

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

Council Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Present: Debra Appleby, Jacqueline Gordon, Sue Mann, Barbara Thomas, Maxine Wilson, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh (Manager, Community Planning and Development), John Bergman (Quality Service Manager)

Regrets: Barb Goode, Conrad Alberts, Jim Wong, Vera Anderson

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- April 26, 2012 Minutes adopted – Moved/Approved

4. Presentations

CLBC Funding & Budget – John Bergman

- Responded to questions arising from the April meeting:
- Received \$2 million this year – converts into 2.7 million annualized
- Have 10 Children in Care transitioning to age 19 = \$340,000 fiscally
- Question from April meeting re: non-CIC transitioning youth + previous 2 years transitioning youth who received no services would fall under the Direct Funded Respite – a minimum of \$2,800 each = \$1,088,000 total
- Individuals with lower priority scores will receive the DFR and higher priority individuals will receive additional funding from this source for additional services
- PSI is separate funding and they don't have their budget for this year yet
- So some kids will likely not receive all of the funds they need (if need more than \$2,800). As well, emergency funding for one individual could pull funding away from other kids. It's a finite budget.
- The funding is not just limited to respite. They could take the funding and put it towards buying other services – i.e. hire an employment coach, or other support most relevant for their child
- \$2,800 split into monthly payments = \$233.33/month = approx. 7 hrs/month respite.
- But if want to use for other services, does not go far – i.e. speech therapy can cost \$120/hr = 2 hrs/month
- Annual reporting and then a new contract is created each year
- Once a family receives this funding, it can reduce the priority ranking tool -- which creates a priority ranking score out of 100. Last year, funded every individual with a score over 70.
- Question: how does this tool compare to the MCFD ranking tool? Not sure.
- But if an individual needs emergency services, it will not impact.
- Question: Why can't a family use the annual allocation in a shorter period of time, if there is a crisis situation?

- Answer: CLBC concerned that families may go through the funding in a very short period of time, then have no funding for the rest of the year.
- The funding is only flexible within the confines of the monthly payment plan.
- Council members are concerned that this is not flexible enough.
- CLBC does have funding for special crisis situations.
- Concern from the Council that with this funding structure, more and more crises will be arising.
- Question: What happens if a single parent – who has to work 8 hours a day – has a child in transition? What support can they get?
- Answer: That family/individual would likely be ranked at higher need and get funding for a day program.
- Funding/supports are unique to every individual. Funding is not income-tested. Every family receives the same consideration.
- The transition process and timeline is challenging to families. It often takes a long time to get responses from the school system (testing) and CLBC, so difficult to plan that transition.
- It took 2 years for one council member's son to have the assessment done.
- Partly a challenge because so many steps/people/ministries involved in the process.
- CLBC will typically start connecting with the family when the person is age 16, but get formally involved only once the person has had a psycho-ed assessment.
- Then will meet with a facilitator and a plan is developed before the 19th birthday. The plan is reviewed by the CLBC CPD Manager, then the file is reviewed by another person (GSA Analyst) who reviews the support needs. Then it goes back to the facilitator and they inform the families what waitlists the person will be put on.
- Ideally the entire process takes place within 30 working days of having first met with the facilitator.
- Seldom immediately plan/waitlist for residential homes. Likely try to move support at home or move to life share.
- No services are provided before the 19th birthday. Depending on the level of need of the child, services may be provided immediately, or may never be available (or any other timeframe in between).
- Council member believes we need to build the community voice for this segment of the population.
- Many of the current transitioning youth are ready to go to part-time jobs, or go to colleges or technical school. Of the 100 youth, likely half may go this route.
- Update on proposed project with School District 42:
 - The district is keeping Grade 13 for some students, hoping to provide it at Riverside College. The District would fund the teacher and provide the curriculum, and CLBC would fund the job coach.
 - The goal was to have year 14 for additional job training. The District was hoping that CLBC would fund the entire 14th year. Unfortunately, that creates an additional employment program for 10 individuals. Already have a number of employment programs throughout the area through service providers. CLBC does not fund programs, they support individuals.
 - Council member's understanding was that the District was hoping for a confirmation by Spring Break. But the timeline stretched out from early February's original discussion.

- CLBC believes the project is not off the table. They'll meet again in September.
- Update on Ridge Meadows Recycling:
 - Services will continue for existing employees, but no new referrals until a new program outline is in place.
 - Program will be developed in concert with families and service provider.

5. Update from the Chair:

- Need to fill in the Annual Report for 2011-2012
 - Did 2 workshops – on employment and housing
 - Requested a Presentation from CLBC on Community Engagement
- One council member went to the 2-day workshop on the Community Action Employment Plan. Maxine will create a brief report on it.
- New CLBC Statement of Rights and Responsibilities Policy – Michael McLellan – requesting feedback on the draft statement of rights of individuals
- Think the Council should advocate for a change in legislation regarding employing people with disabilities – similar to Disability Act in the USA.
- Emailed a variety of documents to the Council members since we last met
- A possible new Council Member – Diane Bruneau – hopefully with us in September.
- Maxine knows 2 more potential members. She will refer them to Peggy
- The ED of Polaris, Linda DelaParte, is now working at Douglas College.
- Burnaby School Board has funded CBI Consultants to train teachers to support youth with their employment goals.
- Shared a document/plan that Surrey Community Council developed on Developmentally Disabled Youth. Funded by City of Surrey.
- Action Item – CLBC did do an orientation with Maxine.
- New Action Item – please read the distributed docs.
- New Action Item – please think about what initiatives you would like added to the Council's 2012 Strategic Plan.

6. New Business

- None.

7. Confirmation of next meeting date

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.