

Upper Fraser Community Council Meeting

Date: October 20, 2011

Address: Garden Towers, Abbotsford

Time: 6:00pm

Present: Sylvia Dirks, Dawn Robertson, Maggie Metcalfe, Cathy Bonnett, Brenda Gillette, Bryce Schaufelberger, Heidi Schneider, Kerry Lawson, Patty Braun, Tiffany McCurdy (minutes)

Regrets: Kathie Mac Donald, Cheryl Lewis, Jerry Laidlaw

Agenda Topics			
Topic	Discussion		
Review of agenda and previous minutes dated June 14, 2011	Minutes accepted by Heidi Schneider, seconded by Sylvia Dirks, all approved. Agenda accepted by Heidi Schneider, seconded by Dawn Robertson, all approved.		
Topic	Discussion		
Community Living BC Update (Kerry)	<p>Independent PR to be hired.</p> <p>CLBC Managers are expected to fill out an issues matrix identifying families who may go to their local MLA or to the media - which is to be submitted every Friday by noon. CLBC has been a hot topic in the legislative assembly. Two MLA's have recently sided with the NDP's. It is important to recognize families and self-advocates are pushing for change.</p> <p>Two staff in the Upper Fraser Region on currently on sick leave. When times are stressful tension is elevated between facilitators and analysts, also between agencies and CLBC.</p> <p>CLBC is based on a business model – particularly the work of analysts – a family perspective is needed. Discussion arose regarding: families in the media and circumstances surrounding Evergreen cottages.</p> <p>Jessica Humphrey is the new self-advocate advisor. Concern was expressed that the self-advocate advisor is not a self-advocate. Brian Salsbury was the one to make the decision in regards to the new advisor.</p>		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Express concern to provincial level	Dawn	November 17, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Transition Information (Brenda)	<p>“Bridge” Chilliwack Society for Community Living’s transition service project is underway. Funding was approved as of January 2011. Referrals started March 2011. The program can have up to 25 individuals enrolled at a time. As of May 2011 there were 12 people enrolled. As of October 3, 2011 there are 45 people enrolled.</p> <p>There is a phasing in and out transition process for the program.</p> <p>*Note – there is a family focused forum. A chat room has been set up and 28 youth have participated thus far. Eighteen youth have gone onto “Ties” transition website. Brenda stated that very few families want to engage in the planning process – reasons being time consumption and</p>		

	<p>the belief that the involved planning is premature. Natalie is the manager and there are two program directors. Job prep, food safe training and first aid training are three components of the program. Individuals who complete their time in Bridge will received a certificate of completion and those who do not complete the program will receive a certificate of participation. Jobs have already arisen out of the program. Those involved in organizing the program are currently looking for curriculum that is work based. On December 2, PLAN is doing an advocacy workshop as training is needed for families.</p>		
Topic	Discussion		
Review of community council work plan	Family Focus Conference planned for October/November of 2012 which will be heavily subsidized through fundraising. The conference will be held in Langley for a cost of \$50 for every individual attending.		
Topic	Discussion		
Next steps with work plan	<p>Family forum hosted in each community: Langley - Transition Meeting - Tax Detective Abbotsford - Transition Meeting - RDSP Event Chilliwack - Transition Meeting - Tax Detective ??</p> <p>Transition proposal - Langley Association. Asking questions such as: what transition work is being done? Langley school work experience program called "Discovery" as well as "Partners in Employment" exist in the community. Can anything be built upon? Are there gaps? What are service providers doing for transition?</p>		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Research: ask service provides what they are doing in regards to transitioning youth.	Patty	November 17, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Next steps continued...	<p>David Pasko connected with Youth Unlimited. Cost of \$400-\$500 for full day services 5 days a week. Trinity Western University have an office where students can provide counselling.</p>		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Invite David Pasko to next community council meeting	Kerry	November 17, 2011
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Bring discussion regarding: Imagine Ministries and transition	Maggie	November 17, 2011

	in Langley to LACL Board of Directors		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Elderly – stats on demographics of those 55+ attending day programs	Patty	November 17, 2011
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Follow up with Jule & Kim in regards to Forum on Ageing	Kerry	November 17, 2011
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Email families who attended Tax Detective for survey	Tiffany	November 17, 2011
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Member for provincial advisory needed	Family member or self advocate has all expenses paid. Jerry Laidlaw would be interested if Cheryl Lewis is unable to attend.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Maggie to follow up with Cheryl Lewis	Maggie	November 17, 2011
Topic	Discussion		
Book: The Boy in the Moon	The author will be coming to speak through an event held by BCACL.		
	Action	Person Responsible	Deadline
	Contact author to inquire about a speaking engagement	Kerry	November 17, 2011
Adjournment			
8:35pm			
Next Meeting			
November 17, 2011; 6:00pm at Garden Towers, Abbotsford			
December 15, 2011; 6:00pm at Garden Towers, Abbotsford			