

June 22, 2010

Dear Family Members, Friends and Advocates:

Re: Review of Community Living British Columbia (CLBC) Funded Services

We are writing to share information about CLBC's approach to addressing the support needs of adults who are currently receiving services, as well as those young adults who are just entering the system and are currently waitlisted for services. The government will not be providing CLBC with any new funding for 2010 and 2011. Meanwhile, the demand for services continues to grow.

Our agency, along with all other service providers in our sector, has been asked to undertake a full review of all of the services that we deliver. This summer, we will be inviting family representatives to help us with the review and re-design process. By working together, we are confident that we can find opportunities to free up funding, so that more individuals can be supported in ways that best meet their needs.

The review will unfold in two phases. First, we will look at situations where individuals have volunteered to consider alternative residential models such as semi-independent housing or host family services. There are a variety of ways that we can deliver residential services and it makes sense to begin there.

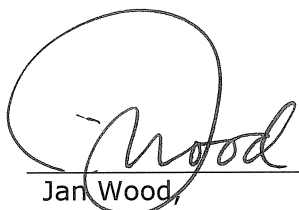
We will be contacting all families of the individuals whom we think may be ready to look at these alternatives. We would like to host meetings with the person served, their family members, our staff and the CLBC Facilitator to discuss residential re-design options. We hope to complete these discussions by the end of 2010. Next, we will look at day supports and the opportunities that we can create through new services such as customized employment.

We are confident that we can meet the challenges that will come with the re-design process, while staying true to the core values of community living. Done well, we believe that we can continue to assist individuals with increasing their levels of independence and improving their quality of life. Please contact us if you have any questions by calling (604) 299-4001.

Sincerely yours,



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