



BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG)

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Via email: rick.mowles@gov.bc.ca

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Dear Mr. Mowles:

Re: Request for information regarding community living plans and budgets

The BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) was formed recently, following several months of community consultation, collaboration and discussion. Our membership includes advocacy organizations, family groups, unions, and service providers. We are broad-based and diverse, and have come together to take action on the basis of shared values, towards the achievement of common goals. We are committed to justice and full inclusion for adults with developmental disabilities, their families and the people who support them.

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to request information regarding your agency's plans and budgets, particularly in relation to recent community living service cuts and redesigns. In particular, we would appreciate any information and/or documents that may shed light on the following questions:

- What are CLBC's short term and long term plans and projections in relation to service redesign? For example, how many group homes are forecasted to close over the next year, and over the next five years? What estimated impact will this have on service levels and capacity in the community living sector? Please provide specific targets, timelines and projections.
- What is CLBC's budget plan in relation to service redesign? For example, what are CLBC's annual and/or total projected savings associated with residential and community inclusion redesign over the next one to five years? Please provide specific targets, timelines and projections.
- What amount of cost savings has CLBC recovered to date through service redesign? Please provide an itemized schedule of cost recoveries.
- Have cost recoveries associated with service redesign been allocated to CLBC clients? Please provide an itemized schedule of allocations.



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- What is CLBC's plan for allocating future cost recoveries associated with service redesign?
- How is CLBC measuring service quality outcomes in relation to service redesign, and what outcomes have been measured to date? Please provide specific details and examples.

Thank you for your attention to these important questions for our community; we look forward to your response. Please contact Jane Dyson (**email:** jwd@bccpd.bc.ca; **phone:** 604.875.0188) BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, representing BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) with any questions or for further information in relation to this request.

Yours truly,

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