

## **Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network (TSPN)**

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday, February 19th 2013

Glen Pine Pavilion | 1 - 3pm

### **In Attendance:**

Peggy Hendrickson (Glen Pine), Kay Fraser, Pat McBlane, Kim Jamer, Suzanne Tempel (CVSS), Gina Hortelano (SHARE), Effie Garcia (S.U.C.C.E.S.S. - Recorder), John Ho (Cantonese Seniors Group), Lisa Kwan (Cantonese Seniors Group), Peter Louw, Mildred Louw, Irene Turnbull (Dogwood Advisory Board), Bruce Bird, King Lum, Dorothy LeClair (Alzheimer's Society), Linda Western, Stacy Ashton

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

After the Welcome and Overview by Linda Western and Stacy Ashton, introductions around the table were made.

### **SURVEY FORM**

Discussions started on the proposed Survey Form presented by Pat H. Copies of the draft were circulated in the room for everyone's comments. Some inputs were:

1. Preventive Health - not clear, please clarify, this is a technical term however
2. #3 question - please add categories such as low income & visible minority
3. #8 question - discussion was made on fees -perhaps improve the question to be more generic?  
Recompose question
4. #1 question - specify the services as per identified Age Friendly Community List
5. Who should answer the Survey? Organizations working with Seniors? Who?
6. Initial response from active participants in the Table, and does not recommend sending to ALL organizations. Keep within the Table but recommend others
  - a. Side Discussion: How do you find the target market?
  - b. use Better at Home steps? use Pharmacies, Doctor's Office, Meals on Wheels List - insert brochures
  - c. Use CVSS list? has telephone reassurance but limited
  - d. Stacy is waiting for organizations to provide replies on how to reach seniors
  - e. Do telephone tree among groups
  - f. Cantonese Seniors Group was asked how they connected with members and other seniors in the area - but has lack of resources as well, they are self-financed. They do telephone calls especially for those who are sick and they send cards.
  - g. Use WHO (Women Helping Others) and Share Mountainview Groups
  - h. Consider approaching Faith-based groups as well
  - i. Consider language barrier when targeting immigrants
  - j. Some senior tenants have existing methods - to check in on one another
  - k. Use Radio programs
7. Suggestion to redo the survey layout
8. Have another Survey form for Seniors
9. Include a question on Volunteers? or not? - are volunteers insured in premises? Yes if in workplace or agency-organized event, but not outside of volunteer area/ location
10. Survey intro must be short and simple | drop list since it will be included in actual survey body
11. When completed, Stacy can use Survey Monkey to run the survey
12. Send separately to all Rec Centres, include Maillardville, Library, First Nations, Churches, etc.. all c/o of TSPN

### **NEWCOMERS MINI HANDBOOK**

Kim circulated copies of the mini-version of the Guidebook for senior services for everyone's comments and asked them to correct on the spot. She will present the modified version in the next meeting. Kim also decided to drop the URLs in the list and made no reference to websites as majority of seniors don't access computers anyway.

### **ZOOMERS SHOW:**

Bruce B. promoted the Zoomers Show at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Feb. 23rd and 24th. He passed around ticket passes to those interested. The Zoomers show is a seniors lifestyle show with exhibits held annually.

### **CHANNEL 120 - Vision TV**

Bruce reported that rules are being changed to allow cable companies to change their channels, it will cost 12 cents / month for Vision TV whose focus is to represent Canadians. Asking people to write CRTC to petition and allow Vision TV to stay on basic package. Petition will also be available at the Zoomer's Show.

### **TRI-CITIES SENIORS MULTICULTURAL DAY**

Effie invited everyone to participate in the first-ever Tri-Cities Seniors Multicultural Day on Friday, March 22nd at the Henderson Place Centre Court from 1-5pm. Flyer-invites will be sent to all so they can send to their clients and colleagues. Tables are free to those interested. Effie just asked them to bring nice door prizes for the raffle draw. This will be a great opportunity to gather most, if not all organizations/ societies serving the senior community to showcase their services.

### **BETTER AT HOME**

Linda reported on the Better at Home Community Forum that transpired last Feb. 12th and announced that SHARE was the lead Agency selected for the project. She thanked all those who participated. She continued to say there is now a bigger need to communicate and coordinate and share information for this project to succeed. She is almost done with her report which is due to be submitted on Feb. 25th. After which, she will send a copy to all.

### **What's Next?**

Gina from Share added that SHARE is currently completing the application which was due on Feb. 22nd. If they make the deadline, the project takes effect on April 1st. If the application is not sent in time, the project will be delayed until July but there will be fewer resources. Gina will update the group regularly.

### **SENIORS WEEK**

Usually held in June. Save this topic for next meeting's discussion. Linda recommends to hold a bigger event in 2014 when there is more time to prepare.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Stacy led the discussion on the Terms of Reference Draft and asked for everyone's opinion. She also reiterated her preference of it being a Blended Table, to which everyone agreed.

Below are comments from all:

1. Invite a Councillor to sit in Table - but would that be from 3 Cities?
2. Question on the Voting Process
  - a. One Person = 1 vote
  - b. One Person = 1 vote & one person/ business/ 1 vote - this was the more popular one
  - c. does one have to be in a working group to be a member?
  - d. groups come and go, so not a necessity
  - e. is membership always open?
  - f. is there an alternative or is this just a numbers game?
  - g. what is the model? is there a template?
3. Members need to attend a minimum of 2 meetings before officially becoming a member
4. Members MUST identify representation or affiliation UPON joining. This will determine their voting right.
5. We need some more structure
6. Risk of voting - when terms of reference might need to be changed - will need consensus
7. What is size of Network? Minimum? Maximum? - There will be overwhelming number of new people - might be unmanageable
8. Does one have to be at a meeting to vote?
9. Will there be transport to Network Meetings? Something to reconsider for this Planning Table.
10. Meeting venues will be rotated regularly
11. Is it advisable to ask attendees which location is best for them?

#### **OTHERS**

\*What is the Table's Mission Statement? - to be finalized

\*Possibility of holding evening meetings?

Most attendees disagreed as this will be too late for the Seniors

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, March 19th

1-3pm

SHARE – 2615 Clark Street, Port Moody