



Vancouver Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 24th, 2021
MS Teams
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Annie, Spencer, Sienna, Sara, Vanessa, James, Hallie

Guests: Nadine Dedes

Regrets: Aileen, Bruce, John, Vicki, Calum, Warren and Menwoh

Minutes: Namgay

Agenda topics

Agenda Item 1: **Welcome and Introductions (Spencer)**

Spencer welcomed all the members on-board. There was a brief check in and introduction of council members. Nadine Dedes was the guest for the evening. Everyone welcomed her.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Spencer

N/A

Agenda Item 2: **Approval of the previous meeting- Spencer**

Spencer went through the minutes of the previous meeting and the council members approved it.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Spencer

N/A

Agenda Item 3: Recap of open board meeting - Spencer

Spencer gave some recap of the open board meeting. Board meeting started with a question from the public, which was how is CLBC going to open up more housing for people with developmental disabilities. In 2022 January, CLBC will be meeting with BC Housing to plan for group homes and independent living opportunities.

Provincial Advisory Council chair mentioned some concerns on how mandatory vaccine affecting families and self advocates. With some care workers quitting because of the new health policy so some self advocates are being left without support. She wanted the board to address what might be done to help people in this situation.

Provincial Advisory Council chair also mentioned that self advocates and families are finding it extremely difficult to cover the costs of living and rent with such little financial support.

There were also comments from the Indigenous Advisory Council chair Neo Boulanger, who's also the CEO of Beacons, there is a lot of work on indigenous disability issues, so they're currently developing reconciliation plans and strategy which will be unveiled in March, and they are doing ongoing work on making CLBC's offices, more welcoming to indigenous people.

Spencer mentioned that Vanessa was officially appointed as PAC member.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Spencer	N/A

Agenda Item 4: Presentation – Nadine Dedes		
<p>Nadine Dedes is CLBC’s Quality Assurance Practice consultant for the Vancouver Coastal regions. She gave a quick presentation on what she does at CLBC.</p> <p>Nadine has been with CLBC since 2015. Her work focusses on what people would complain about CLBC and their access to services, and funded services and dealing with them. Adhering to CLBC’s internal policies and practice guidelines while working with families and individuals and be administratively fair when making decisions about people and what kind of services that they may get.</p> <p>Nadine is also very involved in the welcome workshops and currently she is doing a project right now with ISS-Immigration Services Society called Digital Literacy. She also organizes orientations for new staff.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Nadine Dedes	N/A

Agenda Item 5: Holiday brainstorming (ways we can make a difference)		
<p>Council members brainstormed on how to make a difference this this Christmas. People are feeling isolated and alone and they just need to know some sort of support or extra encouragement.</p> <p>James will be getting in touch with Sherry Shaghghi who is the analyst for Chalmers Lodge and collect all names so that Council can drop off a Christmas card for them. Hallie will be dropping off blank card and James will coordinate it to be signed and dropped off to the Vancouver office & Noreen will collect them to deliver it to Chalmers Lodge. Picture of the council members will be included in the card and that will also be included in CLBC newsletter.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
	James/Hallie/Noreen	Dec 16, 2021.

Next Regional Team Meeting: January 26th, 2022 Please invite James White through his personal email address at jamesdwhite31@yahoo.com