

Surrey Community Council Meeting Minutes October 23, 2008

Present: Cheryl-Anne Hendy Maddie Addison
Coreen Windbiel Marie Sabine
Jane Moon Sandra Cottingham
Larry Shareski

Regrets: Connie Hulley
Renee Marlatt
Rachhpal Sidhu

CLBC Staff: Sharon Rose, Surrey CPD Office Manager
Josefina Marchetti, recorder

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed the members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted, as circulated.

Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2008

The minutes were reviewed.

It was moved by Maddie Addison, seconded by Coreen Windbiel, to approve the Community Council meeting minutes of September 18, 2008. *Carried Unanimously*

Survey Work Session

The Chair informed that from the 900 surveys submitted 141 have been returned and more are expected during the next weeks. The Council agreed this is a very good response. The Chair then proceed to analyze the results and circulated a graphic showing the number of agree or disagree.

The strongest areas where people agree their needs are met were housing, safety and care.

A discussion arose on how to process the data in a way that is helpful. The Council agreed to sort the responses by main concern or needs not met. Piles were formed and each Council member was assigned a pile. The next step will be to contact the individuals by phone and try to get more details from them about their responses.

The Chair will draft a follow-up script for the Council members to refer to when making the phone calls.

Manager's report

Transition of Children's Services back to MCFD

MCFD and CLBC have agreed on two provincial items. (1) 164 provincial FTEs will be transferred to MCFD, including admin, facilitators, analysts and managers at a field level and (2) there will be no change in contracts when they are transferred over – all services and supports will remain the same for families with children.

Over the next weeks, MCFD will finalize their model. The transition period will start on April 1st, 2009. More consultations sessions will be held. Community Councils to play important role and will assist with feedback.

CLBC Adult Service Model

The Vice President-Policy and Program Development, Carol Goozh, and her team are carrying out focus groups to get feedback from regional staff and work on the model of service for CLBC services to adults. The focus group from Surrey/Delta/Richmond met on October 7th, 2008 and the participants were Mary Toohey, Charles Partridge and Josefina Marchetti.

Dr. Paul Wehman – Surrey Event

Excellent response to the flyer for the October 29th, 2008 workshop presented by Dr. Paul Wehman on Employment for People with Disabilities.

Budget

Quality Service Manager for Surrey/Delta/Richmond Region, Cheryl Blake, has sent a message to regional staff stating that the budget is overspent and there is only a small amount of one-time-only funding available until the end of the fiscal year. Staff will work on achieving savings and on creating efficiencies in the resources.

Formation of Recruitment and Nominations Committee

The Council should be formed of 15 members and currently the Surrey Community Council has 10 members. A Recruitment Committee needs to be created. The Council will take in consideration the cultural diversity of the region. It is also important to look for aboriginal participation. It was also suggested that the Council strategic plan should be used as a template to determine the skills of the new recruited members.

Names for the Recruitment Committee will be proposed during the next Community Council meeting in December.

Bobbi Nobble – Focus Group, Invitees, etc.

The Strategic Plan session with Bobbi Nobble will take place on November 6. The location had to be changed and it will be held at 15135 20th Avenue, Peninsula Estates Clubhouse. Marie has gone through the surveys and has contacted some of the families and individuals and invited them to attend the session. The Chair requested each member to try to invite at least two persons. Sharon Rose informed that she will ask each facilitator to invite one individual or a family.

MCFD Representatives to be invited

There are many concerns raised about children's services going back to MCFD. Maddie Addison suggested inviting Sherry Watkins or Alana Robson, from MCFD, to give a presentation on the transition of children's services. The Council agreed to have MCFD representatives invited for a presentation during the next Council meeting in December.