



## South Island Community Council Meeting

Date: November 24, 2009

Location: Becon Support Services  
1 – 3891 Douglas St. Victoria

### Present:

David Steeves (Chair), Bill Hustler, Mary Emmond, Roberta Scott, Carol Antoine, Rosemary Juszko, Mary Valeriote, Roger Palmer, Bev Kissinger, Sharon Bearpark, Sharon Sinclair, Michael Hayes, Kristen Kay, Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning & Development, David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations.

### Regrets:

Nina Linguanti, QSO Manager, Louise Doucet

### Guests:

Arlene Zuckernick, Catriona Johnson, Lynn Rolko, Mike Langridge

## AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Introductions & Presentation by Becon Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order</li> <li>• Introductions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keri Herle, new administrative assistant for the SICC</li> <li>○ Mike Langridge – involved with Becon Support Services, may be interested in sitting on SICC at some point</li> <li>○ Lynn Rolko – long history in the community living field, involved in the formation of CLBC – asked to attend meeting to provide insight into recent developments in regards to rewording of Community Living Authority Act and eligibility for seats on the CLBC Board.</li> <li>○ Arlene Zuckernick &amp; Catriona Johnson – both are parents of children with developmental disabilities and have formed the Victoria Transition Group to assist in transitioning youths to adult services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presentation by Kristen Kay of Becon Support Services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Becon Support Services provides residential, day services and outreach support to 55+ children, youth and adults. Their services are individualized and aim to connect those they support with their community. The Becon network includes a self advocate group, family council and Committee for Quality Improvement. They are funded by CLBC, MCFD and VIHA. Handouts, including a copy of their newsletter, which provide greater detail of the services they provide, can be found in the meeting minutes binder. Council members commented on the value of becoming acquainted with agencies such as Becon, and that doing more of this in the future</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	would be beneficial.		
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Acceptance of the current agenda and approval of last meeting minutes	<p>Motion to accept agenda by Mary Emmond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Seconded: Sharon Sinclair</li> <li>o Carried</li> </ul> <p>Motion to adopt minutes of October 27, 2009 by Bill Hustler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Seconded: Sharon Bearpark</li> <li>o Carried</li> </ul>		
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CLBC Staff Reports	<p>David MacPherson, Director of Regional Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some refocusing is taking place around the agency serving only adults</li> <li>• Teambuilding and reconfiguring taking place</li> <li>• There will be some changes in staff roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Facilitators will be the primary point of contact – looking at what that means</li> <li>o Facilitators will have authority to approve some funding</li> <li>o Staff working more collaboratively – complimentary roles, collocated offices in some areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• David would like to know from involved parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Is system making more sense?</li> <li>o Is follow-up more forthcoming</li> <li>o Feedback</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Lesley Lambert, Manager Community Planning &amp; Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded eligibility position – both applicants withdrew – may post as an external position</li> <li>• Transition specialists – need to focus on who does what, need to figure out the interconnection with MCFD</li> <li>• May look at developing a transition package – this may be something the Victoria Transition Group could look at</li> <li>• 1 facilitator position remains vacant</li> <li>• Moves have taken place and gone well</li> <li>• Have gone from 15 staff to 10</li> <li>• Staff roles – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Plans completed without the involvement of a facilitator will go to Lesley’s office and will be reviewed by a facilitator for completion. Quality Service will assign an analyst – currently plans go directly to the QS office</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Copies of CLBC’s ‘The Citizen’ made available at the meeting and a copy is in the meeting minutes binder</p> <p>Nina Linquanti, QSO Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absent, no report</li> </ul>		
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Committee Reports

Communication Committee – Roger Palmer

- Written report attached
- Can Assist Resource Fair – Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – require additional volunteers between noon – 5:30 pm
  - Mary Emmond & Mary Valeriote volunteered to be there at noon
  - Roger will be there around 2 pm
  - Lesley will have staff attending as well
- Sharon Sinclair –
  - Video production by Rachel Schmidt needs volunteers for voiceovers
  - Rachel writes the text and community council members would provide the voice to it
  - Mary Emmond and Bill Hustler volunteered to fill this role
- Item 8 (Funding Message) from written report
  - Concern expressed that the message being received about monies for those on waitlist is being distorted (i.e. receiving some services vs. receiving all services requested)
  - David MacPherson has had conversations with staff around this issue, and identified the importance of CLBC being able to respond to needs now and in the next fiscal year.

Self Advocates Committee – Kristen Kay

- No meeting last month, upcoming meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Handbook (by Shelley Nesmen) on participation of self advocates on community councils. Shelley is coming to Victoria with self advocates from Vancouver on Dec.21. Request from other committees to look at how self advocates can best participate and email their suggestions/ideas to Mary and/or Kristen before meeting.
- Discussion took place around how funding may be provided to self advocates if they have an opportunity to act as representatives of the council on an out of town basis. Bev provided a request for funding form. CLBC has some development funding, for the purposes of promoting greater awareness, community development, etc. It was recommended that expenses be approved ahead of time. If the invitation to participate is not by headquarters or council, Lesley should be contacted to discuss funding.
- Opportunities (and barriers) to self advocates filling island vacancies on the BCACL Self Advocacy Caucus were discussed. Deemed as a goal for the future.

Family Committee – Bev Kissinger

- Written report attached

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sylvie Debroff, CLBC Partnership Advisor may have an interest in connecting with the Family Committee – Lesley will provide Sylvie with Bev’s email address.</li> <li>• Michael Hayes provided an overview of the Transition Group meeting held Nov.5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 26 families with children ages 16-19 attended and all are concerned about the future and the transition process. Catriona of the Transition Group spoke of discussions that centered around dreams and thinking outside of traditional systems. The benefits of this group connecting with Sylvie and Sarah Bower (Children Youth Special Needs) were identified. This group has decided to meet the first Thursday of each month, beginning in January.</li> <li>• Catriona and Arlene expressed an interest in being involved in ‘Meet &amp; Greet’ sessions – Bev will keep them posted</li> <li>• The Victoria Transition Group will inform Michael and Bev of upcoming meetings so that they may attend.</li> </ul> <p>Service Providers Committee – Roberta Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p>Membership &amp; Planning Committee – David Steeves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written report attached</li> <li>• Suggested, and agreed upon by those present, that discussions on this topic be deferred to the January meeting, given the importance of other topics to be addressed at this meeting.</li> </ul>						
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Minister’s decision to change wording in the Community Living Authority Act regarding appointment to the CLBC Board	<p>This topic involved a lengthy discussion. The following were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Auditor General’s review of crown corporations might have initially began the process.</li> <li>• While most agree that with a 700 million dollar budget it is imperative that some on the Board hold expertise in specific areas (i.e. finance, law) and that some family members may be qualified to fill this role, many expressed their deep concern at the long term impact if it is not stated that other seats must be held by family members and self advocates.</li> <li>• The decision to change the wording may prevent self advocates and some parents/family members from holding a seat on the Board.</li> <li>• While there are opportunities for family and self advocate input on other levels, this change is seen as going against the core values and principles of the community living field.</li> </ul>						

