



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: June 22, 2013
 Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
 Dial In information: 1-877-353-9184
 Conference ID: 8408132#

Present: Barb Warkentine, Justin Pylatuk, Sheryl Demers, Terry Robertson, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Eldon Carter, Vince Sherry, David Johnston, Willie Neal, Pat Marshall, Ann Lewis

Guest:

Regrets: Kris Zemlak, Ryan Taylor

AGENDA TOPICS			
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Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Terry Robertson motioned the minutes of the May 25, 2013 meeting be accepted, with the corrections of: names of attendees' be corrected Shannon Moyle seconded the motion. CARRIED		
Additions to the Agenda	Discussion on letting Ann Lewis, SAS know whether or not you will be attending the next meeting as soon as possible so she can book flights, hotel and the numbers for lunch ordering. Barb introduced our new member Vince Sherry		
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Chair Report – Barb Warkentine	Terry, Barb and Pat attended annual Chair and PAC meeting, bits of news contained negatives and positives. Chairs were invited this year as they were not previously invited. The other good thing was they mixed and were with different groups throughout the day. Barb found this very interesting, pointed the questions to Chairs and PAC. One thing that was brought up was identifying self advocates as "real people". What Barb took away was social change. You have to start there just like a little seed and grow and grow. It's a whole social world change. Barb found it a bit like going back to the beginning 20 years ago, some discussion was that this has been rehashed over and over and folks want to move forward. They discussed the issues of travel, this a common issue through-out the province. Barb discussed the paper "Opportunities for Community Councils to align annual work plans with CLBC's key change initiatives". She will get this document to all council members.		
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	Provide the council members	Ann Lewis, SAS	asap

	with a copy of "Opportunities for Community Councils to align annual work plans with CLBC's key change initiatives"		
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Managers Report – Pat Marshall.	We have not received a formal budget yet but have spent approximately \$48,000.00 in the last fiscal. We requested the same budget amount for this fiscal as we did last year. Some of the money will be to host a Self Advocate conference next June. Pat discussed her attendance at the Chair and PAC meeting last weekend.		
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October Community Living Month event planning	<p>Terry is waiting for Jack to get back to her regarding employment as part of his duties, he will be looking for and bringing people from out of province to participate in council, self advocates and community training on employment. One person is David Roach; Terry will get his bio for council members to have a look at. Jack confirmed CLBC will pay the costs for having these presenters attend our events. Terry also connected with Barb Cayter and she will be available to attend the community living month event. Council thought this would be a good opportunity to host the self advocate conference, to hold one event in the north instead of one in each of the northern communities. We would help support self advocates and their family to attend; encourage self advocate groups in each community to start fundraising so more can attend. Thoughts were to hold a large conference here with break out rooms –invite veterinarians to give a discussion how to look after a pet, maybe a lawyer to answer self advocates questions, community businesses, someone to speak to Rep agreements, have PATH training booth, High Road will be asked if they want a booth to display their enterprises. Other thoughts were to have Halloween dance on the Friday night and a round up breakfast on Sunday morning – the main event be held on the Saturday.</p> <p>A working committee has been struck for this event – Barb Warkentine will take the lead, Vince Sherry, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Shannon Moyle, David Johnston and Terry Robertson. A conference call has been set for 4:00pm on Monday June 24th using the same dial in information as we do for the meetings. It has already been agreed the theme of this event will be:</p> <p>N.I.C.E. – Northern Inclusive Community Employment</p> <p>Ann, SAS will look into some venues and costs, registration forms, mail outs etc, prior to the first meeting on Monday night. Plans will need to be in place prior to the end of July.</p>		

	<p>the council has done.</p> <p>There was also discussion on the different orientation check lists, the task force paper and the issues of recruitment and documents being in plain language. Terry says they tried to express what we were doing and what we do for community living month events.</p> <p>Council asks Barb to report on our travel for council meetings and how we make it work for the north.</p> <p>Barb asked if the council should write a letter to the board to state the council's concerns and lack of recognition – it was agreed for everyone to draft their concerns and bring it to the meeting in September, Barb will re-write one letter to send to the Board.</p>	
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Committee Reports	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Self Advocate /Employment Committee</u> David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Willie Neal, Sheryl Demers The employment portion of this committee has not started up yet. Willie will find out about ideas on workshops and has a contact in Williams Lake who may be able to do a workshop to self advocates on how to find and keep a job. Barb will send out to all self advocates asking what they see as full inclusion for employment. Eldon will get the Quesnel group together to for ideas and help at the Community Living Month event.</p> <p>2. <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, Shannon Moyle This is a large part of the community living month event; the name should incorporate inclusion and employment. It would be great to have a Workshop on what inclusion mean to you so people can use this terminology. Have success stories, doing skits is another possibility. Have a suggestion box for people can write what that means to you and an improve skits. Have more self advocate conversations of “with” not “in” for example, I attend college “with” my classmates and not I am “in” a college class. I work “with” and not for . NAME OF THE COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH EVENT N.I.C.E. – NORTHERN INCLUSIONS COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT.</p> <p>3. <u>Membership Committee</u> Sharon Taylor, Kris Zemlak, Vince Sherry Terry will have a meeting with Ruth. Kris has sent Joanne the requested documents for recruitment and our council membership orientation. This committee will have a display at the conference for recruitment. Terry read out the new Community Council pamphlet.</p>	

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ROUND TABLE	<p>Barb – Therapeutic Riding held their annual general meeting and they are seeing more and more interest from the community and what they can do to help. They have a new Vice President, secretary and a treasurer. This is Barbs’ 21st year as the President. They now have 31 members riding and the volunteers are great. They also have 3 paid positions and just received a \$500.00 donation from the university. Recently some of the riders were in a horse show – NOW THAT’S INCUSION!!! Inclusion all the way!!! For more information please visit their website at www.pgra.ca</p> <p>Shannon – Recruitment and retention is not new. High Road has an active group of self advocates who recently took a trip to Prince Rupert and soon coming to Prince George for a concert. They hold Fundraisers like helping out at the senior citizens lodge. The money they make gets put aside for these events. High Road will not participate in the Smithers 100th year centennial. Shannon brought beef jerky just a sample of one of the employment initiatives they provide individuals with disabilities. Shannon to invite them to the Community Living Month Event. Shannon and his wife will be celebrating their 12th anniversary next month and his daughter lost her first tooth.</p> <p>Terry – Linda and Terry tried to touch base with the family in Terrace for the PATH training in the fall. It’s crazy out there right now; the number of folks looking for support, and not getting connected to Terry until the last minute. June 10th she went to Vanderhoof to support mom, she wanted to do community event – strong interest in that community to development individual funding, community inclusion, CLBC staff attended and explained their role, Nechako valley services, eager parents to do some work. 2 BBQ’s set up for July; she will go back in September to see what else they can do. Terry thought this was one of her greatest success in a while. Terry thinks there may be a potential council member.</p> <p>Ann P – talked with one of the service providers, retention is a big problem. Seems to be more employment and other businesses have attracted some of sp staff. There are lots of people not connected to the community yet. Ann has been out of commission due to surgery and complications but is somewhat back on track. She is planning a trip to Africa in January, climbing Kilimanjaro with 20 other folks to help raise the \$76,000.00 to build orphanage.</p> <p>Justin - Nothing new to report, working lots going to cousins wedding in August in Vancouver.</p> <p>Sharon – Not too much happening, hikes with 8-12 year olds and 17-25 year olds has gone really well. They did a scavenger hunts, took pictures to make scrap books. It all went very well – they endured all kinds of weather and bugs.</p>		

David – Lots to report including conference BCACL, Jule Hopkins was there handing out brochures. David will be in Vancouver in May, elected president of BC People First Provincial Board. Work is going good. David has a meeting with analyst to see what we are going to do for employment; he will also meet with the mayor after the fall after they are elected, there is an acting mayor right now. Then he will meet with the new town council and talk to RCMP soon. David is also attending the Special Olympics torch meetings.

Vincent – He is now retired and was away in the Okanogan with his wife, then she was away in Ireland for 7 weeks – he is very happy she is back. They will be on a cruise in September to Hawaii. Life is good.

Sheryl – Sharon is involved with Parents Helping Parents; she discussed their Facebook page but only who's invited to their "group" on Facebook can see the details. Sheryl asked about a booklet about jobs in the North, she believes it was called "No Pay No Job". Terry will ask Ruth Stanton for this. Sheryl is the assistant coach for Special Olympics, and has joined the golf team; she amazed herself at the driving range. Sheryl's daughter is in play in Connecticut will visit her in July.

Eldon has been doing track, high jump, shot putt, mini decathlon. The coach is right into Special Olympics and is introducing golf. Self advocates are planning to do walk for Community Living month. Eldon made the Provincial Special Olympics Bowling team; they will compete in Langley on July 11th. Eldon is still working for RCMP 2 days a week washing their vehicles. Eldon will talk to the other self advocates to see if they want to play music for the Prince George Community Living Month Event.

Willie – thanks the council for your indulgence her absences while she supports her husband with his treatments in Vancouver, he has lost 100 lbs but the tumor has grown. Due to this Willie has not been able to attend self advocate meetings and they will not be putting a float in the Billy Barker Days parade, but she is hoping they can hold a BBQ.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:
October 5, 2013 9:00 am
CLBC Office
Prince George BC