

SURREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Present: Cheryl –Anne Hendy Maddie Addison
 Connie Hulley Marie Sabine
 Edwina Jeffrey Sandra Cottingham
 Jane Moon Sheila Palmer
 Karen Virtue Shirley Tan
 Larry Shareski

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, Surrey CPD Manager
 Josefina Marchetti, Recorder

Regrets: Coreen Windbiel and Wendy Mackintosh

Guest: Sylvie Zebroff, CLBC Family Partnership Advisor

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with a change in the order of the items. Sylvie Zebroff's presentation was moved from #7 to #3.

Approval of the Minutes of September 24 and October 29, 2009

Motion:

It was moved by Marie Sabine, seconded by Connie Hulley, to approve the Community Council minutes of the September 24 and October 29, 2009. *Carried Unanimously*

Sylvie Zebroff's Presentation – Family Partnership Advisor

Sylvie Zebroff has been hired as CLBC's first Family Partnership Advisor. She began her work a few months ago. One of Sylvie's focuses in this position is to help CLBC to be a family friendly organization. In addition to being the mother of a youth with autism, Sylvie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to CLBC. Most recently she worked for the Disabilities Health Research Network (DHRN) at UBC Okanagan, as the Director of Programs. Sylvie asked the Council members to please contact her if they have any questions or feedback. The Council thanked Sylvie for the presentation.

Manager's Report

Transition of Children's Services back to MCFD

The transfer of children's services from CLBC to MCFD was completed on October 31st, 2009. At that time CLBC implemented co-located offices where Quality Service staff and Community Planning and Development staff moved together to share the same office. A letter was sent to all currently active /eligible CLBC adults in the Surrey/Delta region indicating the CLBC offices locations and where to call.

Request for Services

On October 31st 2009 Surrey/Delta/Richmond was able to address the 137 individuals identified who were on the registry at January 31, 2009 and not receiving services.

Changes to the Community Living Authority Act

COMMUNITY LIVING AUTHORITY ACT AMENDMENT Bill 20, the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, was introduced in the legislature last week and affects the Community Living Authority Act. The amendment changes Community Living BC's board of governance and will enable the Province to appoint board members from a wider pool of candidates, bringing it in line with other provincial Crown corporations. Individuals with developmental disabilities and family members are not precluded from sitting on the CLBC Board and there will be no changes to the current board.

Personalized Supports Initiative

On October 31, 2009, the Province deposited a regulatory change that creates a new set of criteria that is separate from the existing CLBC eligibility criteria and focuses on a different group. The new eligibility criteria use a comprehensive approach that assesses issues of significant limitations in adaptive functioning for adults who have a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The regulatory amendment takes effect on January 31, 2010. People can begin applying for services on February 1, 2010. A **Questions & Answers** document has been posted on the CLBC website.

Regional Team Day

On November 19th all staff in the Surrey/Delta region participated in a regional team day at Beacher Place in Crescent Beach. The follow agenda items were covered:

- Janice Cook, CLBC Human Resources, presented on health and wellness, the Goodlife program, early intervention program, occupational health and safety, recognition and benefits.
- Teambuilding exercises, Budget information
- Regional Emergency Plan – Nancy Bell and Josefina Marchetti presented information on our regional emergency plan.

Staff Training – Moving Forward: Focussing on Adults and their Families

CLBC is providing training to all field staff about expectations and improvements to the service delivery model. This one-day training will focus on the complementary roles of facilitators, analysts and other field staff. The training responds to recommendations made after the Queenswood review.

New Terms of Reference

Marie Sabine informed that she attended a full day meeting and two teleconferences to review and discuss the revised Community Councils' Terms of Reference. CLBC decided to review the Terms of Reference since there was a lot of questions regarding the purpose of the Community Councils, if the purpose should be expanded. A copy of the new Terms of Reference was distributed to Council members.

Action Plan #29 – Proposed Informal Work Session

Action Plan #29 "To prepare a formal recommendation to CLBC regarding priority planning for individuals with aging parents as per the need highlighted in the survey results. In order to discuss this Action Plan and work on a formal recommendation, Council will meet on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm; at Marie Sabine's home. This will be an informal work and social session.

By-yearly Goal Review

In order to ensure progress is being made according to Council goals, the Council will evaluate them every six months (in October and in March).

Some of the goals were assigned to Council members as follows:

*Action Plan #9 Build in web-based capability to respond to community inquiries. **Sandra Cottingham***

Action Plan #10 Obtain progress update on the range of options, residential options and employment initiatives.

Marie Sabine – Residential Options and Cheryl-Anne – Employment initiatives.

Action Plan #11 Obtain progress report of accountability for agencies to do what they are paid to do in their contracts.

Sharon Rose and Cheryl Blake

Action Plan #12 Obtain progress update on the getting money out of existing contracts (globally funded) and give it directly to families for respite.

Sharon Rose

Action Plan #13 List services available in different communities on the CLBC website.

Shirley Tan

Action Plan #31 Regularly review the website postings of other councils and share key information with Surrey Council members.

Edwina Jeffrey – North and Interior; Connie Hulley – Island; Sheila Palmer - Coast

Video about Community Councils

A planning committee has been created to produce a 5 minute video for Community Councils to engage and inspire community leaders and groups to step forward and create opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to make meaningful contributions in the community. Marie Sabine is one of the planning committee and she asked Council members for one volunteer whose voice will be used during a segment of the video. Members that are interested in participating will contact Marie Sabine by Monday, November 30.

Recruiting Committee

The Recruiting Committee will meet at 6:00 pm, before the next regular Council meeting in January. The Committee will review the expiry dates of the current terms.

Next Meeting Date

The next work/social meeting will be on Thursday, December 19, 2009 at 7:00pm. The location will be: 15502 Thrift Avenue, White Rock, BC V4B 2L9.

The January meeting will be a business session. It will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:30.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40.