

VANCOUVER CLBC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 9th, 2009

Present: Ernie Baatz, Liz Cochran, Rachelle Czerwinski, John Davies, Rita Leedholm, Yuko McCulloch, Mark Perry, Tina Stagnitta, Peter Swayne, Deanne Ziebart,

Regrets: Yaming Chen, Mara St. Onge-Dueck, John Tsang,

1. Reviewed and carried minutes of October 28th, 2009

2. CLBC Update – John Davies

- CLBC adults only, Nov. 2nd
- 2 of 8 facilitators in Vancouver are new, team assistant is new, 3 analysts have been assigned to the Vancouver office, 7 previous Vancouver facilitators chose different assignments, rest of region also has staff changes
 - Reasons for leaving are various, e.g. career path has more options at MCFD
 - Quality Service had only one full time analyst left with adult experience
- Criteria for eligibility for CLBC services has changed – individuals with an FAS or Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis and significant social adaptive impairment (3 std deviations from norm) can apply for CLBC services as of February 1, for these applicants IQ is not a criterion.
 - 170 people are expected to apply provincially!!! Additional funding is in place
 - Denise and Susan (from Vancouver CLC) are lead facilitators on this file
 - Services will include person centred plan, service from contractors currently being recruited
- working differently after Queenswood report
 - Facilitators will have more responsibilities and authority and be fixed point of contact for individuals, Analysts – fixed point for service providers
 - Training happening in all regions re new working model
 - Urgent requests still being met
 - Region will attempt to anticipate needs and be proactive e.g.
 - For Youth turning 19, numbers are known,
 - Prioritize complex needs
- Regional Conference, tentatively May 10, 2010, all welcome
- Changes for 3 Councils – Richmond, Vancouver, North Shore - they will be asked to support regionality and, possibly, amalgamate
 - Reasons: economic, fewer clients after children moved to MCFD don't justify 3 Councils, report on Councils by Susan Veit, new terms of reference
 - A joint meeting is proposed for end January, Stephen Russell, CLBC's contact and support person for Councils will be invited
 - Questions / concerns:
 - Is this change driven by principle or policy? Will a single Council be more or less able to meet the aim of "community engagement"?
 - Vancouver is a large region itself with multiple, various and distinct needs several of which other communities do not have; yet all 3 regions have diverse communities and distinct needs
 - 'If it ain't broke why fix it?' – Vancouver ain't broke, the "great group of people" work well, other regions should fix their own problems
 - area representation of a new council should reflect number of clients in each area
 - use technology – skype, video-conferencing
- Response to Council's letter re public's confusion over title 'Facilitator'
 - The title will not change

- The role will be more clearly articulated, a new, plain language brochure is being developed
- Suggestion: ensure new clients and families hear frequent references to and explanations of the role of facilitator at first contact so it is fully understood
- Demonstration of CLBC's resource data base on CLBC website
 - It lists resources and their websites but gives no other information
 - Recommendation: make it more user friendly e.g. for parents looking for activities for their adult child
- Family Partnership Advisor – Sylvie Zebrof, unable to attend, based in Kelowna responsible for connecting with families and looking at CLBC policies and actions through a 'family lens'.

3. Reports from parent groups, self advocates, service providers

- Transition Group
 - is setting up an Eastside group, 1st mtg. Jan. 25, 6:30-8:30, #309 – 877 East Hastings, preliminary mtg. to see level of interest; Ray Cam is helping; Linda Henderson, MCFD transition Liaison Worker will attend, Children and Youth at Risk who need transition help figure large at MCFD
 - Winter Social Jan. 29, 5:00 – 9:00 Oakridge Senior Centre
- Gwen Lee's parent support group has been working on Handy Dart issue, Council members are urged to communicate with Translink about their concerns
- Vancouver Chinese Support Group – no report, John will be asked to send an alternative representative if he is unable to attend
- Transit Advisory Council made up of riders was started by MVT – one good thing about Handy Dart
- Self-Advocates
 - Executive director of Self Advocate group has retired
 - "The Time Is Now" conference attended by Richard, poverty reduction plan discussed, significantly higher rate of poverty among self-advocates than in general public
 - HST is significant problem for low income people, we should work together to eliminate it
- Community Living Society has moved its offices to Burnaby
- An organization of Service Agencies is submitting a proposal for a new costing, monitoring and procurement process
 - CLBC's new "Monitoring Framework" was not mutually developed
 - Agencies are hoping for a mutually agreed upon process
- Social Life sub committee
 - Minutes of two meetings are attached
 - John will get info regarding social events e.g. dances organized by MAPCL, to those clients not attached to service providers and who may not otherwise hear of events

4. Appointment to CLBC Advisory Committee

- Provincial committee, 4 meetings per year, 1 rep. from each council
- Peter Swayne named to represent Vancouver Council

5. Bill 20 – what can/should we do?

- Bill 20 repeals section from "Community Living Authority Act" that requires a majority of directors to be individuals with a significant connection to the persons with a developmental disability and 2 directors to be individuals with a developmental disability
- Government justifications: makes CLBC like other Crown Corporations in the way board members are appointed; increase pool of available board members

- Discussion:
 - Self Advocates need to be there otherwise their voice will not be heard, Bill 20 will specifically exclude them
 - People who live with individuals with a disability are not excluded but there is no requirement that any be included
 - For an OpEd comment on Bill 20 see:
<http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Liberals+betray+citizens+with+developmental+disabilities+continuing+lack+consultation/2274842/story.html>
- Peter will ask for clarification of this development at first Advisory Committee meeting – where did the change come from? What is the real justification? Etc.

6. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 20th, 2009; 6pm

SOCIAL LIFE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Liz Cochran, Deanne Ziebart, Rachele Czerwinski, Peter Swayne

Meetings held November 6, 30

Goal: provide opportunities for CLBC clients to have a richer social life

Information from Deanne re the Developmental Disabilities Association:

- DDA provides services to more than 300 of Vancouver's 900+ CLBC clients
- DDA (and likely all service providers) makes extensive use of many Community Centres in the city, e.g. taking clients to open gym times at Sunset and Champlain C.C., tai chi classes, yoga etc., plus use of the pools and weight rooms at various centres
- DDA "Drop In Centre"
 - o is funded by CLBC to support 55 clients and provides services to 120
 - o is FULL during the day, so is not available for drop in to any more clients than those already assigned; however the evening/weekend component is first come-first served for those with semi-independent skills
 - o provides day programming that mirrors some of the more expensive community programmes, like bingo and pool
 - o evening/weekend programmes are set up and change every 2 months; they require registration and payment of a small fee that varies with the activity
- DDA is also offering "group respite" to those who are looking for social opportunities for their children; combining the respite allocation per client allows for trained staff and more respite hours if used in a group situation.

Spectrum Society has a drop in situation that is mostly filled by its regular clients

MAPCL: has the North Shore Options drop-in type programme

Runs seasonal dances – e.g. at Hallowe'en – attended by up to 100

North Shore Connexions society has "The Summit" programme

Very like the DDA programme, it has a 4 monthly schedule
serves 40 regular clients

Best Buddies – see website – has a number of university volunteers available

CLBC Community Resource Database provides no indication of the kind of support that identified resources provide, is not organized by the nature of service offered and would be of little use to a family looking for social opportunities for their family member with disabilities – a significant upgrade is needed

Vancouver, west of Arbutus, does not currently have any available programmes for the 75 (adult) CLBC clients

Kitsilano Neighbourhood House say they have space and volunteers available for a social activity programme

Attached map indicates how many CLBC clients live in each postal code; dots represent Community Centres.

Many CLBC clients, it appears ARE having opportunities for social interaction, but not all

QUESTIONS:

- To what extent do these opportunities involve interaction with people who do not have a disability, i.e. how inclusive are they?
- How inclusive do we want them to be? Or What ratio of inclusive and non-inclusive opportunities is desirable
- **How many CLBC clients are NOT connected to an agency; how many are on a waitlist for a programme; how many are sitting at home?**