

Community Living BC – Simon Fraser Region
400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody

Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2013, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Present: Debra Appleby, Sue Mann, Vera Anderson, Diane Bruneau, Jacqueline Jordon, Ed Kushner, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh, John Bergman, Meaghen Taylor-Reid

Regrets: Jim Wong, Barbara Thomas, Maxine Wilson

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- November 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes – M/S/C

Business Arising

- None

4. CLBC Updates

John Bergman

- Budget: 2012-2013 budget was \$2.5 million, and have spent \$2.8 million. The shortfall was covered through attrition and some special funding (i.e. extraordinary funding for 14 individuals with “compelling stories” in our region)
- Expect to have a similar budget this year.
- Supported 29 youth who were non-CIC’s transitioning, and 4 transitioning youth.
- Also provided basic respite supports to youth transitioning this year and the year prior – 53 with disabilities and 3 under PSI program
- Total of 181 were supported – 22 were PSI and 159 people with developmental disabilities

Meaghen Taylor-Reid

- Oversees community engagement – engaging with community outside of the Community Living sector.
- Individuals are interested in increased employment, housing options (particularly transitioning youth wanting alternates to living at home), day services and counseling services.
- Have done 2 needs assessments with Facilitator teams.
- Worked with Facilitator teams to increase awareness of community opportunities and to support individuals, families and caregivers to access whatever supports or funding they could find in line with their interests and needs.
- Also worked with them to capture stories of success to share.
- Resulted in an increase in Facilitator team morale.
- Mentored innovative partnership development.
- Made presentations to all levels of federal, provincial and municipal government, as well as agencies.

- Have hosted several community networking events – particularly through Community Living month (in October)
- Have established an on-going employment roundtable – with organizations that are CLBC- and other-funded
- Presented to Inter-Link Libraries group
- Senior's Support Group in Burnaby – help with driving, shopping, recreational activities.
- Have the most WorkBC centres in the province in our region. 5 sub-proponents in each centre, with different managers for each one. A challenge to navigate, so have developed a system to share information and streamline.
- Working on an information sharing agreement with BC Housing, MSD, and potentially WorkBC.
- Fraser Region is innovative in having a position like Meaghen's doing community development work.
- Upcoming event: February 9 – "Friendship Zone" – partnered with SF Society youth leadership group. Invited 280 youth in New West and Tri-Cities.
- Start out with a networking/mapping exercise for people to find out who lives near them.
- March 2, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Family Conference in Maple Ridge at Thomas Haney High.
- The CLBC Community Council is sponsoring that for family, and a friendship zone for self advocates living in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Jule Hopkins will present at the conference.
- Would like to have Council members volunteer and help out at either event.
- Friendship zone – people given spots at tables and a table host facilitates conversations for people to meet each other and exchange contact info if interested. A mix and mingle later for the entire group.
- Also will share a wide range of activities that are available – i.e. dancing in Pitt Meadows, therapeutic riding in Maple Ridge, etc.
- Individuals who are non-verbal are invited to attend the Friendship Zone with their caregivers.

Soheila Ghodsieh

- Shared the Region's Draft Operational Plan
- There are 6 overall goals that staff in the Region are working towards:
 - funding supports & services are person-centered and building on individual and family capacity;
 - individuals participate fully and contribute to community life;
 - employment rate for individuals is increased;
 - individuals and families experience seamless service provision;
 - services are delivered in ways that are transparent, measurable and accountable;
 - supports and services are allocated equitably.
- On March 1, the Facilitators will begin to assess individuals using the Guide to Support Allocation (GSA), as it is the Analysts who do it now. This tool helps indicate the level of support an individual needs.

5. Update from the Chair – D. Appleby

- First and foremost Deb would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!
- Since our last meeting there have been a few things that she has forwarded on to you all for your reading pleasure at your leisure.

1. Community Council Letter – Update on Task Force recommendations sent on Dec 3, 2012
2. Implementation Committee Update sent on Dec 3, 2012
3. Draft Agenda for PAC Meeting on January 19th, also requested any feedback, questions or concerns to take forward and sent on Dec 6, 2012
4. Email to council to advise that Jack Styan would be attending our February meeting to discuss the Employment Initiative and was sent out on Dec 12, 2012
5. Forwarded an email for Meaghen with respect to a proposed workshop on March 2, 2013 at Thomas Haney Secondary in Maple Ridge which would include a Family Workshop and a Self Advocate Friendship Zone. The request also included an approval from the Council to use \$2,000.00 from our budget as these workshops align with our draft Strategic Plan. Approval was given and the date and place secured.
6. Strategic Planning Report for 2012/2013 from Soheila, which she sent out on January 18, 2013
7. Info Bulletin from the Board Chair and Interim CEO and sent to council on January 21, 2013
8. Council Report that was sent to Brian Salisbury for the PAC Meeting on January 19, 2013.

- The PAC Meeting as already mentioned was held on Saturday, January 19th in Vancouver. It was very well attended with many new faces at the table. Copies of the Chair's notes are here for you tonight.
- Interesting to see some of the strategies around Recruitment in seeking certain skill sets to approaching siblings, workshops and speakers that are shared from Councils around the province.
- Our terms on the PAC are for one year, which means that Deb's term will end in November. As her term on Council ends March 2014, we will need to elect a new rep for the PAC so that they can be approved by the Board in time for the January 2014 meeting.
- There will be a PAC meeting in April, a full Provincial meeting in June and then another regular PAC meeting in September. Our rep to the PAC must be a family member.
- Deb would suggest that we elect our new rep at either the June or September meeting depending on when the Board meeting will be.

6. Action Items - Update

- All accomplished, except still need to find more Council members.
- Reminder that the Council is open to all members of the public to join.
- Comment that not as much budgetary information is shared with the Council as in the past years. Response that the Council's role has shifted.

7. New Business

- Elect a New Chair – potential new chair (Maxine Wilson) is away for the next 2 months. Deb Appleby will remain as Chair until Maxine returns.
- Elect a New Vice Chair – Vera Anderson will remain as Vice Chair.

- Next meeting will discuss Council meeting frequency and attendance expectation of Council members.
- Will host a table on April 9 at the Transition Fair in Maple Ridge, and hope to invite new Council members.
- Will ask some Community Living agencies in the Region to spread the invitation to participate on the Council to individuals and families.
- Will alternate the focus of meetings, with one month focusing on operational issues and the next month focusing on strategic planning.
- Jack Styan will attend the next meeting in February; Jule Hopkins will come to the March meeting.

8. Confirmation of next meeting date:

Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.