

Services to Seniors Coalition – North Shore

Notes – October 16, 2018 Coalition meeting – 24 attended

Co-chair: Joanne Franko from NSNH replaced Tricia Andrews' in her absence.

Introductions. The group introduced themselves and Joanne welcomed Valerie Barton, NS Stroke Recovery, Elaina Moss, CMH North Shore, Rosanna Wilbur, Better at Home, Ellen Clague, community engagement manager, Parkgate Community Services

Issue Identification. None at this time.

Presentations: Dementia Friendly North Shore Implementation
by Jill Lawlor, District of West Vancouver

and

The Village at Langley
by Karen Tyrell, Personalized Dementia Solutions Inc.
Elroy Jespersen, Vice President, Special Projects, Verve

Dementia Friendly North Shore implementation by Jill Lawlor.

500 municipal staff have received training and orientation in dementia awareness. Grade 5 and 6 students are receiving classroom education to be passed on to parents. 30 awareness tips, on postable 'bubbles' were distributed, and will also be distributed via LSPS, to Coalition members. Community service providers are interested in participating in the Dementia training.

The (Dementia) Village at Langley by Karen Tyrell & Elroy Jespersen.

The Village intends to change the world of long - term care.

"We have so many needs in our life, but at the end of the day, what we all need is to be needed. Everyone at The Village will have a purpose."

Funding is private. The plan is to build and operate a successful site, and thereby encourage participation by 3 levels of government.

The Village approach is based on the Eden Alternative principles and Hogeweyk, the original dementia village in The Netherlands. In The Village Manifesto, the mission is to 'provide enriched living' and the purpose is 'to enable the well-being of the people who live there'. Residents with dementia, Parkinson's and physical disabilities will be accommodated.

Housing for 78 residents, 3 couples and respite. Amenities will include a cafe/pub, village square, store, hair salon and spa, workshop, fire pit, garden. benches and walks, with colour coded way finding. The Village will be secure, with walls covered in foliage, a woodland with a creek at one side, and a garden area.

Shared services with Fraser Health - bathing at the Village spa and at the community centre. A community kitchen as well as kitchens in each residence.

There will be clinical and health care based on home care models. Full compliance with long-term care regulations. Team guides, homemakers and ELFS (Enriched Living Facilitators) in each household with a high ratio of ELFs to residents. ELFs being ANGELS: Accept, Nurture, Guide, Engage, Listen.

Participation via a community centre and volunteers from the local community. Person-centred dementia care will require specialized education for staff, with dementia - capable supports in place, all providing residents with opportunities to have purpose. Training and support will be ongoing, with on-the-spot coaching as required.

Research on the efficacy of The Village will be conducted by SFU Gerontology and Kwantlen.

Residents will continue to be connected with what matters to them. They will have autonomy. Shared leadership, self-directed households, continual learning.

Costs: est \$7000 / month, \$7800 with additional supports.

Opening: An Open House is planned for July 2019.

Tours: planned for two weeks prior to opening.

Silver Harbour will organize a bus trip to The Village.
Parkgate Community Services is also interested in participating.

Information Exchange

Ildi Vencel would like to participate in the Silver Harbour bus tour to The Village.

Betsey MacDonald, Meals on Wheels meals are up, volunteers are down.

Ellen Clague, Parkgate Sat October 20, 10 am, Shreddit will be operating as a fund raiser

Elaina Moss, CMHA peer navigator Kelty Dennehy at the library, Hope Centre, LGH.

Margarete Wiedeman, CNV Library Seniors Gathering Tuesday, November 13: UBC political science professor Richard Johnston on the electoral reform referendum. Also at CNV Library to December 8, raffle for exquisite hand-knitted doll clothes will purchase Daisy players for patrons with print disabilities.

Cristina Rucci, DNV Opposition to development at Delbrook. With a new council coming in, we need stronger advocacy for adult day programs on the North Shore. Voices must be raised.

Annwen Loverin, Silver Harbour sent seniors' related info to municipal candidates.

Farimeh Shakerei, OAMH, VCH added a full-time geriatric psychiatrist

Claire Kerrish cottages for seniors in Whitby Ontario, 60 years ago.

Keri Chambers, NS CRN block watch forum