

VANCOUVER CLBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Present: Peter Swayne, Goli Khalafi, Ernie Baatz, John Tsang
Rachelle Czerwinski, Rita Leedholm, John Davies, Yaming Chen, Mara St.Onge-
Dueck, Richard McDonald

1) Reviewed minutes

Council reviewed the minutes of March 24, 2009.

2) What is the Buzz?

- "Theatre Terrific" - "The Secret Son", April 22-25, @ Roundhouse Community Centre, about Arthur Miller's son whom he rejected and who had Down Syndrome
- Vancouver Foundation Neighbourhood Small Grants project: extra money available to hire an artist for project such as for a block party
- Vancouver Chinese Autism Parents Group very pleased with outreach from CLBC re: 5 upcoming parent meetings
- CLBC Staff Conference very impressive: groups of parents, service providers, CLBC employees worked on scenarios to develop support framework for fictitious PWDD; many resource groups in attendance from across province, to provide info.
- "Family Support Institute (FSI)"
 - Maintains a network of 140 "Resource Parents" (RPs)
 - Requests from families for support received by FSI (Tel: 604-540-8374 Toll Free: 1-800-441-5403; Website: www.familysupportbc.com) are forwarded to RPs in the family's community
 - FSI and RPs link families to resources, other support organizations, other parents who've had similar experiences
 - FSI holds annual "Training Weekend" for RPs @ Naramata in April, an informative & inspirational long w/e
- "PATH"
 - planning process for individuals with disabilities and their families to create an action plan re: achieving goals of a PWDD, developing / maintaining network
 - one form of Person Centred Planning
 - process involves an individual, the family, friends, relatives, professionals, managers and a facilitator
 - There will be a workshop on PATH through the Spectrum Society for Community Living - Train the Facilitator

- "Development of Personal Support Networks"
 - recurring theme of many of CLBC Conference seminars
 - a goal for facilitators:
 - help individuals develop personal support network
 - understand and recognise the urgency of this piece
- "101 Ways to Make Friends" - very useful book by Susan Kurliak and Aaron Johannes (employees of The Spectrum Society for Community Living) workshop presenters on developing support networks
 - Contains research showing the power of networks and relationships
 - provides concrete strategies for people with disabilities, their families, and people who provide support.

3) CLBC update - John Davies

- Working with MCFD over the next 2 months to:
 - meet Social Workers responsible for children in care
 - develop protocol and create relationships
 - establish contacts to be made in emergency child welfare situations
 - CLBC is trying to raise its profile with that professional community
- Annual Satisfaction Survey is being conducted through telephone interviews and written comments
- Family meeting May 12th (topic: Individualized Services, Networking and Partnerships) postponed to May 19th due to election
- Budget Plan for Vancouver is in Process → spending plan needs to be defined first before feedback can be provided
- Paul Sibley is new Director of Regional Operations; Quality Service Manager and Vancouver Community Living Office Manager, John, will report to him

4) Sub-committee reports

Transition Committee -

- a strong connection has been made between Ruth-Anne, CLBC Facilitator, and the Vancouver School Board; she has given workshop to Sp. Ed. Teachers and they are in contact with her

Community Rec. Committee -

- Recreation Coordinators at Park Board - Cindy Crapper and Bonnie Friesen -
 - plan programmes for and assist people with disabilities
 - are working on a proposal to provide a programme for young adults who are CLBC clients
- the Comox Valley Youth Project - has been incredibly successful in providing inclusive, meaningful experiences for young, adult CLBC clients

5) **Community Networking** - Council discussed ideas around getting more involved in our communities such as:

- getting connected to people in community to promote inclusion
- meeting with businesses and encouraging them to be more inclusive
- spreading the word about CLBC
 - help people learn what CLBC is and does
 - get information about CLBC to media outlets
- getting posters/pamphlets to government offices to inform individuals and professionals who go there about CLBC
- NB all of the members are on the Council because of the contributions they already make within both their family and the community towards improving the lives of persons with disabilities

6) **Selection Committee** -

- Mark Perry, Deanne Ziebart, Theresa Huntly, Yuko McCulloch were recommended and accepted as new members of the Council
- New members will be invited to attend the next council meeting

7) **CLBC Service Information Fair** - the Vancouver Community Living Centre is organizing a service fair for families and community members. This will be an opportunity for families to meet with CLBC's service providing agencies in Vancouver.

Next council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.