



Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting

September 19, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MS Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Provincial Advisory Committee Members:

Debbie Moore, *Chair, North Okanagan/Shuswap*
Lynne Picard, Simon Fraser

Crystal Ann Bermel, Kootenays
Kara Anderson, Central Island

Teresa Peters, South Central Okanagan
Charlene Barney, South Island
Tony Cuglietta, Thompson Cariboo
Tim Windle, Upper Fraser

Community Council Guests

Akshay Sachdeva, Surrey/Delta/White Rock
Vicki Wang, Vancouver
Jordan McGregor, North Shore Sunshine Coast

CLBC Board:

Jake Anthony
Onkar Biring
Simon Philp

CLBC Staff:

Ross Chilton, Chief Executive Officer
Jack Styan, Vice President Strategic Services
Randy Schmidt, ED Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Zainum Bahadshah, Manager Facilities & Workplace Solutions
Gwen-Miller Watt, Integrated Service Manager, Thompson-Cariboo
Jessica Humphrey, Self Advocate Advisor

Minutes prepared by:

Jeffrey Bernasor, Acting Supervisor of Admin Services, Head Office

1. Welcome

Debbie Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and acknowledged the Indigenous traditional territories the respective meeting participants are located. Debbie welcomed the guests and members.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 1, 2020 meeting was reviewed.

Motion

Kara Anderson, duly SECONDED by Teresa Peters moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2020 meeting. CARRIED

Introductions and check-in

A roundtable of introductions was carried out. It was noted that the new MS Teams Meeting platform opened up doors for connecting people.

2. Update on CLBC COVID response

Ross Chilton, CLBC CEO provided the following updates on what CLBC is doing to respond to COVID-19:

- CLBC is working with service providers and health leaders to adapt and deliver safe supports to individuals and their families;
- Working with community partners like the Family Support Institute, Vela Canada, Plan, BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) and Inclusion BC so people and families have the support and information they need;
- Strengthening the communication with individuals and families through the weekly CLBC COVID-19 Individual and Family Update;
- Hosting regular teleconferences with individuals and families;
- And having a plain language section, including a Support and Connection Toolkit and mental health resource section on the CLBC website.

Ross also informed members about the Economic Recovery Grant Announcement where Provincial Government will provide \$10M to CLBC to support people get back to work. CLBC will partner with Inclusion BC for the management of the funds. Employment counsellors will be hired and training on the better use of information technology for those who opted to work from home would be organized.

3. Resiliency of Individuals and Families Project Presentation and Feedback

There was a project presentation entitled “Helping Isolated People & Caregivers Stay Well and Carry on in COVID-19”. The Resiliency project recognized the big role that families, home share providers and agencies play in order for people to stay well and carry on in the pandemic. The

project focuses on people who live on their own and those caring for someone at home because of the unique risks they face in the pandemic and because many have no or limited regular supports. CLBC is collaborating with many leaders and organizations on this project. The project will hear people's situations and determine what would help them.

There was a roundtable sharing of experiences on the impact of the pandemic, especially to those who are living on their own or as a family member supporting a family member at home.

5. Reimagining Community Inclusion Initiative Update and Feedback

A PowerPoint presentation on Re-Imagining Community Inclusion was done. The process was started by Minister Shane Simpson in 2018. The undertaking aims to enable people to direct their own lives and enhance quality of life in the areas of Inclusive Housing, Employment, Services for Indigenous Peoples Self-Defined/Determined, and Health and Well-being. Working groups are being established for each of these areas.

6. Board Report and Discussion

The Board Members that were in attendance joined the group to listen to the supports that the community councils and families need. The PAC was represented by Debbie Moore during the Open Board Meeting. The members were reminded to bring the concerns of their respective community councils to the PAC meeting (liaison role). The PAC is a key way for the CLBC Board to hear directly from the people served by CLBC.

7. Community Inclusion Month*

The Community Inclusion Month celebration plans to bring public awareness about inclusion. The Communications team proposed to send messages to families and community councils with a couple of requests: First, to ask City Councils to recognize and proclaim the month of October as Community Inclusion Month and; Second, to take the opportunity to remind people to get connected to the people we serve.

The Widening Our World (WOW) Awards will be given to eight (8) winners – people and organizations that have been creative in making their communities more inclusive. As to inclusive housing, CLBC was working on a research project with Inclusion BC, a draft report was prepared. CLBC also worked with individuals for the tools on their housing needs.

A video entitled “Key to Home” was promoted for inclusive housing. It can be used as a resource for the councils. The video would be rolled out in October and be launched in November 2020.

Groups like Family Support Institute, BC People First, among others have virtual meetings to connect individuals and families during the pandemic.

(January 2021 Note: Following this Sept. presentation, the government announced an election which prevented CLBC from publicly promoting Community Inclusion Month, due to government election communication restrictions).

8. Closing and next meeting date

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked everyone's attendance and participation and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M. The next PAC meeting is set on January 23, 2021.