



Prince George & Area Community Council Meeting

September 26, 2009
 Community Living Centre
 #171 – 1600 15th Avenue
 Prince George BC V2L 3X3
 9:35 a.m. To 12:10 p.m.

Present: Jenny Jones, Barb Warkentine, Jean Scriver, Vickie Pigeon, Ruth Stanton, Pat Marshall, Bonnie Fallowfield, Kris Zemplak

Regrets: Bev Currie, Terry Robertson

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<p>Pat Marshall requested following additions to Agenda: Waitlist feedback information for families, transition and Bev's resignation. Bonnie Fallowfield requested the following addition: Barb Penner's email regarding trip to Prince George.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting July 25, 2009 were amended as follows: Correction to spelling of Kris Zemplak's name, changes under Topic CLBC Board of Directors Report: addition of "VELA partnering with CLBC" after "Waiting on Training on Individualized Funding"; removal of "Mental health development" and replaced with "Discussion on expanded eligibility"; removal of "" by "Bonnie".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept Minutes as amended by Barb Warkentine. • Seconded by Ruth Stanton.

COUNCIL UPDATES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vickie Pigeon and Jean Scriver shared that Self-Advocates in Quesnel are participating in Community Living Month by organizing a walk on March 15. They will have guest speakers and refreshments. Self-Advocates are also planning a dance in November. • Barb Warkentine advised that PG Riding is coming to the

end of the season. The horse show on September 12 was great with over 30 riders. Lots of families were reached. Cariboo Observer carried a story. Quesnel branch of BC Therapeutic Riding Association is having a workshop regarding Autism. Tickets are \$55.00 (lunch provided); members of Therapeutic Riding receive a discount. VELA workshop in Prince George last weekend had 25 attendees with some new people. Spectrum held workshop "101 Ways to Make New Friends", collected people's stories for a book and had a parent panel sharing their experiences. Barb reported on CLAN, which provides backup support for non union Microboards approaching government. CLAN is associated with Spectrum. Therapeutic Riding is selling tickets for \$20.00 for a Pub Night on October 25 at Riverstone Pub.

- Jenny Jones said there was a parents meeting in September. AiMHi is invited to next meeting in October to provide information on AiMHi services. Baseball has two new provincial teams. Jenny shared about Kelowna tournament. Excellent fundraising was done. It provided a great opportunity to mingle. Jenny will attend next meeting in Vancouver on October 17. Downs support group starts up on Monday. A person in Vernon is starting a group called BC Downs Syndrome Connection to lobby government for funding.
- Kris Zemplak advised AiMHi is very busy. Preparing for CARF (Canadian Association of Rehabilitative Facilities) survey, Members will be attending in Boston to share Performance Improvement report. She talked about Summer Rec Program and Spectrum Workshop. A need for activities to include community as a whole has been identified. She also advised that 70 people from Prince George went on Alaskan cruise.
- Bonnie Fallowfield mentioned increase to Autism funding, her participation in FSI training, Safeguards workshops, AIDP (Aboriginal Infant Development Program); recruitment of younger parents, supporting other families and helping Vickie and Jean. Bonnie's son has been writing letters of invitation to Quesnel officials. Bonnie read out Bev's resignation as well as Bonnie's response. Pat sent her regards to Bev.
- Pat Marshall advised CLBC's goal as part of work plan was to connect with families on waitlist. Council's suggestions were:
 1. Advise families of their position on waitlist;
 2. Provide families with information on waitlist and

	<p>eligibility policies;</p> <p>3. Don't refer frustrated families to website;</p> <p>4. Send public information about expanded eligibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Stanton said Self Advocates went on camping trip, possible Halloween dance in October, pancake breakfast, fall fashion show. 		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Send Halloween dance information to Bonnie for Quesnel Self advocates.	Ruth Stanton	
COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Community Awareness Committee	Kris Zemlak will join Jenny Jones on this Committee. October is Community Living month. Jenny Jones will followup with teacher and give report at October 24, 2009 Council meeting.		
Self Advocates Committee	Jean Scriver, Ruth Stanton and Vickie Pigeon are on this Committee. Already gave report.		
Membership Committee	Terry Robertson and Barb Warkentine are on this Committee. Several terms are up in November. Bev has resigned. Report will be give at October 24, 2009 Council meeting.		
STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
	Wait until expanded eligibility.		
NEW BUSINESS			
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Adult guardianship legislation	Law on adult services, Representation Agreements, guardianship of adult children, consent requirements, safeguards.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Future workshop on Adult Guardianship legislation		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
New draft of Terms of Reference for Community Councils	Council reviewed		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

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Provincial Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	Council reviewed.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Aboriginal Membership on community council			
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Tabled until November 21, 2009 Community Council meeting		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
October Community Living Month – Community Engagement Event	Caitlyn Sassaman, Community Relations Specialist, together with Community Council, is setting up information table at Pine Centre Mall on October 24, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Cliff from Just say Hi program will also attend with other Self Advocates. Speaking Notes were handed out. Lunch will be at CLBC offices followed by two hour presentation by Caitlyn.		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Attendance of Paul Sibley to Next Community Council meeting			
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Invite him to attend November meeting		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION		
Discussion on Transition Update	Pat Marshall advised regarding transition update and answered Council questions.		
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Barb Penner's email dated September 25, 2009 regarding Employment Initiatives	Clarification required as to who they are looking for feedback from and whether it is possible to reschedule. Suggest survey.		
	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
	Respond to Barb's email.	Bonnie Fallowfield.	
ADJOURNMENT			
Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.			
NEXT MEETINGS			
October 24, 2009 (Afternoon) November 21, 2009 No meeting in December			