



North Region Community Council Meeting

Date: May 25, 2013
 Time: 9:00 am – 1:00pm
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Present: Barb Warkentine, Justin Pylatuk, Terry Robertson, Ann Peltier, Sharon Taylor, Shannon Moyle, Kris Zemlak, Truly Shearing-Berge, Ann Lewis
Guest: Joanne Granek
Regrets: David Johnston, Pat Marshall, Eldon Carter

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	Ryan Taylor motioned the minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting be accepted, Justin Pylatuk seconded the motion. CARRIED	
Additions to the Agenda	Introductions and brief bios from all members for Joanne Granek and Truly Shearing-Berg Assessments – can AiMHi do, or pay for them – must go through CLBC as AiMHi holds the contract to manage supports. Could be any individual AiMHi holds the contract for the north on this. Truly explained the process.	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Chair Report – Barb Warkentine	Barb asked for items to take to the next Chair meeting. Kris asked for information on the feedback form – Joanne asked that this is left with her.	
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	
Joanne Granek	Joanne works on a contract with CLBC learning opportunity for councils. She is involved in developing the new handbook, orientation process and training, and working with CPD managers to help them with councils. Joanne is gathering input to shape the work, draft products to build and develop process and putting this information into videos and podcasts for people who benefit from hearing and seeing. Joanne has worked for 25	

years with people with disabilities, drug and alcohol, multi services. She retired 3 years ago and is now her focus is community engagement. The Community Council task force responded to things that were not working well, mandate was not clear so we came out with the TOR. Council's broader range of activities has good meaning, but is not a part of the mandate.

Terry – have you had feedback from other councils regarding narrowing of the TOR?

Joanne – I'm not here to say you cannot do, I'm here to inform and advise you on what to do when you ask questions or want actions in your community that will involve inclusion and bring back feedback. It is not councils' role to over-see what CLBC is doing but to discuss it and bring it back to the table. It is not solely at the invitation to CLBC, TOR's are not a gag order, if you have an experience you have to share you get to raise it. How you raise it and the actions are different for every council.

Kris – provide example of what that means.

1.1 PRIMARY ROLE

Help to build stronger communities that include adults with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life.

Examples of activities that can support this role include:

- Raise awareness in your community about the importance of full inclusion and citizenship for all citizens
- Educate community members on issues related to living with a developmental disability
- Connect or build relationships with other community groups that are focused on making your community more inclusive of all citizens
- Share examples with other interested community members and groups about innovative community inclusion practices that promote belonging and citizenship
- Assist self-advocates to participate and take leadership roles in their communities
- Align annual Council work plans with key CLBC priorities
- Collaborate with CLBC Community Planning and Development (CPD) staff where their work is linked to building stronger, more inclusive communities

1.2 SECONDARY ROLE

Act in an informative / advisory role to CLBC management at the local and regional level

Examples of activities that can support this role include:

- Provide input and advice to the Community Planning and Development Manager as this relates to community inclusion
- Provide input and advice on key issues that will support CLBC to achieve its policy and practice objectives that are set out in

regional work plans

- Convene community discussions to learn and talk about issues that impact community inclusion in the community living sector
- Identify barriers to the inclusion of adults with developmental disabilities (e.g. attitudinal, physical, policy or practice) and recommend, design or implement strategies to reduce or eliminate these barriers
- Share information with CLBC and the Provincial Advisory Committee on local and regional policy and practice that has the potential to impact the community inclusion and quality of life of individuals served by CLBC, or those waiting for services

Council members are worried about the changes of the TOR, Joanne assured the TOR has not been changed, only cleaned up and to advise and inform, other than clarifying the language. Is the language clear – plain language - that is why it is still in draft form. Does your input make a difference – absolutely. Gathering input and hearing examples for the handbook. Did we make an impact – we will see what is in the handbook.

Terry – like anything when you get a group a people around a table what is on the paper and what is changed are two different things. How is this going to be any different than what is already happening. Often we give feedback and nothing is ever changed.

Barb – there is over 35 years experience around this table, we work hard to follow what they say, we meet once a month from far away. The commitment is there we work hard and going back now to change the TOR is like going back. We have an impact but we don't feel like we've been acknowledged.

Kris – we have more issues in our geography than the lower mainland.

Joanne – there is a wide range of ways the different councils work. They are busy like the rest of you. We can call it training/education – listening for what has been done. Have meetings to discuss the barriers and how to remove those, not to have meetings discussing the barriers – we all know what they are – what we need to focus on is how to move forward on them. Talk to city planners, and the people who can make it happen.

Ann P discussed transportation to get people back and forth for medical appointments; they don't see the budgetary pieces of living in the north.

Joanne – I understand you are saying you do not get recognition from CLBC of how hard it is to have a council in the north.

Ann – yes, the rest of the province does not get it.

Joanne – what does that look like?

Kris – we are being asked to work on forms then we do not get answers or changes. Kris discussed all the work we did with BC Housing. We talk and identify the issue and take it out to community, bring back concerns for discussion at council meetings.

Kris – the council needs to receive training session at least once a year, in order to raise the awareness in the community.

Joanne – discussed the difference between the TOR and the handbook and the orientation. She will bring this information back to the Board. Things that will be included are – this is for all councils, this is for area’s specific,

Terry – we need to be strategic on who you have on the council, not just filling seats. We have done this very well and having them informed. One of our best skills is how we support each other and share information.

Joanne – it is strategic on how to recruit new members. Are there community leaders who would benefit from being on the council, people of influence? They are looking at each group and seeing what is making that council successful.

Kris – discussed the work we have completed on the orientation process.

Sharon – we are not here to do individual work, but this is one of the things we must do in smaller communities where we need to do this.

Kris – we do not bring individual issues to the table, housing is the issue, guardianship is the issue, let’s get ourselves informed and connect with the person in the community that can help.

Shannon – discussed how he came to the group, takes a while to orientate to the group and learn his role to take back to the community.

Joanne- Inclusion is being included. Sense of belonging caring about what others members need to say. Inclusion is paying attention to what others have to say as a group and having clear follow through.

Joanne may call council members to gain greater clarity on how Northern counsel operates.

Kris – needs to be put in plain language, CLBCs terminology on the rights and responsibility document needs to know what it says, that’s why we are here.

Joanne thanks for inviting me and I’ll come back and follow up with an email. Can I contact each of you if I have a question? The council says yes.

ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Joanne will contact Brian regarding the feedback form we have not heard back from Email Joanne Strategic plans and information on Proloquo2Go	Ann	completed

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
October Community Living Month event planning	Jack will confirm speaker Friday night and Saturday – possibly a dance on the Friday night

	<p>speakers, snacks</p> <p>Saturday breakout rooms</p> <p>Terry – we want to be diverse – Barbara Cayter will do something on communication Terry will make this connection.</p> <p>How many people from each community will be invited – employment, Rep agreements, communications , each community can still do an event venue - AimHi, Name the Event</p>		
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Meeting dates for September - March	<p>our next meetings are:</p> <p>June 22, 2013 9:00am</p> <p>July 2013 – No meeting August 2013 – No meeting</p> <p>Tentative: to be discussed in June</p> <p>September – 21, 2013 October 19, 2013</p> <p>November 16, 2013 December – NO MEETING</p> <p>January 18, 2014 February 15, 2014</p> <p>March 15, 2014</p>		
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Future Training	<p>Do we want training on:</p> <p>PATH</p> <p>Representation Agreements</p> <p>Can these be part of October Living Month</p>		
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Committee Reports	<p><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS.</u></p> <p>1. <u>Self Advocate /Employment Committee</u> Ruth Stanton-Davies, David Johnston, Eldon Carter, Willie Neal, Sheryl Demers</p> <p>No one on this committee at the meeting.</p> <p>2. <u>Community Awareness Committee</u> Ann Peltier, Ryan Taylor, Terry Robertson, Shannon Moyle</p>		

Ryan is doing something for Canada day in central park, volunteer and getting their name out and who we are and what we do. Disability parking campaign. Happy Birthday to Barb (May 31st)
 Trade show, went well 10 individuals manned the booth, well over 500 folks attended. Caitlyn sent some “swag” and Shannon will see about sending Caitlyn some pictures if waivers are signed.

3. Membership Committee
 Sharon Taylor, Kris Zemplak

David is involved in a lot of work and has not been able to attend, Barb will connect with him. Please make sure if you cannot make the meetings you need to connect with Ann L. Willie will get back to Barb if she can continue. Used the orientation checklist for the last new member, went really well, sat and have a discussion on the roles and responsibility. Kris explained the process of recruiting new members.

- Change to recruitment – there is no need for Board approval, the recommendations will go to the manager, and approval from the DRO. There will still be more changes and some paperwork might be changed. The changes are passed but not yet implemented so continue as is until further notice.

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ROUND TABLE

Barb – Will send her report from the Chairs meeting.

Shannon – has been off for a few months. CRN was a part of the Smithers meeting. Shannon is frustrated with PGT - there is room for improvement. He is healing very fast from his surgery over all good experience. Happy to be back at council meetings. Using some new techniques for smoked fish and beef jerky as fund raisers made at their own butcher shop. Will bring samples to the next meeting.

Terry – Just finished reading the strategic plan wants to invite QS manager to a future meeting. Families met with CNC most thought there was going to be new information, but only a minor increase on the costs, the board wants new faces. They think it will only run 1 more year if they don't have new self advocates apply. Can Terry talk with AiMHi regarding this? Send Kris the information to put into the newsletter and she will fan it out to the managers and program directors. We are really where we are due to all the hard work from CPD manager Pat Marshall. We would be more challenged without her. Terry just came back from a visit, Brianna had a wonderful time, now they are gearing up to go on

vacation.

Ann P – Spoke with a Terrace person who attended transition meeting in Terrace, 150 were phoned about the meeting, only 4 showed up. Discussion on how some people are falling through the cracks. So what happens, what is the process, is there a checklist? Truly explained the process. Ann's new dog is doing well, growing like a weed, has eaten though a number of things, plants included.

Kris – The BC inclusion conference, 10 people - self advocates, family members, attended with the focus on employment. Doing a lot of review of employment department based on CLBC employment plan, looking at social enterprises and accountable, moving people along faster. AiMHi has a contract in McKenzie, new manager and is a time for change. Has done and video presentation to the management team. Will be having another one in the north objectives to achieve in the north. They are having a Strategic Plan review. CRN community response network, talking to the community adults who are at risk, 50 in the community attended. Designated agency on who to call case of emergency. Community picnic June 19th everyone invited. Kris will send the flyer. October living month not sure the plans yet. Good on recruiting employees. Will summer programs run – unsure right now, but Kris will get this information out asap.

Council asked for the transitioning checklist and for this to be added to the next agenda.

Justin – Cary Underwood said hi to Justin when she was there for a concert. He might be running for city council, election is in the fall. Housing is still an issue.

Sharon – crazy time of year working hard with the kids with woodworking building planter boxes for raspberries and strawberries. Group hiking, young and old alike. They held a photo scavenger hunt, had to find different things and take pictures of them. Trying hard to find activities that are not expensive. Sharon had a great time at the Burton Cummings concert, fun event and he was very friendly.

Truly – Integrate the community living month self advocates are loving the arts and are thinking about showcasing their art for a fundraiser. An idea was to have a booth for each community explaining what is in their community and how it impacts their lives. Everything is bang on with what is happening in their community. Truly thanks the council for all their help in each community.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting:
June 22, 2013 9:00 am

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