



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: May 31, 2011

205 – 2951 Tillicum Road, Victoria

Present:

Bill Hustler, Carol Antoine, Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Rosemary Juszko, Kristen Kay, Bev Kissinger, Mike Langridge, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Patricia Wolchuk, Christine MacKenzie, for Manager Community Planning & Development; David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations.

Regrets: David Steeves, Michael Hayes, Kam Judge, Nigel Livingston

Guests: Sandra Robertson, CLBC Facilitator

AGENDA TOPICS	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<p>Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Motion to accept agenda by Mike Langridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Rosemary Juszko o Carried • Motion to adopt revised minutes of April 2011 meeting by Mary Emmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Sharon Sinclair o Carried
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<p>Introductions</p> <p>CLBC Staff Report</p>	<p>Christine MacKenzie, for Veronica Berlando (Manager Community Planning & Development)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff training event was held with upper and lower island staff – addressed topics such as community engagement, aboriginal issues, etc. • Upcoming workshop with facilitators and Veronica looking at regional, team and individual goals. Also, community engagement and what team can do. • CLBC is meeting with the Sooke School District to look at joint funding for transitioning youth. • QSO and CPD offices have new auxiliary staff. • Sheila and Brigitta (front staff at Wilson St.) are both retiring. • QSO office will be receiving training on new software, 'Upside', for making contracts more efficient. Paris is for case management and Upside is for contract management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question – Are you happy with the way things are preceding? General tone is more about how we can work more collaboratively and creatively and feel like we are supporting people. There are constraints, but we need to be creative. We are trying to do what we can, look at generic supports, connect parents to one another, etc. • Comment expressing concern about people waiting for services. Christine will request that Veronica bring Request for Service (RFS) numbers to next meeting. Will also ask for information around those with part funding, those approved but receiving no funding and aging parents waiting for funding. • Question - What about those whose services are reduced? There are individuals who don't have family or advocates there for them. BCACL and Jane Holland are connecting with many people. Need to identify if it's a problem. Bev will follow up with BCACL. Jane Holland and Alex MacCuaig are speaking to the Second Wave group on Thursday and that question can be asked. Bev and Kristen will put something together for the June 11th meeting.
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<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Membership & Planning – Bill Hustler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill is going with David and Mary to meeting on June 11th with Chairs and PAC members. • David is retiring from Chair position as of September. Encourage people to come forward to fill this role. • SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) exercise at 11th meeting. Give information to David if you want to pass anything on. SWOT then feeds the Strategic Plan. • Would like to see Board members encouraged to attend council meetings to get sense of what's happening in the field. • Denise Turner, CLBC Chair, has met with self advocates and families. <p>Communications – Roger Palmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report provided • Need to update information sheet – new members provide information to Roger. • Comment - would like to see biographies of the Council members. While this is seen as an additional project beyond the info sheet, which is meant to be a one page handout, the Council biographies on the CLBC website require updating. Keri will follow up with Caitlyn Sassaman. • Still need more photos (families and community) for the presentation backdrop – if you have some to contribute, ensure you have consent (form attached to report) and forward to the Communications Committee.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 4th Access Awareness Day • Looking for success stories for a Community Council book that will document examples of ‘reaching out’ and ‘successes’. • The Power of Knowing Each Other – resource book developed by CLBC and the Family Support Institute. Tells the stories of 12 BC families. Being launched in early June. <p>Self Advocates – Kristen Kay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video is completed and was signed off today by Caitlyn. Brian Salisbury viewed it today as well. Everyone who participated enjoyed the process. Hoping we may be able to view it at our half day planning meeting. • Mike attended the People First AGM and training session. He is also attending the Self Advocate Summit from June 15th-17th. • Question - What did self advocates feel about their meeting with Denise? They reported feeling heard, listened to. Kristen commented that it would be interesting to review with Council the minutes from the Focus Committee meeting that was held with self advocates. Perhaps at the planning session? <p>Families – Bev Kissinger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev and Carol met with Donna Goodwater - asked questions and talked about how to heighten awareness of aboriginal issues. Donna will support us in determining the number of people who are First Nations and receive support from CLBC in Victoria. She also encouraged the Committee to look at working with community groups around providing cultural sensitivity training. Could also look at profiling aboriginal committee members in The Citizen and perhaps adding an Aboriginal component to the One Day event (Saturday, Sept 10th). • Aboriginal Day is June 21st. • CLBC pamphlets - What are the languages in the pamphlets and are they being distributed in the community? • Meeting with families on the Saanich Peninsula will take place in September at the Panorama Recreation Centre. Veronica would like to be a part of the meeting. We may add a music component to bring people together. • Bill Hustler recently received the Community Legacy award from CLV.
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CLBC Staff Report	<p>David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David just returned from Vancouver where he attended an all day meeting with the CEO Network and CLAN, who represent union and non-unionized community living service providers in the province. This meeting is part of a negotiation process with CLBC that has been ongoing for well over a year around contract management practices and

	<p>CLBC’s ongoing relationship with contract service providers. Significant progress has been made in reaching agreement on a number of topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding this year’s budget, David Steeves had emailed asking about strategies being used for cost efficiencies and whether South Island is going to have to help out rest of province in reaching budget targets. This can be deferred until the next council meeting that David MacPherson attends. • Question - Would like a report back on good and bad things happening. How many people are transitioning? How many waiting for service? Is there funding available? • The process CLBC has been engaged in is to review contracts with our major services providers with a view to establish appropriate funding levels based on the disability related needs of the individuals. The development of new contract policies and tools, such as the Guide to Support Allocation (GSA) creates more equity in funding. It is a fair, transparent system. And David pointed out that many of these policies and tools were negotiated with or reviewed by the CEO Network and CLAN. Savings went into the spending target/plan in order to support more people in the community, not back to government. We found efficiencies in the system in order to meet the spending target, and this year we are expected to do the same. It has been a difficult but good exercise in terms of addressing historic funding inequities in the system. The ongoing review of contracts has now become a part of our regular work. • We have another status quo budget this year, but have growth in the budget related to youth transitioning, aging parents, etc. Need to make up through efficiencies. • In response to an earlier question, there is a working group with BCACL to document outcomes for people moving from group homes to home shares. • BCACL is also interested in families’ experience with the GSA. • Question - Once an individual is 65 and is receiving OAP rather than PWD, do they no longer get medical benefits? Sandra Robertson, CLBC Facilitator, will follow up. • David will be at the June 11th strategic planning meeting with the CLBC board and council chairs, and will attend the council’s strategic planning session on June 21st.
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New Business	Strategy for Strategic Planning Session with the Board on June 11 th – Will pass on info as we receive it.

Request for Input – Sharing Community Council Successes-

- Bill will discuss with David and get back to group.
- Comment – there are many stories, lots of information in our reports

Additional Information: An 83% strike vote that has gone through with social service agencies. There are many people in home shares that are dependent on day services, but what will happen? Good to think about in planning and moving forward. Each agency will need to determine what is deemed essential services.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 Moved Mary Emmond 2nd by Mike Langridge

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 21 Time: 1 – 5 pm Location: 205 – 2951 Tillicum Rd. Victoria, BC