



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: April 24, 2012

220 – 174 Wilson St. Victoria

Present:

Michael Hayes, Louise Doucet, Mary Emmond, Bill Hustler, Catriona Johnson, Kam Judge, Rosemary Juszko, Bev Kissinger, Michael Langridge, Kristen Kay, Sharon Sinclair, Veronica Berlando, CLBC Manager Community Planning and Development

Regrets:

Carol Antoine, Nigel Livingston

AGENDA TOPICS	
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Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Motion to accept agenda, as amended, by Mary Emmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Rosemary Juszko o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of March 2012, as amended, by Bev Kissinger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Catriona Johnson o Carried
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CLBC Staff Report	<p>Veronica Berlando, CLBC Manager of Community Planning and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keri will be following up with Council membership regarding overdue Criminal Record Checks - Have delegated Ananda Arthurs to work with local self advocates on CLBC information being available in medical offices. - Regarding the previous enquiry about communication taking place between the Provincial Aging Committee and the Families Committee, Mary Valeriotte (former SICC member) has accepted an invitation to be part of the Provincial Aging Committee. She will attend their meetings every six weeks and will report back to Veronica and/or Council. - Once the CLBC Operational and Regional Plans are complete we will look at how they work with the SICC work plan. - Nina Linguanti will attend the May meeting. What would council like as an update from her? Ideas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For new Council members, an overview/summary of QSO roles and responsibilities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Statistics: how many individuals are receiving individualized funding? Receiving Customized Employment? 3) An overview of the Request for Service List and budget 4) CLBC's goals for next year (re: DFR) 5) Question from Council: Could Home Share Coordinators receive training from CLBC in the area of investigations? This is identified as an area of vulnerability. People in these positions may not have experience interviewing people with disabilities or training in performing investigations. There is a concern that Home Share Coordinators do their own investigations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on updating reappointment forms for Council members.
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<p>Update from April 14th Meeting</p>	<p>Bill Hustler, Kristen Kay, Mary Emmond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary read a report to Council providing an overview of the meeting. - Issues discussed were: 1) How to improve communication and collaboration between Community Councils, Advisory Committee and CLBC Board and Staff 2) How to best support Community Councils to be successful in achieving their goals and 3) How to enhance the sustainability of Community Councils. - A Task Force is being put together to gather the information from the meeting and make a report of recommendations. - Overall was a positive meeting - Allison Bond's presentation was the highlight of the day. She is the lead on the project that will address 11 of the 12 recommendations made in the BC Government's 12-point plan to improve services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. - Pulling together a group of self advocates to pilot a tool that will be used to talk to self advocates. - Most Community Councils identified recruitment as one of their main concerns. - Bill provided copies of Michael's document to some of CLBC management staff, Ross Spina, etc. - There should be a report coming back. Task force will have 7 people. Task work is to be provided to the Board by July 31st. Board will deal with it at their following meeting. - Home share standards are conflicting with what CARF is asking. Meeting in May to discuss. - Question: Feeling not well served by PAC and not listened to by the Board has been the theme of Council meetings for the last few months.
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	<p>From the meeting, what is the sense of where this is going? Feels like message was loud and clear and confident in commitment from CLBC. Sense that some people are looking at Council's role changing significantly to a more advisory role to CLBC staff. Looking back at initial intent and Terms of Reference from beginning of Councils. Agree to sit back and see how process plays out from here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question: Should we be submitting our report to the Task Force? Agreed to send to each person on the Task Force. Keri and Michael will determine how and who to get it to. - Parent feedback from the meeting – felt more positive and optimistic afterwards. - Veronica – SICC needs to know how great it is. Felt that everyone at her table really heard the information re: communication. Main issue was trust and two way communication. Prepared to look at new guidelines around succession....maybe extending length of time on council. Don't want to see a mass turnover. - A Board member at Kristen's table said he would love an invitation to a SICC meeting. - Overall good feeling and feel encouraged that our work is recognized as having value. Can continue to go about our business feeling good.
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<p>Meeting with the Minister</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 45 minute meeting with Minister Cadieux is set for May 9th, 5 pm at the Legislature. The Minister's assistant recommended that Council try to keep the group small. - Bill Hustler shared notes with Council from his November meeting with the Minister. - Bill suggested that we provided some background information beforehand to avoid the time needed for introductions, etc. - Council needs to determine 1) How many/who is interested in attending and 2) what are our main issues to bring forward? - Michael Hayes (Acting Chair and parent), Veronica Berlando or David MacPherson as CLBC representative. - Issues: 1) membership of the Board (certain number of seats for families and self advocates) 2) acknowledge communication work being done 3) representation of service provider on PAC 3) what does she think SICC can do to support CLBC? 4) a few bullets about what is working for our Council. - What's working: Good support in local CLBC offices, good recruitment, creativity, know our community well and have an investment in the sustainability of council. - Maybe we all attend, but only a few people speak. Shows how much we are committed and appreciate time with her.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should we be asking about federal government connection? For example, tax deductions for families. Suggested that it should be put in writing, but not too much time spent on it at meeting. Memo asking Minister to consider discussion between provincial and federal governments. If considering broader issues, perhaps include PWD, etc. Leave with her as “things to consider”. - Veronica will need to send a briefing note to support the meeting. Get bullets to Veronica by Tuesday (May 1) to then be forwarded to Communications. - Continuum of services is lacking when moving from one province to another. Maybe identify provincial and federal issues. For example, employment centres – underfunded to support people with significant disabilities. - Michael will draft something and send out for comment. Will need a response by Monday, April 30th. Keri will send to Veronica. - Council will be receiving information from Keri over the next few days. One will be the briefing information going to Veronica and other will be information going to the Minister. - Indicated by email if you plan to attend. Only one or two will speak. - Invite Allison Bond’s committee to meet with SICC.
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karen Van Rheenen has expressed an interest in joining the SICC. Information on Karen’s background and experience was distributed with the meeting package. - Motion by Bev Kissinger to nominate Karen for membership with the SICC. Seconded by Mary Emmond, unanimously carried. - Michael Hayes is currently in the role of Acting Chair, and is prepared to chair the meetings until the end of June. He is hopeful that in September others will fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. <p>Communications Committee: Rosemary Juszko (minutes provided)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The list of council members and the SICC information sheet will be updated as new membership is confirmed. - Member biographies are being updated for the CLBC website. - Family pictures are lacking for the display board. Please provide some if possible – action shots are great☺ - Sharon attended the Intermunicipal Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (IACDI) meeting (handout provided). This may be one way of making a connection with the West Shore Community and potential new council members.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SICC Strategic Planning Meeting – would it make sense to hold it in September? The CLBC Operational and Regional plans are probably more set by then. It may be beneficial to pull out last year’s plan in June to review. Agreed by those present to hold off until September. - Kam Judge will present on the Indo Canadian culture at the May meeting of SICC. - Jule Hopkins will attend the June meeting and update us on the Ageing research. - Looking at the idea of getting together with the other Vancouver Island Community Council. <p>Self Advocates Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primarily information from April 14th meeting (above). - Mary is going to Burnaby for People First Conference in May. <p>Families Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heard from Doug Woollard and Denise Turner in Naramata. - Michael Prince discussion was well attended. Very stimulating. Message was that we need to keep advocating. - Quality of Life project – need input – Wed. May 2 (poster distributed) - Going to meet with Veronica to determine where we are going with the Family forums in the next year. - Kam is inviting someone from the Victoria Immigration Refugee Society to speak with the Families Committee.
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New Business	<p>Electronic Communication Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a lack of communication amongst councils. Looking at ways for councils to share information, support one another, etc. Suggested by Michael that given there is a task force to address communication, perhaps we would like to put together a paragraph and request that the group give consideration to it as part of their process. Catriona will put something together and it will be appended to Michael’s document. <p>Question: Could we invite a local board member to attend one of our meetings? Perhaps for Community Living month in October? Kristen will initiate informally now, with a more formal follow up later.</p>
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm	Moved by Mary Emmond	Seconded by Sharon Sinclair
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NEXT MEETING

Date: May 29 th	Time: 5:30 pm	Location: 220 – 174 Wilson St.
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