fully trained in this area.

Jackie Allen – Jackie attended 2 Community Living Month events, Dawson Creek was great, compliments to David and the crew in DC. The pancake breakfast at Prince George AimHi wonderful, Prince George’s event was great; it was nice to meet all the people. Jackie had a thank you to Kris for showing her through the AimHi building. Jackie continues to peruse the CLBC Website.

Ruth Stanton – Yesterday was a good day, with the pancake breakfast and Community Living Month Event. Ruth and 6 other self advocated went to leadership conference in Abbotsford – the conference was very good but the weather was not. They have started fundraising to attend the leadership conference next May. Ruth will bring information on this to the next meeting.

Ryan Taylor – Ryan will email the Fort St John Association newsletter to the council detailing the different activities, “of the vine”, awards night. Ryan talked about the clean-up project, this is voluntary and meant to get individuals out of the house and involved in the community.

Terry Robertson – Terry let us know Gord will be offering the RRDS again this year in Fort Nelson and Fort St John, around the end of November. Terry is going to contact Barb Penner regarding Advanced Education program at the college bring information to the next meeting. 8 individuals have applied date. Terry is attending the as the Chairperson of Family Focus, the National Family Conference hosted by Family Focus/BCACL and ACL and giving a presentation to over 500 registered professionals and family members. Terry let us know families can apply through Family Focus for funds to attend. Terry attended the Standing Committee on Finance on Oct 5 in Prince George finance as a mom. They she had good reception from some of the MLA’s.

Kris Zemlak discussed aging how people with disabilities are living longer lives. AimHi is focusing on service redesign – moving on to new ventures and working on homesharing. They are seeing good people who are offering to do home share, this is very exciting. Kris will continue to send out AimHi newsletter.

Ann Peltier told us Terrace’s Community Living Month event is next Friday – they have information booths with publications from different agencies explaining their services. Their event is being held in the Community Room at the mall, it is easy to access, the bus stops right outside. Core group is working on workshop for parents in the spring. Ann discussed youth in care can access schooling under an AYA up to age 25 for post secondary in place of a family.

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	Terry to send information regarding RRDS to Ann to fan out.		

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 2:17

NEXT MEETING

November 20, 2010