

Richmond Delta Community Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2009
3pm-6:00 pm at DCLS

PRESENT: Anita Sihota, Barbara Thomas-Bruzzese, Bob Robertson, Ella Huang, Jan Webber, Rasika Aklujkar, Ruth Shannon, Sharon Rose, Sherry Richter, Sherrie Jamison.

REGRETS: Hugh Holt, Michelle Holt, Janice Barr

Quorum met.

1. Meeting called to order by Bob Robertson at 3:10 pm. Welcome and Introductions – Person Responsible: Bob Robertson.
2. Approval of March 24, 2009-Bob Robertson. Jan Weber noted: The changes in terms of council members and requested approval of the February and March meeting minutes.
3. Additions to agenda: Council webpage should be a standing item on the Agenda – Sherrie Jamieson. Youth Transitions Recruitment of self-advocates - Janice Barr.
4. Council webpage: Sharon Rose made a presentation to council members and showed us what is included. Council member list- to be updated and meeting minutes listed by month starting January 2009. Moved by Jan, 2nd by Ruth, all in favour. Sherry Richter will update web-page. Discussion around the table-council members.
5. Report from Bob and Jan: On April 6th, 2009 meeting with quality service regarding waitlists, budget and eligibility process. Cheryl Blake provided them with information on the draft budget plan and the budget priorities.
6. Advisory Committee Update: Sharon was informed by Brian Salisbury that the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee are still in draft form and that councils should hold off on identifying the member to sit on the committee until they receive further direction to do so.
7. CLBC Staff conference: Sharon, Bob, Rasika, and Ella provided information on their experience at the staff conference and commented on the new format of learning teams as well as the dedication of CLBC staff to individuals.
8. Sharon informed council that Sherri Jamieson is not renewing her term as a council member and therefore this meeting will be her final meeting. The council appreciated all that she has contributed to the council over the past two years.
9. The council went through the process of re-electing both Bob Robertson as Chair (who was nominated by Barb, 2nd by Jan, all in agreement) and Ruth

Shannon as Vice Chair (who was nominated by Jan, 2nd by Barb, all in agreement.)

10. A discussion occurred around how the process the council would like take in determining what the council would like to achieve over the coming year. Suggestions of an all-day planning session. Plan: update Strategic Plan. Deferred to next meeting.

11. Manager's Report, Sharon Rose:

Transition of Children's service update: No new information to share on the transfer.

Waitlist project: Debbie Jackson is the lead facilitator for this project – she has been temporarily relieved of her office duties.

12. What's the Buzz:

Barbara Thomas-Bruzzese: spoke about the post-conference event on transition that she was able to attend. She advised she had attended the post-conference event on Transition. She expressed concern that the Richmond Transition Committee was not made aware of this event until the last minute.

Report from Rasika Aklujkar:

"It was a unique learning experience that is worth remembering. Two self-advocates were absent from this meeting, so I had to be the minute taker and the self-advocate, when I should have just played one role. Please clarify my role to clear up the confusion and have me put that in the minutes.

When self-advocates are uninformed and confused, it affects the whole council because people want to get the self-advocate's perspective. Self-advocates do go to public meetings and the last thing we need is for them to give out bad reports and leave a trail of confusion. A set criteria should be followed while recruiting self-advocates by way of educating them."

13. AGM of Councils June 20th.

14. Next Meeting Date: June 24th from 3-6 pm at Richmond CLC.

15. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM, moved by Jan, 2nd by Ruth, all in agreement.