



Apropos...

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

News from Michael Udy, Executive Director

GOVERNANCE UPDATE

The government did pass Bill 28 under the closure of debate rules on Thursday, June 21st. This will cause changes to the size and method of composition of the Batshaw Board. Our first reading of the situation is that the government modified its proposals such that community control of the Board is still a possibility, and the Board will continue to hire its own Executive Director. Meanwhile, the Regional Board's Board of Directors will change totally and the members will be named directly by the government, as will the President-Executive Director. The timetable for implementation of these changes was not clear as the summer began, but it looks as if the changes at the Regional Board will be implemented this fall and the changes in the institutional boards at a later date. I will provide more details on the changes to the Batshaw Board in the fall.

NEW CLIENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

At long last Batshaw has a comprehensive and user friendly information package to give to new clients explaining the essentials about Batshaw, and where to get additional information and help. The package is being put into circulation this summer and fall. A procedure has been adopted concerning the service points at which this package will be given. You can see this procedure in the Policy and Procedure Manual. To see a copy of the package ask your supervisor.

CULTURAL INTERPRETATION

(Contributed by Kathy Faludi, Manager, Professional Services Division)

The 3rd International Congress on Interpreting in the Community was held in Montreal on May 22-26, 2001. Kathy Faludi, who coordinates the Batshaw Cultural Consultants and Linguistics Service gave a presentation on the service entitled: *The Many Faces of Interpreting: A Novel Approach to Meeting a Demand in a Child Protection Centre*. Joining her were Sherwin Laptiste and Magda Naim, both consultants and members of the Cultural Consultants Advisory Committee, who gave case examples to illustrate our service. The presentations were very well received by the audience. Batshaw's Cultural and Linguistics Service can be accessed by any front line worker or manager needing such assistance by calling Karen Fox at 932-7161 #345.

NEW CAMPUS SITE

When the government announced approval of Batshaw's new campus project in February, I was hoping to announce the site by this summer. The Corporation d'Hébergement du Québec is now actively involved with us on the project and discussions to finalize the site are continuing. We hope to announce the location of the new campus site in the next few months. Meanwhile, the Batshaw internal Implementation Committee is hard at work visiting other similar centres in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta gathering important do's and don'ts for the design stage, which should also begin in the fall. The new centre will open on the island of Montreal in the 2004-2006 period.

A BIGGER BETTER MDC

The Batshaw Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) has been revamped, and has a brand new steering committee with almost entirely new members. The MDC is created by virtue of article 226 of the Health and Social Services Act, and has the mandate to make recommendations to the Board and the Executive Director on matters related to the quality and distribution of services. All of Batshaw's staff who work in clinical positions are automatically members of the MDC. Their affairs are attended to by a steering committee elected by the members. Last year the bylaws of the MDC were revamped and approved at a meeting of members held September 25th, and by the Board on November 20th, 2000. Elections were held this spring and the following staff are members of the Steering Committee:

Larry Ryan, Anne Marie Carrière, Michael Hunter, Kuldip Thind, Sandra Carruthers, Barbara Bass, Zalman Bitensky, Yvan Fullum, Druscilla Johnson, Nadia Citton, Cory Agetees, Joanne Young, Kees Maas, Rick Carpanzano and Geneviève Lecours.

The Steering Committee has already begun meeting and is looking forward to an active year promoting the clinical interests of staff, and getting its members involved. For example, the MDC is in the process of organizing a 'Clinical Day'. The MDC will announce details about this in the near future.

BATSHAW EVENTS CALENDAR

- September** **Youth Horizon's Foundation Fundraising Campaign**
For further information contact:
Ghislaine Corbeil at 989-1885.
- September 14th** **Batshaw Staff Golf Tournament**
For further information contact:
David Ney at 932-7722.
- September 17th** **Board Meeting**
6 Weredale Park, 18:00 hrs
For further information contact:
Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
- October 15th** **Batshaw Board Meeting & Annual Information Meeting**
6 Weredale Park, 18:00 hrs
For further information contact:
Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
- October 22nd** **AMCAL Conference**
For further information contact:
Mignon Tyler at 989-1885.
- November** **Staff Appreciation Week**
Week of October 29th to November 2nd
For further information contact:
Thérèse Gauthier at 989-1885.
- November 1st** **Staff Appreciation Dinner**
For further information contact:
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