



NEWS RELEASE

COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE INSIDE VOICE TO CLBC

Vancouver, February 27, 2007 – Family members and people with developmental disabilities now have a greater opportunity to influence Community Living BC (CLBC) decisions, thanks to a newly created advisory committee.

Today, the Advisory Committee to the CLBC Board of Directors is meeting with the board for the first time. The meeting will help members learn more about CLBC, the board and the role of the committee.

The committee is comprised of four family members and four people with a developmental disability – more commonly known as self-advocates. It will provide the board of directors with a provincial point of view on activities of the agency, including stakeholder satisfaction, service effectiveness, policy and planning recommendations and the exploration of long-range issues that may impact CLBC. They will then make recommendations to the board.

“This committee is the fulfillment of a commitment made by CLBC’s Board of Directors to provide ongoing and active community participation,” said Lois Hollstedt, CLBC board chair. “Partnerships among individuals, families, communities, governments, service providers and the business sector are vital to meeting the needs of people with developmental disabilities.”

Members of the committee, which is a requirement of the Community Living Authority Act, are representative of CLBC’s nine quality service areas. CLBC is still seeking a self-advocate representative from the Upper Fraser area and an Aboriginal family member representative. The terms of reference and application form are posted on [CLBC’s website](#).

Community Living BC is the Crown agency responsible for providing support and services to people with developmental disabilities, children with special needs and their families in British Columbia. It has a board of self-advocates, family and community members, as well as staff located throughout the province. It believes that people with developmental disabilities and their families know best when it comes to their needs, goals and planning for the future.

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BACKGROUND

| Quality Service Area | Name, Location and Role |
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| Central & Upper Island | Jackie Hampton – Port Alberni – Self-Advocate |
| South Island | Bill Hustler – Victoria – Family Member |
| Vancouver Coastal | Norah Flaherty – Vancouver – Family Member |
| Surrey/Delta/Richmond | Frances Flynn – Ladner – Self-Advocate |
| Simon Fraser | Laurie Geschke – Maple Ridge – Family Member |
| Upper Fraser | VACANT |
| Southern Interior | Darryl Harrand – Kelowna – Self-Advocate |
| Northern Interior | Ted Dekker – Salmon Arm – Self-Advocate |
| North | Lorna Dittmar – Prince George – Family Member |
| Aboriginal Representative | VACANT |