



Program Reports Summary - June 2011 to August 2012

Community Integration (Day Programs)

Clients at the **7th Ave Day Program** had a Halloween Party, hosted the Christmas Open House in December and enjoyed a Valentine's Day Party in February. They also got a command performance by "Patsy Cline" and trips to Cranbrook and Nelson. The Thursday hot lunch is popular and clients continue to enjoy singing every Friday. Clients will be using stamps to make their own activity reports and have created photo displays. We plan to renovate the bathroom in the near future.

The **8th Ave Day Programs** continue to provide opportunities for individuals in woodworking, recycling pickup, yard and grounds work and town cleanup. Events included a picnic lunch at Millennium Park, a Christmas Party, the Holiday Train, and a number of pizza lunches. CDSCL once again had a booth in the Spring and Garden Show in April to provide information on the Woodshop and Recycling Program. The long awaited addition to the building was started in June 2012. Everyone is excited about getting a new lunch room and washrooms. We hope to have the addition completed by the end of October.

Community Housing Programs

Purcell Place is a licensed wheelchair accessible home that provides 24-hour residential support to four individuals. Clients celebrated Christmas, birthdays Easter and Halloween. We purchased a new van for the home with a wheelchair lift. The front gardens were redone and the bathrooms were renovated. Concerns are mainly in the area of dealing with seizures and increasing health issues for the aging clients. Clients enjoy doing crafts, visiting and attending Day Programs.

The **25th Ave Group Home** is a licensed 24-hour, fully wheelchair accessible home that currently has 4 clients, ranging from semi-independent to total care. Celebrations included Christmas, birthdays, Easter, Halloween a Celebration of Life for Bruno Bourgeois and a going away party for Robert Pike. A client moved to Alberta in July. We have a temporary placement for an individual recuperating from surgery. The driveway was paved this year. The back deck will be painted shortly. Clients enjoyed activities such playing indoor games and attending hockey games. Concerns include aging clients and increasing health needs, aggression of one individual and reduction of staffing. 25th Ave employees also do the scheduling on weekends and evenings, which can cause some disruption.

Orchard House

Orchard House is a licensed 24-hour, wheelchair accessible home that currently has 5 clients in the main house and one in a detached apartment. One client is in a wheelchair. Other clients struggle with mental illness issues. One client has been in Cranbrook and Kamloops receiving specialized care; another is currently in the Provincial Assessment Centre for assessment. A committee was formed to look at options for making this home more conducive to the type of individuals as well as deal with the issues associated with an older home. The current plan is to renovate the existing home. Some of the clients have relocated within the house/apartment to better serve their needs, with positive results. Concerns are mainly around the risk to clients and staff of aggressive individuals and the maintenance issues.



16th Avenue

16th Avenue is a split level house owned by CDSCL that supports clients under Community Living BC contracts called Cluster Living. Clients are semi-independent, requiring supports during the day and evening hours. One client moved to 25th Avenue in November 2011 due to increased health issues and later passed away. One client has successfully relocated to a one-bedroom apartment at Rebekah Manor. Another client recently moved to 25th Avenue due to increase health needs. Two clients currently living in an apartment in the community will move into the lower floor in October. Clients at 16th Avenue have been active in the community and are involved with the TRP. They enjoy swimming, bowling and attending community events. We will be fixing up the lower floor in preparing for the new clients as well as improving the access to the upper floor for clients and staff.

Supported Living

CDSCL provides support to 8 individuals who live semi-independently in four apartments in the Creston community.

Hillside Apartments (Rebekah Manor)

- Two clients who have been long-time roommates share a two-bedroom apartment. They are quite independent, receiving three to four hours of staffing five days per week. They attend the 8th Ave Day Programs. One individual attends reading classes; the other visits family out of town on his own. Both clients participate in Special Olympics bowling, floor hockey and T-ball and enjoy attending community functions and celebrations.
- One client moved into a one-bedroom apartment in February 2012 upon his own request, and is doing very well after a period of adjustment.

8th Avenue #2

Two clients who have been long-time roommates share a three bedroom apartment. They will be moving to the lower floor of 16th Avenue in October, which will address some mobility concerns of one of the clients. They receive four hours of support daily. Both attend Day Programs full time. They are independent and like to socialize with their friends. They travel independently to visit family for summer and Christmas vacations.

8th Avenue #4

Three clients who have been long-time roommates share a three-bedroom apartment. They are semi-independent, requiring approximately 8 hours of direct staffing per day. They enjoyed a mini-vacation to Banff in March 2012. They all spend time with family for vacations every year. Two of the individuals attend the local fitness centre three times per week. They enjoy participating in Special Olympics bowling. One client participates in the Therapeutic Riding Program. They all attend the 8th Ave Day Programs and access the community independently. Goals are to maintain a safe home environment, encourage positive behavior in the community and maximize their independence.



Personal Supports

CDSCL provides support to two individuals who live in Home Share situations. They receive 20 to 22.5 hours per week.

- One client gets picked up from his home five days per week. His program includes making lunch, recreation, occasional Day Program attendance and swimming. Staff encourage this individual in appropriate social skills and behavior and anger management.
- The other client receives staffing support three days per week. This includes some personal care in her home and some community access activities. She owns her own van with a wheelchair lift. She meets frequently with her peers and enjoys attending community events. She enjoys bowling and “skating” in her wheelchair at the Rec Centre.

Senior’s Housing - Rebekah Manor

CDSCL manages a 26-unit apartment building for seniors with low income. It is subsidized through rent subsidy payments from BC Housing. Tenants pay 30% of their income, or \$320 per month if they are on Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Benefits. There are currently 27 individuals in residence. The Steering Committee meets with tenants every two months to address concerns. Apartments are inspected once per year to keep maintenance issues up to date.

Items over the past year:

- Three tenants moved out, with three new tenants moving in within one or two months.
- Signs were posted in the parking lot to reduce unauthorized parking.
- Lines were painted on the parking lot and numbers painted for parking spaces.
- A buzzer was installed for visitors to buzz the social room.
- Policies were updated as well as Rules and Regulations.
- Three stoves and one hot water heater were replaced.
- The fence along Hillside Street was replaced.
- Ongoing elevator maintenance continues to be a large expense.

Future projects include replacing the Cedar Shake siding, improving the Fire Safety Plan and upgrading the electronics for the Elevator.