

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

Council Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

Present: Debra Appleby, Sue Mann, Vera Anderson, Diane Bruneau, Jim Wong (via teleconference), Barbara Thomas, Carol Broomhall (Minute taker)

CLBC Staff Present: Soheila Ghodsieh

Regrets: Maxine Wilson, Jacqueline Jordon

1. Introductions

2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved/Approved

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

- October 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes – M/S/C
- Carol will e-mail the May 30, 2012 Informational Meeting Notes for the Council to approve.

Business Arising

- None

4. Report on “One Government” Approach – Soheila Ghodsieh

- Soheila attended a 4-hour meeting today with management from Health (Fraser Regional Health & Mental Health), MCFD, CLBC
- Health has regional protocols, so if you move to a different neighborhood, it may change. A person's funding was not portable – did not move with them.
- Mental Health has no mandate to cost-share with CLBC.
- Health used to not fund people in life sharing or group homes. Said it was CLBC's responsibility.
- Today the discussion focused on existing barriers, and more collaborative practices in the future.
- Because of CLBC under-funding to support people with higher medical needs, some people are being dropped at Emergency wards and staying there for up to 4 months in an acute bed. This is a huge drain on Health Services.
- One suggestion made at the meeting earlier today – If MCFD has the responsibility to provide services from age 5, the same level of funding should be transferred to CLBC at age 19.
- Another suggestion – “global funding” that CLBC would administrate
- All recommendations from today's meeting will be taken to the various ministries for consideration.
- CLBC reiterated that they were family-focused and wanted to do what was best for the individual and their family.
- QUESTION: What has changed, and is it for the better?
- ANSWER: It is better. We have individuals who need a lot of support – who were previously in forensic services – and with the right funding and planning can be integrated into the community.

- If a youth transitioning to adulthood needs health services, it can take up to 6 months for an assessment to occur. It is important to connect with Health Services once the youth turns 18. CLBC will contact Health to arrange.
- QUESTION: How will these changes be communicated to stakeholders? Will it be seamless to the clients?
- ANSWER: Most of the time it will be behind the scenes, but families will be informed by their facilitators.
- Need more emergency short-term beds in the community.
- The 12 Recommendations set forward by Alison Bond outline the need for the 3 Ministries to work together.
- CLBC is committed to fill funding gaps of Health funding.

5. CLBC Update – Soheila Godsieh:

- Budget:
 - CLBC is always underfunded, despite the fact that they have paid more than \$130 million over budget, over the past 5 year.
 - Soheila received a request from Doug Woollard that they send a “compelling story” of under- or non-funding. The Fraser Region sent in 10 stories of compelling situations. They were told to go ahead and support the 10 they identified.
 - QUESTION: Are there more than 10 in the Region?
 - ANSWER: The facilitators decided on the most compelling stories that they had been trying to fund for a long time.
 - John Bergman is trying to balance the budget, but not sure if they can.
 - There may be a deficit. They will know closer to March.
 - Will send the reconciliation of the Council Budget soon – for last year and this year.
 - Community Council did have a \$10,000 budget last year. Used it towards community planning and community workshops.
 - Have held 2 workshops this year. Will soon know how much is left to spend on initiatives for the remainder of the fiscal year (to March 31, 2013).

6. Update from the Chair – D. Appleby

- Over the past month, have sent out several batches of information, including the follow-up on the Connect Conference, info on the Simon Fraser Workshop on Housing and Individualized Funding, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes and Recruitment Committee information.

7. Council’s 2012- 2013 Strategic Plan – D. Appleby

- Discussion surrounding the development of the Draft Strategic Plan
- Soheila spoke of building a relationship with BC Housing
- Council has identified 2 strategic objectives – inclusion and innovation
- QUESTION: What would Soheila recommend that the Council do to spend their time wisely? Are there any hot topics at CLBC that the Council could help support?
- ANSWER: It is up to the Council to decide. What the Council hears in the community should inform what the Council decides to do through their Strategic Plan.
- Employment is a big focus.
- Have decided to focus on Inclusion as the overarching focus, with 2 sub-foci:

- Economic inclusion (participating fully in the community through employment)
- Social/Recreational Inclusion (participating in the community through various social or recreational activities)
- Meaghen and Soheila will support the Council to develop the Strategic Plan further

8. Action Items - Update

- Regional Operational Plan – will be sent by Soheila soon
- Elect a new Vice Chair – Vera will remain as Vice Chair
- Elect a new Chair – will elect in January

9. New Business

- Would like to recruit more Council Members. Would like more members from other Municipalities – Burnaby, New Westminster, Maple Ridge.
- QUESTION: Can the Council support part of the cost of a community banner in Maple Ridge to be used at several community living-related events?
- ANSWER: Yes, if all partners are contributing equally.
- All Council members in attendance agreed to fund the cost of the community banner. All council members not in attendance will be emailed to ask if they are in agreement to fund the banner.

10. Confirmation of next meeting date:

Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 400-205 Newport Drive, Port Moody.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.