

Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting
March 12, 2013
Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford
Time: 6:00pm

PRESENT: Sylvia Dirks (vice-chair), Jerry Laidlaw, Kathy MacDonald, Brenda Gillette, Bryce Shaufelberger, Dan Collins, Donalda Madsen, Kerry Lawson (minutes) (minutes)

REGRETS: Maggie Metcalfe, Dawn Robertson

GUESTS: Jai Birdi (acting regional director, CLBC)

Agenda Topics			
Topic	Discussion		
Review of agenda	Additions to agenda: Employment Initiative, Employment Opportunities Society. Agenda with additions accepted by Bryce, seconded by Donalda. All approved.		
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Review of minutes, dated February 5, 2013	It was noted that the regional director positions for both the Frasers and Vancouver Coastal/Island will be confirmed this Friday. Minutes accepted by Brenda, seconded by Jerry. All approved.		
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Family Governance, Individualized Funding, Microboards presentation	The Chilliwack session was held on February 20, 2013. Due to a family emergency, Linda Perry was unable to present and was replaced by Jeanette Holder. The presentation was not as informative or as interested as the one held in Langley/Aldergrove. There were a number of unhappy families who attended and were vocal about the lack of services they were receiving.		
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Power of Planning Workshop	Dawn and Kerry met with Shelley Nessman, Spectrum Society, on February 20, 2013 re: the possibility of her presenting on the importance of planning. Shelley is interested and was to get back to the council as to possible dates and outline of presentation.		
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	Follow up with Shelley	Kerry	April 2, 2013
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Frasers Self Advocate Conference	The self advocate conference held on March 7, 2013 in Langley was successful. There were about 70 participants. The event focused on health and safety and on budgets. The food, venue		

	<p>and presenters were excellent. The planning committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks to review the event and to make recommendations for next year's event. One of those recommendations will be to send out the invites in a more timely manner.</p> <p>There was discussion on safety on line and it was noted that individuals can have free access to Tyze (through the Langley Association for Community Living or Chilliwack Society for Community Living) or Lots of Helping Hands.</p>
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Community Living BC Update (Kerry and Jai)	<p>There is an increase in the number of individuals eligible for Community Living BC who have concurrent challenges such a mental health and addictions. The current treatment centres do not address a person's development disabilities and may of those centres do not accept individuals if they are under the CLBC banner. Talks are beginning to take place between CLBC and Health and Substance Use to see if something can be accomplished to bridge this gap in service.</p> <p>If Jai Birdi is successful in his application as regional director in the Frasers, it was noted that Bob Youssef's acting position as quality service manager, and Shelby Goerzen's acting position as senior contract analyst will need to be posted.</p> <p>The Frasers have a positive relationship with their Health colleagues but it is recognized that linkaged to Healoth need to be strengthened Provincially.</p> <p>CLBC has not had any cuts to funding. It is unclear how future growth will be addressed. Government is willing to work with CLBC on where the stressors are.</p>
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Council Chair teleconference update	<p>On behalf of Maggie Metcalfe, Sylvia Dirks participated on the Provincial council chair teleconference on February 28, 2013. The concern that there is duplication reporting between the PAC meetings and the newly established council chair calls. It was noted on the call that PAC only meets four time per year and that the council chairs will be involved on a monthly basis. It is the Board's way of keeping councils more informed than previously. The council chair calls also help the chairs to check in with one another on a regular basis.</p> <p>The concern of what is meant in the terms of reference that</p>

	<p>councils will act in an advisory role still needs to be addressed by CLBC.</p> <p>Bryce has requested that the issue of the self advocate advisor role be re-evaluated as many self advocated feel that there should be a self advocate in that role and that the current advisor would act as a support to the self advocate.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th> <th>Person</th> <th>Deadline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>To raise this concern to the Board</td> <td>Kerry/Jai Birdi</td> <td>April 2, 2013</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Person	Deadline	To raise this concern to the Board	Kerry/Jai Birdi	April 2, 2013
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Housing Issues (Bryce)	<p>Bryce has sent letters to Mark Dawes, Randy Hodge, and Rich Coleman to push the issue of a lack of affordable housing in Mission forward. The letters went out about two weeks ago but here has been no response. Bryce, with the assistance of Linda Perry, has the stats for rentals in Mission. He noted that there is a building in Mission (Pleasant View) which is vacant. HOMES is considering purchasing it.</p> <p>The self advocates in Mission presented their concerns to the Mayor of Mission. They have now been asked to do a presentation to City council.</p> <p>Bryce, on behalf of self advocates, has also be pushing for increased in PWD rates. Dr. Stilwell states that there is no money available to provide any increases. Bryce, on a personal note, is trying to get the supplements he requires due to diet restrictions covered and is still waiting to hear outcome.</p> <p>December 4th, 2012: this date will be the council Christmas Part</p>
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To send a copy of letter and responses from MLAs to community council	Bryce	April 2, 2013
To determine how many individuals are supported by CLBC in Mission	Kerry	April 2, 2013

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Giving in Action update	Dan, who sits on the committee for Giving in Action, informed Council that the Ministry of Social Development has provided a
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	<p>\$2 million dollar grant to Giving in Action, a service that financially assists families to purchase needed specialized equipment, vehicles and home renovations in order to keep their individual at home. The \$2 million will enable the committee to support families at least into 2014. The committee is trying to get ongoing dollars budget lined into MSD's budget.</p>							
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Employment Initiative/Employment Action Plan (Dan and Jai)	<p>Dan and Jack Styan (Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, CLBC) co-chair the employment initiative project. The employment Action plan just came out yesterday – it is forty four pages long. It is an action plan that is measureable. It was recommended that the plan also have a plain language version.</p> <p>Dan outlined the two day summit that helped formulate the plan. The summit included CLBC, MSD, service provider, family, self advocate and employer reps. Out of the summit, the following themes arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to build confidence among all stakeholders • The cultural attitude needs to shift: even within the community living sector, there is resistance to change and disbelief • The need to navigate the transitions – the school leaver, youth to adulthood (24 yrs to 28 yrs) <p>The plan speaks to an employment first agenda not an employment only agenda. The employment initiative will be piloted in three quality service regions: Simon Fraser, Thompson/Caribou and Upper Island. \$100,000 will be given to each pilot region to assist with the initiative. Focus will be on transitioning youth who should straight into employment. The selected regions have to come up with an organizational plan with specific targets.</p> <p>There will be a review of CLBC's policies right up to contracting to look at what are the barriers and what are not. CLBC is also looking at its own Human Resources policies around hiring people with disabilities.</p> <p>MSD is committed to continue to fund the employment initiative over the next two years. Discussion is taking place on how this initiative aligns with WorkBC. There is a meeting next Friday with Alison Bond and CLBC to discuss this concern.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th> <th>Person</th> <th>Deadline</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>To send link of employment action plan to council</td> <td>Bryce</td> <td>April 2, 2013</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Action	Person	Deadline	To send link of employment action plan to council	Bryce	April 2, 2013
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	To follow through on a plain language version of the employment action plan	Dan, as co chair of the employment initiative	
Next Meetings	Tuesday, April 2, 2013 Tuesday, May 7, 2013		