

**Vancouver Community Council Meeting  
Saturday, June 21, 2008**

**Present: Peter Swayne, Tina Stagnitta, Natalie Marach, Rachelle Czerwinski, Mara St. Onge-Dueck, Ken Wakeman, Ernie Baatz, Yaming Chen, Paul Sibley, John Davies, Jan Wood**

**Regrets: Sue Salter, Rita Leedholm, Richard McDonald, John Tsang**

**1) What's the Buzz?**

- **BCACL - Rachelle reported on the June meeting**
  - **Focus on employment. Supportive employment should be considered for individuals that are transitioning to adults services.**
  - **John Lord's session "Pathways to Inclusion: Building a New Story with People and Communities" was very impressive.**
  
- **CACL at BCACL office is holding a workshop on aging on July 11, 2008.**

**2) Paul's update –**

- **Paul mentioned that the regional Managers are meeting weekly and working on a regional response to providing services for our region.**
  
- **Priority Ranking Tool is being used by our region to prioritize individuals on the waitlist so that the most needy will receive attention first and not the "squeaky wheel".**

**3) John's update –**

- **John distributed the "Individual and Child and Family Support Planning Policy" to council members. Council members will review and bring questions to next council meeting.**

- **John updated council on staffing changes at Vancouver CLC office. Office is short-staffed by 4 staff and John is interviewing and will be hiring new staff. Council wanted to recognize the efforts of the Vancouver CLC staff and agencies and will be presenting gifts/letters of appreciation.**

**4) Report on May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of Community Council Chairs. Natalie reported on the "Joint Meeting of the CLBC Board and Community Councils" which was held on May 10, 2008.**

- **Successes and Challenges were discussed at this meeting.**
- **Natalie mentioned that other councils were having similar struggles. Suggestion to meet with Surrey community council as their challenges may be similar to ours. Peter will contact Surrey Community Council Chair.**

**5) Development of Vancouver's Community Council Web-site – what information do we include. Discussion on what should be entered on our Community Council web-site. Feedback form was discussed.**

**6) Budget – How to prioritize current budget expenditure was discussed. Some suggestions: Waitlist, Transition to adulthood, Employment, Stability of family (crisis intervention), Health and Safety and Housing. An item for next agenda is "Prioritize Budget– What is the greatest urgency"?**

**7) Communication Strategy - website, mail-out with info(?), Family Meeting.**

- **A family meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008.**
- **A suggestion that we produce a brochure for Self-Advocates. Discuss at next meeting.**

**8) Council Budget – Review, Set priorities**

- **Form was distributed for council members to complete. Will use information from this form to estimate our budget requirements for this fiscal year.**
- **Council will look at last year's expenditures to assist in the process. Budget will be finalized at next meeting.**

## **9) Future plans for Sub-Committees**

- **Outreach Committee**
  - **Community Centres – John and Peter will go to “All Presidents meeting” to discuss issue of Recreation. Suggestion of looking at Rec. Commission of North Vancouver. Discussion on how we can best approach this issue. What are other regions doing? Let's work with other regions regarding this issue.**
  - **PLAN idea – Prioritize 3 individuals that would be referred to PLAN. Peter and John will meet with PLAN.**
  - **Transition – John and Brenda met with VSB and discussed Goal Based Planning. Discussed the last Transition Group Meeting, minutes were distributed. VSB and CLBC are working on improving working relationship.**
  - **Transition Fair – To be discussed at next meeting.**

## **9) Nominations for Council members**

- **Nominations to council discussed. “Application for Membership to your community council” will be given to current nominee to complete. Nominations committee (Mara, Sue and Peter) will review information gathered from current nominee and report back to council.**

**Next meeting will be held on August 23, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at 4<sup>th</sup> floor – 210 West Broadway.**

