



### Focus Disability Network Meeting & AGM

Please Note: Program Introductions will begin promptly at 8:45am

**Date & Time:** Monday June 23 2008  
8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**Location:** **Communitas Supportive Care Society**  
**103 - 2776 Bourquin Cresc W**  
**Abbotsford, BC**  
**Tel: 604-850-6608**

**8:30 – 8:45** **Networking opportunities** with colleagues who assist persons with disabilities

**8:45 – 9:00** **Introductions, program updates**, information on new or changing community based programs or initiatives that are part of providing services to people with disabilities.

**9:00 – 9:15** **Greg Travers, Partners for Workplace Inclusion**, will speak about PWIP (**Partners for Workplace Inclusion Program**) for people with self-declared health issues. They do skills based training and one-on-one employment counseling and marketing.

**9:15 – 9:45** **Chris Brown, General Manager at Far West**, and **Rick Bomhof, Mission's Municipal Transit** contact, will provide an overview of HandyDART service levels and the recent expansion as well as the vision for future expansion. There will then be opportunity for questions and answers.

**9:45 – 10:00** **Susie Vieira, Employment Specialist with Abbotsford Community Living**, will speak about the **EPIC program (Employing People in Community)**, its components, types of client support, and how people access the program. She will touch on the other day services etc for people with developmental disabilities.

**10:00 – 10:15** **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**10:15 – 10:45** **Hal Howie and Tami Currie**, with the **Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance** will present current information on the LMA and LMDA agreements, transition plans as well as updates on LMA funding allocations especially for persons with disabilities. **Gill Eston** from **Service Canada** representative from the Federal/Provincial Transitions committee will also be present.

**10:45 – 11:15** **Jim Franklin, BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society** will give us an overview of services for persons with disabilities that are provided on and off reserve as well as access to specialized services that compliment existing federal or provincial programs. He will also speak to specific Fraser Valley services for Aboriginals with disabilities.

**11:15 – 11:30** **Cyndie Anderson, SD 75** will talk about transition plans for students with disabilities in the Mission school district.

**11:30 – 12 noon** **Focus Disability Network Annual General Meeting**  
All members are invited to attend and participate in the voting activities.  
(*Light refreshments will be provided for this important meeting.*)

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