

# Community Living Transition Steering Committee

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## **Transforming Community Living: What work is being done?**

Bulletin #2 - July 12, 2002

*This is one in a series of bulletins on the work of the Community Living Transition Steering Committee (CLTSC). The CLTSC has been asked to make recommendations to the Minister of Children and Family Development in the Fall of 2002 on a new Provincial Authority for Community Living Services.*

The CLTSC is made up of 25 individuals involved in the community living sector and appointed by the Minister of Children and Family Development.

On April 1, 2003, a new Provincial Authority will take over responsibility for the delivery of services to people with developmental disabilities in British Columbia. The structure of the new Authority has yet to be decided.

The new system will provide all supports and services to adults with developmental disabilities and many children and youth with special needs.

The CLTSC is meeting every two weeks between April 24, 2002, and September 30, 2002, to develop recommendations on a structure and implementation plan for the new governance authority. This will include recommendations on all financial, staff, property and other resources.

The Committee's work will make sure that individuals and families play a major role in the decision making process around the development of the new Authority.

The CLTSC has identified six areas to focus on:

- Governance Structure
- Human Resources and Finance
- Individualized Funding and Planning Options
- Accountability and Information Transfer
- Children and Families
- Communications

Work Groups have been formed in these six areas to explore options and develop recommendations. Each Work Group is chaired by a member of the CLTSC. Other participants include CLTSC members and volunteers from throughout the province, each of whom brings a wide range of experience and associations. The Work Groups are assisted in their tasks by consultants with national and international expertise in community living.

The result of this work will form the basis of the report to be provided to the Minister on September 30, 2002.

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### Work Group Mandates

#### Governance Structure

*Chair: Laney Bryenton*

This Work Group is developing recommendations that identify the best governance options and structure for the new Provincial Authority, including provincial, regional and community-level involvement.

#### Human Resources and Finance

*Chair: Doug Woollard*

This Work Group is developing recommendations and providing advice on staffing, labour issues, budget and property management to support the new Provincial Authority.

#### Individualized Funding and Planning Options

*Chair: Tim Stainton*

This Work Group is developing recommendations for a basic model for the implementation of Individualized Funding. This will include support models, payment options & eligibility.

#### Accountability and Information Transfer

*Chair: Jane Donegani Short*

This Work Group is developing recommendations on monitoring and accountability structures to make sure

there is quality and consistency of service in the new Provincial Authority.

#### Children and Families

*Chairs: Cathy Anthony and John Kehler*

This Work Group is developing recommendations on the structure and implementation of services for children and youth within the community living area.

They will also be reviewing services that fall under both the Community Living and Child and Family Development governance structures. They are participating on the Joint Policy Directorate on Children and Youth with Special Needs, a group formed to make sure there is a smooth relationship between the two governance structures.

#### Communications Advisory Group

*Chair: Terry Robertson*

The Advisory Group will raise awareness among individuals, families, service providers and MCFD staff about the activities of the CLTSC, making sure the widest possible provincial audience receives information in a timely and effective manner. The Group will focus on collecting feedback to bring to the CLTSC.

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Further information on the Community Living Transition Steering Committee is available at:

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