



General Meeting Minutes

District Education Center
14033 92 Ave
November 26th, 2014

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Motion by Cambridge, Seconded by Coyote Creek

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approval of October General Meeting Minutes as amended
- Motion by Cambridge, Seconded by Enver Creek

5. Reports

- President** – as attached
- Treasurer** – currently on 15th month calendar year. Some expenses incurred for Directors strategic meeting in July, minor website expenses. Reimbursement from BCCPAC for travel expenses. (Financial Statement dated November 24th, 2014 attached)
- BCCPAC** – Bob Holmes (attached)
- EBC** – Linda gave a quick report about EBP. It is a committee that works to secure funding from businesses to provide funds and support for district programs. Out of a total of \$813000, the majority has already been earmarked for specific programs by donors. About \$100,000 is discretionary, so the committee meets to determine which programs to support. Some programs that have been approved for support are: conversion of a car from gas to electric, robotics and various Lego programs.
- Inter A** – Nancy provided a quick update on the Inter A committee. The Inter A program is very unique and is very probably the only one in Canada. The program focuses on leadership, community and group projects

6. Education – Recovery Homes

Guests:

Teri Collins, an Executive Director from Ministry of Health, Quality Assurance Unit

Dave Berar – Bylaw Enforcement Office from City of Surrey

Teri explained the roles and responsibilities of the assisted living registry and the role of recovery homes. By definition, it is a provision of BC Housing. Department of Health registers and monitors two types of recovery homes: fully licensed care and supportive housing.

Fully licensed care provides 24 hours supervision. Currently there are 83 registered in BC, 38 are in Surrey. Currently, there are 17 pending applications for Supportive housing licenses from Surrey.

Dave explained the role of City Bylaw office's role in recovery houses. When a complaint is made, Bylaw officers will check the site, and will inform the Homeowner to register with Health Department, then a zoning bylaw letter is sent to shut down operations. The Bylaw Office works in partnership with Fire, Police Departments, and Ministry of Health. The homes must abide by all fire regulations; however, the homes are located in residential zones. Care facilities cannot accommodate more than 10 people, and Bylaw officers will attend when a complaint is made.

The floor was then opened for questions from parents.

Why does the ministry fund recovery homes and why are they financially lucrative?

Teri answered that the Ministry has a registration process, but there is no funding directly to the operators of the homes. For the homes that are registered, residents on social assistance receive a per diem and that per diem is paid directly from Ministry of Social Development to the operator of the registered home. As well, Teri also noted that the Health Authority finds beds for patients that require continuing care so registered homes fulfill this requirement.

How do you determine the number of occupants?

Max is up to 10 occupants, but based on the size of the property as well.

Who is allowed to be in these homes? What about convicted criminals of sexual crimes? Is there consideration of who is placed into homes and proximity to schools especially regarding sexual offenders?

- The Ministry does not know the 'status' of residents as all residents have the right to choose where they live. Also, the Ministry's perspective is that recovery homes are a major piece in the continuum to normalcy for most residents. It is a quicker recovery for addicts if they are living in the community.

Dave Berar also provided the direct dispatch line to City of Surrey Bylaw for complaints regarding noise and unsightliness etc.
604-591-4370

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

8. Roundtable Discussion

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2015

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