



South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: February 22, 2010

220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria

Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Mary Emmond, Carol Antoine, Rosemary Juszko, Mary Valeriotte, Bev Kissinger, Sharon Bearpark, Michael Hayes, Kristen Kay, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development.

Regrets:

Louise Doucet, Roberta Scott, Roger Palmer, Sharon Sinclair, Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager; David McPherson, Director of Regional Operations

Guests:

Jessica Humphrey, Sylvie Zebroff

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 • Motion to accept agenda by Bev Kissinger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Rosemary Juszko o Carried • Motion to adopt minutes of January 26, 2010 meeting by Mary Valeriotte <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seconded: Mary Emmond o Carried
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Introductions: Jessica Humphrey, Director of Community Development, STEPS Forward Sylvie Zebroff – Family Partnership Advisor, CLBC	Presentation by Jessica Humphrey, STEPS Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It is becoming a growing priority for families that full inclusion for their child continues beyond the Kindergarten through Grade 12 years. STEPS Forward provides opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in post secondary education programs in the same way that their peers often choose. Currently students are attending programs at UVic, UBC, Emily Carr University of Art and UBC (Okanagan Campus). o The idea of STEPS Forward is that each individual would follow the natural dynamic of regular student life. Their experience should parallel the undergraduate experience. This includes auditing classes, participating in co-op programs, building peer relationships, participating in campus life and finding meaningful summer employment. Inclusive post secondary education is viewed as the jumping off point to the next step in adult life.

- The mandate of STEPS Forward is that relationships be built with post secondary institutions, and that support required for each student to succeed be “embedded” within the post secondary environment. A large part of their work is “building the capacity of the community”, so that support from STEPS staff can fade out and be replaced by natural supports such as professors, other students, librarians, recreation centre staff, etc.
- STEPS Forward has been in existence for 10 years, and has been funded primarily by the Ministry for Advanced Education, with grants and fundraising filling funding gaps. Funding is an ongoing concern, and they are currently working towards a joint initiative between CLBC and the Ministry of Advanced Education. Pilot projects with CLBC are new this year.
- Emphasis continues to be placed on focusing on outreach and building relationships with other institutions. Michael Hayes expressed an interest in assisting to establish a relationship with Simon Fraser University.
- A handout was provided and can be found in the meeting minutes binder.
- A video presentation, based on inclusive post secondary education in Alberta, was shown.

Presentation by Sylvie Zebroff, Family Partnership Advisor, CLBC:

- The impetus behind Sylvie’s position is to help CLBC become more family friendly and build families’ resilience and capacity. She serves as a bridge between families and CLBC.
- Sylvie meets with families, councils, managers and staff – observations from these parties helps CLBC to identify successes, barriers and areas requiring improvement.
- Themes/areas requiring attention that have been identified include: 1) the transition process for individuals moving from their teenage to adult years, 2) the Personalized Support Initiative (PSI) – eligibility, 3) planning – how to do this best, 4) senior parents – what do their support needs look like?, 5) regional issues – what are other families, councils, etc doing?
- On Wednesday, March 17th Sylvie and Shelley Nessman (CLBC Self Advocate Advisor) are facilitating an event entitled “You , Me and CLBC”. It will take place at the UVic Faculty Club at 6:30 pm. They will provide information as to what CLBC does and opportunities for discussion and networking.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sylvie’s quarterly report, in which she will identify themes and ideas that she has been hearing from different communities, will be available through a link on the CLBC website. Bill suggested that it would be beneficial to have a section on the CLBC website that is specifically for families. ○ In regards to information sharing, Michael noted that it would be helpful to meet with other community council members. Stephen Russell, who will be attending the next SICC meeting, was identified as someone who may be able to assist in this process. 						
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CLBC Staff Reports	<p>Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David McPherson, Brian Salisbury and Lesley attended a Second Wave meeting (Transition Group lead by Arlene Zuckernick & Catriona Johnson) – it was an excellent meeting and well attended. • Personalized Support Initiative (PSI)- at this point six individuals have been confirmed eligible, which is the highest number in the province. More referrals are coming in all the time. • At the last meeting Bev had commented that profiles included in the PSI handout misrepresented people with FASD. Bev has since spoken with Jacinta Eni and these profiles will be rewritten once “real life” examples can be taken from individuals receiving support through PSI. • Lesley is unable to attend meetings in March and April, but another CLBC representative will attend in her place. • WOW! CLBC Recognition Award – WOW stands for “Widening our World”. This award is given to individuals who have done exceptional things to foster “good lives in welcoming communities”. Lesley asked the community council for support in nominating individuals for the award and/or being part of the selection committee. Awards will be given in four areas: self advocate, family member, community partner and service provider. The nomination form can be found on the CLBC website under “What We Do” and nominations will be accepted until April 4, 2010. The awards will be presented at a regional forum in May 2010. Bev indicated that she would like to be part of the selection committee. 						
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Committee Reports	<p>Membership & Planning Committee – David Steeves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report attached • Reminder to subcommittees to get your budget requests in as soon as possible. • Roberta Scott – David has received notification from Roberta Scott that she is resigning from the Community Council. Bill Hustler asked to say a few words to the Council in this 						

regard. He noted that Roberta has been a part of the council since the beginning, thanked her for her participation and all that she has done over the years.

- Moved by Bill Hustler that Roberta be thanked for her participation in the Community Council
 - Seconded by Michael Hayes
 - Motion carried.
- The M&P Committee met last week to discuss the issue of CLBC Board renewal. The turnover of board members is approaching and SICC needs to do what it can to find suitable candidates in this geographic area to put their nomination forward for participation on the board.
- Council members are asked to pass names of potential candidates to Bill. It is important to find people who fit the criteria, but who also understand our position.
- Website for Public Appointment Policy Guidelines is www.fin.gov.bc.ca/brdo/appoint/index.asp
- The question of how in the future self advocates could get on the board was raised. No clear answer was provided. No one seems to know. Perhaps a good question to ask Stephen Russell when he comes on March 30th (see below).
- M&P has asked David McPherson to contact Doug Woollard to get the names and email addresses of other community council chairs, as it is important to have the capacity to correspond with the other councils from time to time.
- Spring planning session – it is suggested that a significant amount of time at our upcoming planning session be dedicated to exploring ways to make our Councils and PAC more strategic. A review of our recently changed Terms of Reference for both may be in order.
- March 30th Meeting – Stephen Russell has been invited to attend and address the new landscape in terms of board relationships with both PAC and Councils.
- Annual reports – Each committee is asked to get their reports (highlights only) to Keri by June 15, 2010.

Communications Committee – Rosemary Jusko

- Written report attached
- Facebook has been identified as a possible tool for communication to take place between families. The Communications Committee and Family Committee may work jointly on this – it will be discussed at the next Communications meeting.

Self Advocacy Committee – Mary Emmond & Kristen Kay

- Written report attached
- Mary reviewed the Self Advocacy minutes

- Michael Langridge will be applying for a position on the SICC
- Globe & Mail and “Start with Hi” campaign – As noted in the committee minutes, Michael, Mary and 10 other self advocates will be handing out free copies of the Globe & Mail newspaper (with “Start with Hi” information and handouts) at several community locations on the morning of Wed. February 24th. Lesley identified what a huge undertaking it was to coordinate such an effort, and commended Kristen for doing a great job.
- Mary & Kristen will be attending their first meeting of the PAC on March 31st – each subcommittee is asked to put together a brief report (one or two highlights/bullets) of what they’ve been doing and provide this to David and Keri. The information will be put into report form and distributed to council prior to Mary and Kristen taking it to the meeting.
- Possible agenda items for the PAC meeting were discussed: 1) Board membership – if no self advocate, then what? 2) Building a strong board.

Family Committee – Bev Kissinger

- Written report attached
- Held a committee meeting today. Sylvie Zebroff attended the meeting and also met with some family members. The committee and Sylvie will be connecting on an ongoing basis.
- First Nations Consultation – CLBC is hosting a meeting in Duncan that will provide an opportunity to hear from aboriginal families. Carol Antoine and Bev Kissinger will attend.
- Salt Spring Island Meet and Greet will take place April 29th.
- Support Worker Central (www.supportworkercentral.com) is a website managed by the Family Support Institute and funded by CLBC. Its role is to connect individuals, families and agencies with support workers.
- Vocyl (Victoria opportunities for community youth leadership) – jointly managed by Community Living Victoria (CLV) and CanAssist – handout provided and available in meeting minutes binder.
- Building Bridges: Planning for the Future of Your Child with Special Needs - A Forum for Families and Service Providers August 17-19, 2010 – handout provided and available in meeting minutes binder. For more information go to www.canassist.ca.
- Mary Valeriotte noted that they are pleased with Sylvie’s appointment as Family Partnership Advisor as it lets them know that CLBC is listening to families.

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Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Hustler – shared with council how impressed he was with the Temple Grandin movie and recommended that others view it if given the opportunity. He noted that it explains autism very well. • Michael Hayes – Thanked everyone for changing the meeting day so he could attend tonight. 		
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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm Moved by Sharon Bearpark 2 nd by Michael Hayes			
NEXT MEETING			
Date: March 30, 2010 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: 220 – 4460 Chatterton Way, Victoria, B.C.			
FUTURE MEETING DATES: April 27, May 25 & June 29			