



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: November 30, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Carol Antoine, Kam Judge, Rosemary Juszko, Kristen Kay, Bev Kissinger, Mike Langridge, Nigel Livingston, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Mary Valeriotte, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development

Regrets:

Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Michael Hayes, Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager; David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations

Guest: Greg Hamilton, CLBC Facilitator, Leo Spalteholz (CanAssist)

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Introductions • Motion to accept agenda by Rosemary Juszko <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Mary Valeriotte o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of October 26, 2010 meeting by Sharon Sinclair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Bev Kissinger o Carried
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CLBC Staff Report	<p>Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veronica Berlando, previously with MCFD, will take over the position of Manager of Community Planning & Development on December 13th, to allow for some overlap prior to Lesley's retirement. • Alfredo Seamus is the new IT person and will provide support to both CLBC offices. • Amanda Gafter-Ricks is the new PSI facilitator. • Update on DDMHT Psychiatrist position: Currently someone from the Eric Martin Pavilion (VIHA Mental Health Services) is doing consultations on Fridays. The DDMHT position has been narrowed down to 2 potential candidates, however it will be a minimum of 3 months to get things in place. This position reports to VIHA. Dr. Wood continues to see children under the age of 19.

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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning – David Steeves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report (SICC Regional Issues) pre-circulated. The Committee met and put the report together, with the intent that it would make up the “issues” section of the report required for the upcoming Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting. Council approved the document, with the one suggestion that an Executive Summary, highlighting the main points, may be a good idea. • Other Committees are requested to put together a brief overview of “what’s working/not working”, for the PAC report and provide to Keri by December 15th. • WOW Award(s) – Kristen Kay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the last PAC meeting it was asked if Community Councils would be interested in taking over the responsibilities of these awards for their regions. ○ Kristen provided council with a handout (attached) outlining the responsibilities and associated timelines. After some discussion it was determined that Mary and Kristen would gather additional information regarding items such as: is there flexibility re: timing of awards ceremony? Can it piggyback another event? Are there costs associated? How is it publicized? etc. Council agreed in principle, based on receiving the additional information requested.
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CanAssist – Accessibility to Social Media Study	<p>Leo Spalteholz – CanAssist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanAssist is performing a study to determine how accessible social media is for CLBC clients and future clients. Social media encompasses any websites where the users create the content (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, etc.) • Kristen Kay (council member) is a UVic practicum student and has been assisting with the study. She has been setting up consultations with a variety of groups to gather information. From a values perspective, they are looking at why it is a good idea for individuals with disabilities to connect in the same way as others do. • Council discussed that there are some websites that are specific to people with disabilities, however the general thoughts on these websites is that while they are safer and provide a good place for training, they are not inclusive and thus send the wrong message. • Council members broke into small groups and identified the pros, cons and barriers of current social media utilized by themselves and CLBC clients, their families and caregivers. Information gathered through this process “...will be used to develop strategies to address barriers to accessing these technologies.” Information will be gathered until the end of January 2011. A final written report, outlining current awareness

	<p>of social media, major issues and strategies to overcome barriers, will be provided to CLBC at a later date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members were encouraged to complete an online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.com/uvicsocialmediasurvey.
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Lesley Lambert's Retirement	<p>In recognition of Lesley's upcoming retirement, David Steeves expressed a huge 'Thank You' to Lesley for opening doors for the Council, and added that she will be greatly missed. Lesley first began her career in May of 1998 with SPMH and has been with government for 31 years. She thanked Council and added that they are both a passionate and compassionate group.</p>
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Committee Reports, continued	<p>Communications – Roger Palmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to poor weather, the Committee did not meet this month. • Rosemary and Caitlyn met with families at the Military Resource Centre. It was reported to be a positive exchange of information and they left feeling updated as to where the military is at in supporting families who have members with disabilities and how CLBC might provide assistance. The military has made progress in supporting families. In addition, for returning veterans, they are expanding their program to assist with mental health issues. Efforts are currently being made to ensure that for families who have a child with a disability, and have been stationed here from another province, that the transfer of support funds is seamless. Currently there is a three month waiting period for funds to be accessed. • Building Bridges Forum – February 18th & 19th, 2011. This forum is hosted by CanAssist and will include 23 practical workshops aimed at planning and preparing for the future of a child with special needs. For more information, or to register, go to: http://www.canassist.ca/EN/main/news-and-events/events-and-seminars.html • Caitlyn has gathered photos to be laminated and used on the new display board. If anyone from council has photos, or takes photos at an upcoming event, please forward them to the Communications Committee. Kristen stated that she has many photos, and if they are looking for something specific, to please ask. <p>Self Advocates – Kristen Kay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee did not meet in November. • The only item remaining to be completed from their goals is to meet with Vocyl, which will happen in the spring. • SASI Project: A glossy, 30 page book has been put together and includes

a project page, a Sango (Self Advocates Bingo game) page, and acknowledges the contributors to the My Community conference.

- SICC was acknowledged in The Citizen for contributing to the My Community conference.
- Self Advocates for a Brighter Future have completed development of the Sango game and need a group to pilot it. It requires 15-20 people and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete a round. Council will participate in a round at the January council meeting.
- Currently there are only a few copies of the Sango game available, as the funding was for development, not printing. Given that it is seen as a great tool to be used in settings such as schools, they are going to try to access funding to have more copies printed. Lesley asked Kristen to email her outlining how it could help in other settings, with the thought that some funds may be available through Community Development.

Families – Bev Kissinger

- The UVic Centre of Aging is planning a symposium around Aging issues for the spring.
- Holly, from the Centre of Aging, will be meeting with the Families Committee.
- Resource Fair – March 29th:
 - Could we possibly hold the SICC meeting on the 22nd, to avoid a conflict?
 - Possible workshop idea: Registered Disability Savings Program – perhaps someone from one of the banks could speak at the fair? Provide a handout? And/or sponsor?
 - The Committee is looking for other topic ideas, presentations, etc.
- BCACL’s Transition to Work project – December 13th
 - Focus is to hear about and discuss transition in schools.
 - Targeting three school districts
- A Place to Meet: Sharing the Power of Stories – Dec. 9th
- Update from Carol Antoine: The BCGEU wanted to be certified as the bargaining agent for Nil/Tu,O employees – in a recent case with the Supreme Court of Canada it was determined that this would fall under provincial jurisdiction, which has precedent setting implications for children living on reserves who could previously only receive support from provincial agencies if requested (i.e. agencies could not go to them, as the reserves fall under federal jurisdiction). Carol agreed to send a summary of this case to council members.

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New Business	David Steeves attended the Legacies Dinner at UVic and cited how David Turpin spoke to the new Sports and Fitness Centre being home to CanAssist.

New Business (con't)	<p>It highlights how, with the right leadership, community partners can show tremendous leadership in becoming engaged in supporting individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Latest copy of VOYCL distributed.</p> <p>Next Meeting: January 25th, 2011</p>
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ADJOURNMENT	
Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm Moved by Mike Langridge 2 nd by Sharon Sinclair	
NEXT MEETING	
Date: January 25, 2011 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.	