

Community Living Transition Steering Committee

A partnership of individuals, families, agencies and government

Transforming Community Living: Update on CLTSC Activities

Bulletin #5, August 23, 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 & Family Development in the Fall of 2002 on a new Provincial Authority for Community Living Services.

Previous bulletins in the series are:

#1 - What's It All About?

#2 - What Work is Being Done?

#3 - Individualized Funding

#4 - Services to Children, Youth and Their Families

What is happening at the Community Living Transition Steering Committee?

The CLTSC has been meeting now for over three months. Volunteers, supported by a number of consultants with a variety of expertise, have met every other week for two full days. Additional work is also done between meetings. Six work groups have been formed (see Bulletin #2 for further info):

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

What is the Work Plan for the CLTSC?

The work of the CLTSC began April 26, 2002 and will be completed by September 30, 2002 when recommendations must be given to

the Minister of Children and Family Development. The timeline and activities, in general, are as follows:

April to August

- Identify issues
- Gather information and statistics
- Communicate the work and progress of the CLTSC to communities of interest
- Encourage comments to the CLTSC

August

- Formulate draft recommendations
- Encourage comments to the CLTSC
- Prepare draft report

September

- Share key considerations with communities of interest
- Welcome comments
- Finalize report

September 30, 2002

- Present final recommendations and report to Minister Hogg

What has the CLTSC accomplished so far?

- Development of a vision for community living (see Bulletin #1)
- Identification of issues raised by families and individuals
- Cooperation with staff of MCFD to gather statistics, budget figures, identify labour issues, list assets and liabilities of Community Living Services
- Development and distribution of information bulletins
- Report of feedback from community to CLTSC

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How has the CLTSC communicated with individuals, families, service providers and MCFD staff?

The CLTSC has used the following strategies to let people know what is happening:

- A series of **bulletins** on the structure and work of the CLTSC. These bulletins are available by email, on the website and by regular mail.
- A new user-friendly **website** at www.cltsc.bc.ca that complements the MCFD site at www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/change/cls.htm.
- A **toll-free number** where you can talk with an MCFD staff person who can answer basic questions, or refer your question to the CLTSC for more specific information.
- **Fax number** and **email address** to send comments and questions.
- **Speaking tour** with presentations in Castlegar, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon, Nanaimo, Victoria, Terrace, Comox, Campbell River, Prince George, Fort St. John, Richmond, Burnaby, and Aldergrove.
- A system for **receiving feedback**. A summary of all comments received will be given to the CLTSC so that members will know the concerns of the people most affected by the change.

A series of interactive **videoconferences** involving up to 25 communities in the province. These conferences are being planned right now, so look for more information coming soon.

How can I get more information about the work of the CLTSC?

- If you are not receiving the bulletins or know someone who would be interested, send us your **email** address at info@cltsc.bc.ca.
- If you would like bulletins **mailed to your house**, call one of the contact numbers below and leave your address and phone number.
- If you are part of a group or organization, we can supply copies of bulletins by courier for distribution at your meetings.
- Phone the **toll-free number** and ask to be put in touch with a member of the CLTSC who can provide detailed information.
- Visit our website at www.cltsc.bc.ca for minutes and summaries of meetings and other information.

We want to hear from you, and we want people affected by this change to be informed. Please let us know what you think by using the contact information below.

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

Websites: www.cltsc.bc.ca or www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/change/cls.htm

Email: info@cltsc.bc.ca

Victoria: 387-7027 Vancouver: 660-2421 (ask to be transferred to 387-7027)

Elsewhere in BC, dial toll-free: **1-800-663-7867** (ask to be transferred to 387-7027)

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