

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

Council Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Present:, Debra Appleby, Vera Anderson, Maxine Wilson, Jacqueline Jordon (via phone), Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh (Manager, Community Planning and Development), Meaghen Taylor-Reid (Community Engagement), John Bergman (Quality Service Manager)

Regrets: Barb Goode, Conrad Alberts, Barbara Thomas, Jim Wong, Sue Mann

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- March 28, 2012 Minutes adopted – Moved/Approved
- Clarification that the additional \$179 million was awarded not just to CLBC, but the Ministry of Social Development.

4. Presentations

Meaghen Taylor-Reid – CLBC:

- Presented an Engagement Plan Report to Community Council
- Community engagement – refers to initiatives pursued both individually or in partnership with others and outside of the traditional community living sector, that seek to connect a person or group that CLBC supports to the broader community around them.
- Focused on:
 - Internal community engagement -- professional development training, and informing and engaging all CLBC committees
 - External partnership development – building external partnerships with the general community; researching and initiating any potential partners; hosting community events (housing & employment, Friendship Zone Maple Ridge, regional self-advocates conference)
 - External communications – presentations, citizen articles and recognition
 - Utilizing social media – to educate on what community events are being organized
 - Held aging forums, transition fairs, events, employment, training
- Internally:
 - Gave figures on number of Plans/Profiles written this year, community services accessed by individuals, and individuals eligible for CLBC services in our region
 - Are capturing trends in that population (i.e. aging, FASD, autism, concurrent diagnosis, etc)
 - Many more services accessed through intake, families and organizations

- Externally:
 - 58 potential partnerships researched – 14 partnerships formalized
 - Examples – Blade Runners and Pathfinders Employment Programming available to individuals for employment skills
 - Burnaby Citizen's Supports - people over 55 able to access their programs (i.e. lunch, social, outing programs)
 - We are the signatory for City of Burnaby and City of Coquitlam Recreation Access Programs (CLBC can sign-off on people being eligible for access, and will send out annual reminders)
 - Can now access Vancity Springboard Mortgage Loans – facilitating home ownership. Microboards can now be co-signers. Having more conversations with Vancity on other possibilities.
 - Purpose Society and MOSAIC are referral partners for family settlement supports.
 - Community Resource Database on the CLBC website
 - Inter-ministerial work (MSD Employment, MSD PWD, Jobs and Tourism)
 - Are even more connected to employment services through the one-stop shopping employment centres
 - Question – what number of the people who are eligible for CLBC services are employed?
 - Employment programs have been offered over the past 4 years – supporting service providers to transition services to employment services
 - How is the community going to start supporting employment opportunities?
 - Opportunities for people with disabilities in Canada does not seem as prevalent as in the United States.
 - Suggestion that the Community Council could encourage legislative change to adopt something similar to the US Disabilities Act.
 - Inter-governmental work – with cities, Opportunities Fund (through Centre for Abilities), CAYA, EATI, etc.
 - 23 presentations to service clubs, community groups, community organizations, etc
 - 8 citizens articles; 7 awaiting publication
 - Employment roundtables – up to 40 attending (organizations and individuals)
 - Others: BC Housing website article, media releases, etc.
 - Potential future work:
 - Another Needs Assessment
 - 2nd year community engagement plan
 - Innovation pieces
 - On-going internal and external work – on-going and new partnerships; training and capacity building; presentations
 - Send information to CLBC HQ – our region is modeling work for the rest of the province in terms of community engagement
 - Suggestion to look more at fragmentation of services
 - Suggest look into partnerships with United Way

John Bergman – CLBC:

- Since the Client Support Team (CST) was put into place, had 24 referrals to our region and 13 resolved
- 11 outstanding for a variety of reasons
- Unfortunate that some people went directly to CST when they could have contacted CLBC staff directly
- Have a number of children in care that are transitioning this year, and a number of carry-over transitioning kids (who have been awaiting funding since 2010)
- There is an allotment for funding for each year
- Have a minimal amount of funding that they can give each child (for respite). There may be some circumstances where if families accept the funding it may extend their child's waitlist time for accessing full services
- This is another reason why community partnerships and employment programs are so important
- Employment may mean anything from 1 hour per week to full-time – depending on abilities or interests
- Transitioning between MCFD and CLBC is a huge issue.

Soheila Ghodsieh – CLBC:

- One service provider – Polaris – gave notice to all of their contracts. Will be closing May 31, 2012, but have a plan to transfer all people to other programs.
- If families need support, a facilitator can be assigned to help them
- Hired a new analyst.
- Transition Fair for Burnaby – tonight
- Working at Ridge Meadows Recycling to develop a new plan
 - A letter will be sent tomorrow to let them know a meeting will be called soon to discuss future plans
- Budget for the Council sent to CLBC – requested \$10,000
- CLBC Employers' Luncheon – on April 17 – very successful. Mayor of Maple Ridge, Deputy Mayor of Pitt Meadows, and 25 employers.
 - Very informative. Had 2 employers speaking of the benefits of hiring people with disabilities – including Bombay Co.
 - One company looking to hire 200 people – including some with disabilities
 - Organized by the LAST Committee – Life After School committee – initiated by the school district, plus MCFD, CLBC, family members, employment specialists

5. Update from the Chair:

- The Chair's Report is in a separate attachment.
- Action Items – CLBC did put together an FAQ to address the "Stop the Cuts" group document and circulated to Council Members
- Action Item – Soheila will arrange for Meaghen Taylor-Reid to orient Maxine Wilson and possibly Sue Mann
- Action Item – Fateh Esmail will present at budget update at the May Council Meeting

6. New Business

- None.

7. Confirmation of next meeting date

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 30, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.