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August Newsletter

Chair Report

It has been a month, since I have been acting ED at LINX. Although this month has been hectic it has also been rewarding. The cooperation from the staff has been very good. Thank you to all the stakeholders, your encouragement and help is much appreciated.

We are moving forward to have transparency throughout. We had a pot luck lunch with the caregivers and day staff. We explained that we all have to work together in the best interest of the client. We plan to have some function where all are involved, the day staff, caregivers, outreach and parents. We have some funds, and will be using them to train the staff and caregivers in several areas. Staff members who take part in any courses will then in turn come back to the office and provide literature and present what they have learned to the rest of the staff. Recently we had two employees attend a course on bullying and it was presented to the staff and caregivers at their meeting. LINX will be sending two people to a Leadership “World of Self Advocacy” Retreat. This will enable them to learn all about having a voice and bring back the literature and other skills learned to their peers. They will be able to start their own advocacy group. The retreat is for three days at Battle Lake AB. Two names will be randomly picked. Our response for the ED position has been good. We have approx. 10 applications; we will short list them and start interviewing this week. Hopefully our new ED will be among them.

BOARD MEMBERS

Chair person - Ingrid Seitinger

Vice chairperson – Laurie Tancowny

Secretary – Phyllis Jackson

Treasurer – Bill Dolman

Board Members – Jennie Tomlinson,
Mark Tamaji and Bill Carr

Cathy N has consented to print our newsletter and Dianna M has consented to be our Gala Chair. We still need someone to do the website.

I cannot say thank you enough to Diane Sims and her committee. They were given an unbelievable task and came through on time. We are on a deadline to PDD to get contracts in place to the end of August. The caregiver’s sub contracts had a few things that PDD did not like, we had to change them. It also came to our attention that the caregivers, as contractors cannot do respite as a paid employee, but must also be contracted to do respite. Our committee also got this contract finished, it has been passed by the Board and we are in business. Thank you again for the effort that you put in to get the job done.

We have chosen our new residential manager; Ronni D is the successful candidate. Ronni has a lot of managerial and organizational skills. She knows our client’s well and has been with LINX as an instructor since day one.

Ingrid



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Residential Report

Currently we have 15 support home operators supporting 20 individuals. We have been given a deadline of August 31st, 2011 to have the support home models and corresponding budgets, as well as Individual Service Plans completed. The Support Home Operators contracts will now be updated to coincide with the PDD contract. In regards to Respite, we have 1 individual that provides respite only and several who are caregivers and day program employees. Our Outreach Program supports 7 individuals and we are working towards providing services to more. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Support Home Operators for all of the support and patience they have provided me for the last month.

Ronni

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Our monthly meeting was held on August 10, 2011. The meeting was very productive, we know what we need to do, we took the opportunity to speak to management and staff as to what LINX requires as well as some wish list items. From this point we can focus on budgets and get busy filling out the required paper work for grants. Unfortunately not having the information submitted in time for grants, a lot of the funding will be gone. I am trying to arrange a date for a grant writing seminar at LINX at no cost, there will be room for 10 people and I am hoping that some of you will volunteer to take the course and help write the grants in the future. We had a fundraising BBQ in Calmar and sold T-shirts and caps along with our usual eats and raised approximately \$900.00. Thanks to Brad for his ideas of going to other communities. Our Annual Gala is fast approaching, Nov 12, 2011. Diana Manion has agreed to chair the Gala. The Gala launch will be in Sept at the Chamber Meeting, we will be creating the table centers

again and will need as much help as possible to make this as successful as years past, please contact the office for dates and times of when we need your help. The bingo and Casino application has been filed thanks to Alain doing the leg work to ensure the information that had been missing was sent and we were not asked to start over again. We are applying for a money raffle and I will keep you informed on the status of these endeavors. We still need help with the fundraising, if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer come to our meeting Sept 14th.

Dates to remember

Wednesday Sept 14th, 2011 – 1:30pm
RCMP will be giving a presentation on internet safety.

Wednesday Sept 14th, 2011 – 7pm
Fundraising meeting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thursday Sept 22nd, 2011 - 7pm

VOLUNTEERS

We now have our volunteer policy in place. You may volunteer in many categories. Please consider giving a few hours of your time.

Teacher's helper, Computer training,
Reception, Cooking, Gala, Fundraising

and many more.