



Canadian Deafblind Association- BC Chapter 2019 Annual General Meeting

June 8, 2019 | 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Revs Bowling

5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC V5B 2Z8

Attendees: Linnea Cudmore, John Mail, Linda Mamer, Wanda Schellenberg,, Sue Gawne, Allison Mail, Theresa Tancock. Robert Tancock, Frank Peng, Sebastian Peng, Ryan Ollis, Rachel Kavanagh, Elizabeth Ross, Emily Ross, Mia Schartau

Regrets: Leslie Comrie

Proxies: Vince Martino, Lorelei Campbell, Sheila McIntosh

1. Call to Order at 4:15 - Linnea Cudmore, President.
2. Approval of Agenda.
Moved by Linda Mamer; seconded by Wanda Schellenberg: carried.
18-19/01 Motion to approve agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018.
Moved by Wanda Schellenberg; seconded by Linda Mamer: carried.
18-19/02 Motion to approve 2018 AGM minutes.
4. Approval of Financial Statements.
Moved by John Mail; seconded by Linda Mamer: carried.
18-19/03 Motion to approve Financial Statements as presented.
5. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget as presented.
Moved by Linda Mamer; seconded by Wanda Schellenberg; carried.
18-19/04 Motion to approve Budget.
6. Motion (by Linnea Cudmore) to move \$8000.00 from the restricted funds to the CDBA conference funding.
Moved by Linda Mamer; seconded by Robert Tancock; carried.
Motion to Approve the movement of monies (\$8000.00) from the restricted funds to the CDBA conference funding.
Moved by Linda Mamer; seconded by Wanda Schellenberg; carried.
18-19/05 Motion to approve the movement of \$8000 form the restricted funds to the CDBA Conference Funding.
7. Motion (by Allison Mail) to have a mileage increase. This will be tabled until the next Board meeting.
8. Message from President: Please see attached report for details.

From: Linnea Cudmore lcudmore@gmail.com
Subject: 2018-2019 president report
Date: June 8, 2019 at 5:44 PM
To: Theresa Tancock theresa@cdbabc.ca



CDBA-BC president report 2018-2019

I want to thank you for joining us today for the Canadian Deafblind Association BC Chapter Annual General Meeting and our Family Bowling and Sensory Event. It is always a highlight of CDBA-BC's year to see all the kids, families, friends and the special people who work with our Deafblind kids and adults. June is Deafblind Awareness Month and what better way to celebrate than to get together for a community event!

Also to help celebrate Deafblind Awareness Month this year there will many buildings lit up in blue lights across Canada on dates during the month of June. Local to the lower mainland, some sites include, BC Place Stadium, Vancouver City Hall, New Westminster Anvil Centre and Canada Place Sails.

New this year The CDBA-BC has a new sensory tent. It has been a smashing success and I hope everyone got a chance to explore and see it today. It has been used this year during family and community events. It has been the work of our staff to pull it all together and they have done a tremendous job.

This year CDBA-BC hosted a couple family weekends. One here in the lower mainland, for families of the early intervention program, and one on Vancouver Island which was opened up to all families of children with Deafblindness. It was wonderful to see families connect and learn from each other and sharing their concerns and knowledge, to see the children's interaction with the sensory tent's exploratory and sensory items, and new families to be able to see experienced Intervenors in action. The events were very well received by those who attended. The CDBA-BC believes it is important to stress the need for families to connect. Parents can easily become isolated in the stress and concerns of caring for their children. Connections in life and with community is an important part of support and long-term wellbeing. We need to continue these events and hopefully the CDBA-BC can expand them around the Province. In order to accomplish this goal, grants and sponsorships are needed. The CDBA-BC will be looking into finding funding to support our goals for expanding these types of events.

The CDBA-BC also recognizes the importance of the early child hearing screening tests. We want to have no child left behind. The early hearing screen is able to identify children in need earlier and allow us to connect to families and offer support. It is an important function of the CDBA-BC to connect with families and give them, during a difficult time in life, tools to use with their children, knowledge on Deafblindness, provide connections to other agencies, offer support, and most of all, allow families to have hope for their children and their future.

Each child is unique. The CDBA-BC recognizes this fact and we acknowledge the importance of hands-on outreach. The use of technology is great and getting better with time but with

Deafblind children hands-on is so important. Our families experience this and we have to continue to support this and find funding to continue with reaching out to families province wide.

We want to use technology too and this year we have started a closed FaceBook group that parents can join. This is in hopes that parents can connect with each other for questions, concerns, news, knowledge or success and celebratory posts.

As always we cannot go with celebrating our Staff. Their work with the Intervention Programs, the Early intervention program, and all the other events, community engagements, teaching opportunities, and supporting and connecting with the families, the CDBA-BC supports are amazing. They are so dedicated and knowledgeable in the work that they do. The Board appreciates all the effort that goes into their work everyday. So our thanks to Theresa Tancock, Sue Gawne and Allison Mail. You are appreciated and acknowledged by the board for all that you do.

A special thanks also to all our board members who volunteer their time over the year to contribute to leading and guiding the CDBA-BC in setting and achieving the goals to service and support the families and children with deafblindness.

REPORT from CDBA NATIONAL –by Wanda Schellenberg, June 8, 2019

CDBA-ON

The current administration of CDBA-ON conducted three 2-hr. sessions on January 17th, 2019, in Paris, Ontario. The event to “celebrate” their new brand launch was streamed to 5 other locations in Ontario – Kingston, Toronto, Sudbury, St. Catharines, and London. The new name is “Sensity – Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada. Discussion followed. The events were attended almost exclusively by CDBA-ON admin staff and Intervenors who, collectively, appeared surprised at the developments.

The plan now is for a small group of committed CDBA members to meet in early June to discuss the future of a ‘new’ chapter in Ontario.

POSSIBLE GRANT

CDBA National has applied for a \$75,000 seed grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The results will be available this summer. If successful, the money could be used to support gaps in services in Ontario for school age children as well as home intervention

NEW BROCHURE

A new brochure for CDBA National has been designed – check it out!

FUNDING

The federal Office of Disability Issues has approved an operating grant for \$135,000 over the next 3 years (\$45,000 annually). This is good news!

NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH

Unfortunately, the Canadian Senate will not be hosting a reception in Ottawa this year to celebrate “Deafblind Awareness Month” as the Centre Block building is undergoing renovation. However, June 3rd was “Lighting Up” day whereupon various venues and landmarks around the country were lit up in blue lights. CDBA National’s annual charity golf fundraiser will also take place this month as will a variety of regional activities.

ANNUAL MEETINGS and AGM

These meetings will take place in beautiful Fredericton, New Brunswick, September 20-21. As I am, unfortunately, unable to attend, would any other board member like to take my place?

STAN MONROE

One of the founding members of CDBA and a friend to many, Stan passed away suddenly on February 11, 2019. Please see attached obituary.

CDBA National is proposing to set up a fund in Stan’s memory for an individual with deafblindness or a parent of an individual who is deafblind in order to help with costs of a conference or workshop that they might wish to attend. This kind of networking and information gathering was very important to Stan. CDBA National will no longer host the information officer post that Stan held for Deafblind International. Deafblind International wants to set up a photo tribute to Stan at its conference in Australia in August. Photo submissions anyone?

Stanley Munroe



MUNROE, Stanley (Stan) Andrews Stanley Andrews Munroe, 74, of Port Morien, Nova Scotia, and a former resident of Owen Sound, passed suddenly the evening of February 11th 2019. Survived by the sunshine of his life, Carol, and his children, Andrew, Jonathan (Sarah), Sarah and grandchildren, Madden and Maia. Born December 4th, 1944 to Madden and Margaret Munroe, brother to his beloved Irma (the late Ralph) and father and friend to all who knew him. Stan obtained his Masters in Biology from the University of New Brunswick and was a wildlife biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Owen Sound, Ontario until his retirement in 1997. He was also one of the founding members of the Canadian Deafblind Association and later a member of its board of directors, including serving as president. He also worked for CDBA as its executive director and information officer. Most recently, he was information officer for Deafblind International (DbI), and editor of the bi-annual magazine, the "DbI Review." In 2007, Stan and Carol left for Port Morien and opened the Port Morien Rectory Bed and Breakfast. Always the entertainer, he and Carol made friends with the guests who came to stay. Stan dedicated his life to advocating for persons who are Deafblind and empowering their families, caregivers and professionals across Canada and around the world. He had a passion for cooking, gardening, the arts and always made sure to tune in to his beloved CBC. A celebration of life will be held in Port Morien, Nova Scotia on Saturday, March 2nd 2019 at 2pm at St. John's United Church, to be followed by a reception at the Port Morien Legion. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Andrew's group home, Lions McInness House, in Brantford, Ontario or a charity of your choice.¹³³²⁶⁸⁸²

Early Intervention Summary Report
Reviewing Program from April 2018 - March 2019
Presented at the AGM Saturday June 8, 2019
by Sue Gawne, Program Director

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) had another successful year. Allison and I have both had new families come onto our caseloads and have had families' transition off to Kindergarten. We continue to adjust our visit schedules as new families get referred to maximize our travel budget. We continue to use facetime/conference calls for meetings only, when we are unable to attend in person. This year we were most fortunate this year to not have a waitlist. This was due to the One Time Only (OTO) Funding Grant we received from the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

This OTO grant also gave us the opportunity to provide much needed Family Network Workshops. We held two workshops, one on the mainland in Richmond and one on Vancouver Island in Nanaimo. We also had one Family Network Clinic in Aldergrove. These workshops/clinics were exceptionally received by the families and intervenors that participated. The OTO funding also provided much needed travel funding to support family visits for the months of Jan, Feb and March, when typically, we are at the end of our budget and can no longer provide visits during these months. The OTO funding also provided Interpreter and Intervenor funding, along with the funds to develop deafblind resources.

The EIP continues to collaborate with other agencies. I sit on the BC Early Hearing Program, Intervention Advisory Group (BCEHP) advocating for children with deafblindness, and the Shared Vision Group, bringing deafblind early intervention experience and awareness to the Provincial Vision Services. Kindergarten transitions are a very busy time of the year. It is a stressful time for families and their early intervention teams, as the children move on from their early intervention team to the Ministry of Education system. Allison and I work very closely with the Provincial Outreach Program for Students with Deafblindness (POPDB) to make these transitions as smooth as possible for the families and their school districts.

Statistics

Throughout the year, the Early Intervention Program has provided services to 40 children with deafblindness in British Columbia, ranging in age from 10 days up to 5 years of age or school entry. We have 18 outreach families and they come from Victoria, the Duncan area and up to Campbell River on the island. On the mainland we have families in the Central Okanagan (West Kelowna), and in the north - Quesnel, Houston, Terrace, Fort Nelson, Prince George, Lillooet and Burns Lake. Our 22 local families come from all over in the Lower Mainland - Surrey, Delta, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Burnaby, Langley, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows and Chilliwack.

For the period from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 we made 197 direct home visits throughout the province. Our outreach families received 440 hours of support during this period.

This year, Kindergarten transitions happened for six families; living all over the province - in Terrace, Duncan, Victoria (2), Burnaby and Delta. Some of these families choose to enter the public-school system, and some went on to distributed learning.

We had thirteen new referrals, they were from all over the province as well Surrey, Langley (2), Vancouver (2), Pitt Meadows, West Kelowna, Quesnel, New Westminster, Prince George, Houston, Campbell River, and Burns Lake,

We had eight children attending preschool/daycare this year. Deafblind awareness education, workshops and training sessions were provided to preschools/daycares along with child development centres in the communities of Chilliwack, Houston, Vancouver, Quesnel, Delta, Burnaby, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Lillooet, Campbell River and Victoria.

The Deafblind Intervention Program, supported 7 early intervention families this year.

Every year we seem to lose a little one, this year we had two children pass away, one in Fort Nelson and one in Quesnel. This is not only a very sad and difficult time for the family, but also for the team that has been supporting these families.

Partnerships, Training, Education Sessions and CDBA-BC Professional Development

The EIP provides direct family support, working with the family's team providing ongoing consultation, education and resource materials. Encouraging social networking and supporting the families in making connections with community resources and other programs. Allison and I continue to work closely with other members of the child's team doing joint visits and training sessions. These agencies and professionals include the BC Early Hearing Program (BCEHP), Deaf Children's Society (DCS), Children's Hearing and Speech (CHSC), Low Vision Rehabilitation – CNIB (LVR), Supported Childcare Development (SCD), Infant Development Program (IDP), BC Children's Hospital (BCCH), Sunny Hill Health Centre (SH), Community Audiologists, Occupational Therapists (OT), Physical Therapists (PT), Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP), Social Workers (SW), Nursing Support (NS), Family Service Workers (FSW), School District teachers and staff, School Intervenors, Summer Intervention Program Intervenors, Early Childhood Educators (ECE) and Preschool Support Workers (PSW).

Deafblind Training and Educational workshops or in-services are provided to the families, the child's team and any related organization or agency. A summary of the training/education and professional development sessions for the last year are listed below.

April 2018

*Provincial Outreach Program for Students with Deafblindness (Richmond)– Coordination of services for children transitioning into Kindergarten and agency updates.

*Perkins School for the Blind (Watertown, Massachusetts) – Professional Development – Deafblind Unit Campus Tour

*Deafblind International and Perkins School for the Blind Conference (Cape Cod, Massachusetts) – Network of the Americas Conference – Professional Development

*Shared Vision (New Westminster) – Early Intervention Collaboration – Coordination of Provincial Vision Services

MAY 2018

*Shared Vision (New Westminster) – Early Intervention Collaboration – Coordination of Provincial Vision Services

*School District #62 Sooke - Kindergarten Transition – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

*School District # 82 Terrace - Kindergarten Transition– Preschool DB training, meetings with School District and POPDB

*School District # 41 Burnaby - Kindergarten Transition – Preschool DB Training, meetings with School District and POPDB.

*School District # 61 Victoria - Kindergarten Transition – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

JUNE 2018

*BC Early Hearing Intervention Program – Intervention Advisory Group (Vancouver) – Coordination of services, program updates.

*Deafblind Awareness Fair – (Vancouver) – Public Awareness – CDDBA booth at fair, networking with other DB services.

*School District # 82 Terrace - Kindergarten Transition – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

*School District # 41 Burnaby - Kindergarten Transition – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

*School District # 37 Delta - Kindergarten Transition – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

*Deafblindness Awareness Month - Public Awareness - Light up at Anvil Centre with Deaf-Blind Planning Committee

*CNIB and Blind Beginnings (New Westminster) – Collaboration of Early Intervention Services and agency updates.

SEPTEMBER 2018

*BC Early Hearing Program – Intervention Advisory Group (Vancouver) – Coordination of services, program updates, training conference planning.

*Infant Development Program - (Vancouver) – Coordination of service, program updates.

*Orientation to Deafblindness and Deafblind Intervention Workshop - Infant Development Program – (Vancouver) – Education and Training. Attended by 13 Infant Development Consultants and Program Director

*IFSP Meeting (Surrey) via Facetime Child Development Centre – Team Collaboration

*Bayshore Nursing (Vancouver) Workshop - Working with Children with Deafblindness – Partnered with BC Family Hearing and Vision Loss Rehabilitation – Attended by 22 Bayshore Nurses and managers.

*Look Out Preschool (Delta) – Introduction to Preschool Team, Deafblind Education- Attended by two Early Childhood Educators and a Supported Child Development Consultant.

October 2018

*Shared Vision (New Westminster) – Early Intervention Collaboration of Provincial Vision Services

*Reach Preschool (Delta) – New preschool deafblind orientation. Attended by one-one support worker and three ECE Teachers and one SCD Consultant.

*IDP Playgroup (North Vancouver) – New preschool/playgroup, deafblind orientation. Attended by one-one support worker and two ECE Teachers and one IDP consultant.

*BC Early Hearing Program – Training Conference (Richmond) – Networking of agencies, professional development and coordination of services.

November 2018

*School District # 23 Kelowna – School District updates on vision programs and deafblind services to students.

*Starbright Child Development Centre (Kelowna) – Vision Services in BC. Presentations Low Vision Rehabilitation – CNIB, CDBA-BC Chapter, deafblindness presentation. Blind Beginnings, Children's Low Vision Clinic (CLVC), BC Blind Sports, Provincial Resource Centre for Visually Impaired and Sunny Hill Health Centre Vision Services.

*Orientation to Deafblindness and Deafblind Intervention Workshop (Delta) – Reach Preschool Education and Training. Attended by Family, 3 ECE and Supported Child Development Consultant.

*Bulkley Valley Child Development (Smithers) – DB Orientation and training

*Quesnel Child Development Centre (Quesnel) – DB Orientation and training

*CDBA-BC Family Network Workshop (Richmond) – Partner with POPDB – Family networking, DB Education - Intervention training for Intervenors – Parent training

December 2018

*POPDB District Partners Meeting and Conference (Richmond) Professional Development, Network with school districts and District Partners, Delta, Burnaby, Terrace, Nanaimo, Victoria, Surrey, Chilliwack, North Vancouver, and Surrey.

January 2019

*Orientation to Deafblindness and Deafblind Intervention Workshop- Houston Christian School (Houston) - Attended by School Principal, Teachers, Educational Assistants, Families and extended family.

*Shared Vision (New Westminster) – Early Intervention Collaboration of Provincial Vision Services

*School District # 36 Surrey - Kindergarten Transition Meeting – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

February 2019

*School District # 36 Surrey - Kindergarten Transition Meeting – Meetings with School District and POPDB.

*CDBA-BC Family Network Workshop (Nanaimo) – Partner with POPDB – Family networking, DB Education - Intervention training for Intervenors – Parent training

March 2019

*CDBA Family Network Clinic (Aldergrove) – Networking and Sensory Learning, attended by Early Intervention families, School Aged Families, and Intervenors.

March 31, 2019

Deafblind Family Network Sensory Clinics – \$15,134

We held two Early Intervention Family Network Sensory Clinics, one on the mainland in Richmond and one on Vancouver Island in Nanaimo. At both clinics outreach families had the opportunity to connect with local families on many levels and were most grateful for this opportunity. The purpose of the clinics was three-fold. The primary purpose was to bring families together to network in a secure, safe and relaxed environment where both the parents could get the most out of the clinic experience without feeling consumed, by having to also attend to their deafblind child and other siblings. Secondly, providing an educational/training experience for the parents, the children with deafblindness, the siblings and the Intervenors. Third, providing many social opportunities for everyone so that they had a take-away experience that would be sustainable.

The clinics were set up in two adjoining rooms. The families and Intervenors were instructed to feel free to move back and forth between rooms as needed. During the morning meet and greet, Intervenors were briefed by the parents on each child's total communication approach, their likes and dislikes and the child's medical needs. Fridges were provided for the children's medications and g-tube feed needs etc.

In the Workshop room the parents participated in two educational sessions, along with a Parent Transition Panel. The first educational session was titled, **The Ear - The Impact of Hearing Loss on Communication** – presented by Shelley Law, Certified Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Shelley has been working in the field of deafblindness for 19 years. Parents had the opportunity to ask direct questions about their own child's hearing loss. The second educational session was titled, **The Eye - The Impact of Vision Loss on Communication** – presented by Dr. Linda Mamer. Linda has worked in the field of deafblindness for over 39 years. Once again, the parents had the opportunity to ask direct questions about their own child's vision loss. The parents expressed that learning more about their child's vision and hearing needs as well as the overall function of the eye and the ear gave them a better understanding of deafblindness as a unique disability and their importance of having a communication system in place.

The **Parent Transition Discussion Panel**, gave the Early Intervention parents a glimpse into what it would be like for their families transitioning between services and teams. The parent panel shared their hopes, fears, thoughts and the reality of transitioning their child with deafblindness. The transitions were shared in chronological order from birth to youth transition. One parent shared about her home to daycare and then onto kindergarten experience. Another parent shared going from home to preschool and then kindergarten. Transitioning from elementary school to middle school was shared by another family. Lastly the families heard from a parent whose daughter had recently transitioned out of high school into an adult program and what it was like to once again re-educate a team about deafblindness and her daughter's unique communication needs. The fathers particularly connected with the one of the fathers on the panel, which was really nice to see.

In the Sensory Learning room, the siblings and the children with deafblindness were also in educational sessions with their deafblind Intervenors. The child's job for the day was to rotate through the sensory stations using, **Hand Under Hand** exploration. The Intervenors were instructed to present an enriched learning environment, which included having the children come out of their wheelchairs and also participate in floor activities. As the children rotated through the various stations; the **sensory tent**, the **resonance board**, the cause and effect concept table, the coloured sensory bags table, the music table and the **sensory kit** station, the child would collect items, to later use to make their experience book. **Doing With, Not For**, each child made their 'own' unique **Experience Book** with the support of their Intervenors. The experience books were shared with the parents at the end of the day and then taken home to be enjoyed for years to come.

As the parents were able to go back and forth between rooms, they had the opportunity to experience/observe deafblind Intervention with not only their own child, but with the other children as well. Parents watched how 'Hand Under Hand' was used in many different ways depending on the unique needs of each child. As the Intervenors worked with the children, the parent's observations became clearer on the **waiting time** required for



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each child to respond. Parents started to realize that other children had longer waiting times than their child. Parents watched 'Doing With, Not For', as their children made their experience books, and were able to observe what it looked like to include the child in the WHOLE activity, **start to finish**. The joy and smiles on all their children's faces was a pure delight for all. Parents appreciated the opportunity to observe and understand how deafblind strategies are unique for each child, and how **deafblind Intervention** was able to bring out the best in each child.

The Intervenors also had an educational day, as these were all new children that they were working with. Intervenors were trained on new equipment. Connections were made with the families and the possibility of continuing a working relationship for the Intervention Program was discussed.

Parent Clinic Feedback –

The families expressed their gratitude to be able to come together and meet other families. Parents shared that they felt more similar than different from each other and that they were no longer alone. They were surprised to see that so many other parents were facing the same medical and equipment challenges along with the common thread of deafblindness. The parents were happy to see how quickly their children were learning new skills and expressed they had a better understanding of deafblindness and the impact it had on their child's communication and development. The parents felt that the Parent Transition Panel was a wonderful part of the clinic, to be able to hear and connect with other parents that had already walked the journey they were just starting out on. Parents said "It gave them hope for the future."

For many of the parents this was the first time they had been out with their family to 'a social event'. The families expressed that all of their time is used for medical appointments, therapy appointments, hospital stays, or short visits with friends or extended family usually at their own home. For some, this was their first time away from home as a family and they discovered it really was not as difficult or scary as they anticipated.

Intervenor Clinic Feedback -

The Intervenors were delighted to work with this Early Intervention age group. They appreciated the training on equipment they hadn't had much experience with, such as the Sensory Tent and Resonance board. The Intervenors expressed there were many learning highlights in the day. The Intervenors reported that as the children started to repeat the small routines at the stations, they could see the children learning the activity. The children would communicate their understanding with bigger smiles and excitement of the task at hand. The best part of the Intervenors' day was watching the children make friends and play together amongst all the medical equipment; the suctioning machines, the g-tube feeds etc. and having the parents watching their children learning and having fun with such pride. There were many smiles all around.

Project – \$1,386.04

From the above workshops we are continuing to develop deafblind printed and video resources to use for educational and training purposes. These will be visual and pictorial resources on deafblind Intervention strategies such as, 'Hand Under Hand', 'Do With - Not For', 'Waiting Time', 'Start to Finish', 'Experience Books' 'Sensory Kit' 'The Resonance Board', and 'The Sensory Tent'.

Professional Fees and training – \$1,136.30

Professional fees (such as presenters), Interpreter fees and Intervenor fees.

Travel – \$12,343.66

OTO funding was used for travel to provide timely direct family services to outreach families, primarily during the months of Jan. – March. Typically, in the past these visits would not have been possible due to funding, if new families were referred during this period, they would be placed on a waitlist until April. Presently, there are no families on a waitlist. Once again, the Early Intervention families wish to express their gratitude to have this timely direct service.

Family Services Coordinator AGM 2019 Report Notes

June 8, 2019

Summer Intervention Program

49 kids total

- 2-5 yrs: 5 kids
- 5-19 yrs.: 42
- Vancouver Coastal: 4
- Fraser: 24
- North: 4
- Interior: 6
- Vancouver and Gulf Islands: 9

Employed 54 Intervenors

Winter and Spring Intervention Program

42 kids total (up from 29 in previous year)

- 2-5 yrs: 5
- 5-19 yrs.: 37
- Vancouver Coastal: 1
- Fraser: 24
- North: 1
- Interior: 5
- Vancouver and Gulf Islands: 11

Intervenors: 52

Summer Recreation Program

- Science World
- Maplewood Farm
- Burnaby Village Museum
- Vancouver Aquarium/Wet Lab
- Bear Creek Park and Train
- Galaxy Bowl – Abbotsford

*Canada Jobs: Summer Student hired to work in the office

Youth Transition Program

PATH: 2 PATHs – Fort St. John, Osoyoos

Training (Adult Services/Consult) – have supported young adults with ongoing consultation

- Fee-for-service

Support for 1 young adult – CLBC meeting

Transition Meetings: continue to support many children/youth by attending their IEP and transition meetings in person or by phone.

Community Inclusion Program

Intervention Support for 1 adult (Ravensong/Vancouver Coastal Health)

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Intervenor Training

Orientation – July 2018

Pilot Project with 4 Intervenors and 1 parent - Open Hands, Open Access Training modules 1-3.

EIP Family Network Workshop, Richmond – Nov. 2018

EIP/IP Family Network Workshop, Nanaimo – Jan. 2019

Sensory Exploration Workshop, Aldergrove – Mar. 2019

-Hired Intervenors to work with participants – included Experience Books and Sensory Tent

Conferences/Workshops:

- Network of the Americas Conference, Cape Cod – April 2018
- Cdn. Vision Teacher's Conference, Edmonton – May 2018
- Deafblind Awareness Fair – Roundhouse, Vancouver June 2018
- Vancouver Aquarium Teacher Appreciation Night – Aug. 2018
- CDBA Nat'l AGM/Board Meeting, Toronto – Sept. 2018
- Move to Include All Children (Surrey Schools/PRCVI) – Oct. 2018
- Sunnyhill Telehealth Information Session – Nov. 2018
- POPDB District Partners Conference – Dec. 2018
 - Included a CDBA-BC hosted 'Evening for Intervenors'
- VSB Deafblind Outings: BC Blind Sports Day, Metrotown Santa

HISP/RISP

- Have only had one officially use HISP, as we have been able to incorporate the IP hours to accommodate families in need.

Family Activities

June 2018 – AGM/Family Bowling – NDBAM, Revs Bowling Burnaby

Nov. 2018 - EIP Family Network Workshop, Richmond

Dec. 2018 – 'Evening for Intervenors', POPDB District Partners Conference

Jan. 2019 – EIP/IP Family Network Workshop/Bowling, Nanaimo

Mar. 2019 – Sensory Exploration Workshop, Aldergrove

Collaborations

- POPDB
- National Deafblind Awareness Month
- Shared Vision BC
- Inclusive Education Partners Group
- Deaf-Blind Planning Committee
- Council of Service Providers
- Inclusion BC ED Network
- Low Vision Clinics
- BCIT PCAS – Deaf/HH/Deafblind

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Issues

We continue to have issues with training Intervenors throughout BC. With the completion of our Open Hands, Open Access Modules Pilot Project, we plan to offer these modules again over the summer for our Intervention Program Intervenors. We will be reviewing these modules with CDBA Nat'l as well in order to add Canadian content and standardize the program.

We are also looking at collaborating with other organizations in order to better support adults and seniors with deafblindness, taking a specific look at the lack of Intervention Support.

We will be submitting proposals to MCFD for further funding to offer the EIP/IP Family Network Workshops and for Youth Transition funding to better support our youth on an ongoing basis.

Summary

We continue to do our best to better the lives of those living in a deafblind world. Many thanks to our funders, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Vancouver Coastal Health, and individual donors for their continued support and funding. We also wish to express our thanks to REVS Bowling Centre for their support at our Family Bowling Fun Days throughout the year! We are thoroughly looking forward to enhancing our Sensory Clinic Program and hope to share our Sensory Tent and activities with many families throughout BC.

Canadian Deafblind Association
BC Chapter
(CDBA-BC)

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st March 2019

CDBA-BC

Financial Statements

As At March 31st 2019

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Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

As At March 31st 2019

| | 2019 | 2018 |
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| ASSET | | |
| Cash | 98,084 | 119,780 |
| Term Deposit | 77,276 | 76,587 |
| Receivables | 877 | 706 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 6,658 | 2,090 |
| Capital Assets | 868 | 3,681 |
| TOTAL ASSET | \$183,763 | \$202,843 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts Payable | 122 | 301 |
| Other Payables | 1,742 | 360 |
| Vacation payable | 2,323 | 2,323 |
| Wages, Payroll Deductions & Benefits Payable | 26,374 | 31,985 |
| Deferred Contributions (Schedule 5) | - | 4,088 |
| TOTAL LIABILITY | \$30,561 | \$39,056 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Internally Restricted – Projects | 148,233 | 148,233 |
| Unrestricted | 4,789 | 15,554 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$153,202 | \$163,787 |
| | \$183,763 | \$202,843 |

On Behalf of the Board

_____ Director

_____ Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CDBA-BC

Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)

As At March 31st 2019

| REVENUE | 2019 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| MCFD | 477,949 | 431,310 |
| Vancouver Coastal Health (Note 4) | - | 2,394 |
| Other Ministry Grants | - | - |
| Service Canada | 2,906 | 2,024 |
| Donations & Fundraising | 3,883 | 3,215 |
| General Program Revenue (Note 5) | - | 2,612 |
| Interest & Investment Revenue | 769 | 1,078 |
| Other Revenue | - | 2,021 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$485,507 | \$444,654 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 368,086 | 346,861 |
| Program Expenses | 76,942 | 42,756 |
| Board Expenses | 377 | 218 |
| National Chapter AGM & Meeting | 39 | 614 |
| Accounting & Review | 17,400 | 17,400 |
| Legal & Professional | - | 40 |
| Memberships | 2,048 | 1,286 |
| Courier & Postage | 36 | 218 |
| Interest & Other Charges | 2,018 | 2,448 |
| Insurance | 2,786 | 2,924 |
| Amortization | 2,813 | 2,379 |
| Office Supplies | 325 | 678 |
| Rent | 17,692 | 17,692 |
| Equipment & IT | 1,801 | 1,636 |
| Telephone | 2,445 | 2,030 |
| Miscellaneous | 703 | 891 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$495,511 | \$440,071 |
| SURPLUS(DEFICIT) | \$(10,004) | \$4,583 |

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Schedules and Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

As At March 31st 2019

SCHEDULE 1 CDBA-BC

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Donations | 3,793 | 3,165 |
| Memberships | 20 | 50 |
| General Program Revenue | - | - |
| Interest and Investment | 769 | 1,078 |
| Other | 70 | 2,065 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$4,652 | \$6,358 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | - | (53) |
| Program Expenses | 685 | 205 |
| Board | 377 | 218 |
| National Chapter AGM & Meeting | - | 614 |
| Memberships | 1,869 | 1,116 |
| Interest & Other Charges | 25 | 230 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,132 | 908 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$4,088 | \$3,238 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$564 | \$3,120 |

SCHEDULE 2 Early Intervention Program

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| MCFD | 129,866 | 126,440 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$129,866 | \$126,440 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 80,154 | 76,040 |
| Program Admin, Meetings, Printing and Supplies | 2,749 | 3,500 |
| Professional Fees | 176 | 154 |
| Travel/Accommodation/Meals | 25,132 | 26,212 |
| Other Program Expenses | 297 | 13 |
| Accounting & Review | 8,700 | 8,700 |
| Interest & Other Charges | 673 | 717 |
| Insurance | 1,393 | 1,376 |
| Amortization | 1,407 | 1,016 |
| Rent | 6,776 | 6,635 |
| Equipment, IT, Phone, Supplies, Postage, Misc. | 2,409 | 2,077 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$129,866 | \$126,440 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$ - | \$ - |

For more information on the Early Intervention Program, please see Note 7

SCHEDULE 4 Intervention Program

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| MCFD | 318,083 | 304,871 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$318,083 | \$304,871 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 281,378 | 265,820 |
| Program Admin, Meetings, Printing and Supplies | 5,497 | 2,955 |
| Professional Fees | 1,471 | 969 |
| Travel/Accommodation/Meals | 5,641 | 5,892 |
| Recreational Activities | 2,820 | 1,533 |
| Training | 664 | 946 |
| Other Program Expenses | 295 | 7 |
| Accounting & Review | 8,700 | 8,700 |
| Interest & Other Charges | 1,254 | 1,413 |
| Insurance | 1,393 | 1,549 |
| Amortization | 1,407 | 1,363 |
| Rent | 10,916 | 11,058 |
| Equipment, IT, Phone, Supplies, Postage, Misc. | 1,988 | 2,666 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$323,424 | \$304,871 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | \$(5,341) | \$ - |

For more information on the Intervention Program please see Note 6

SCHEDULE 5 Deferred Contributions

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| CDBA-BC | - | - |
| Intervention Program | | 4,088 |
| Total | \$- | \$4,088 |

NOTES

- 1) Canadian Deafblind Association – BC Chapter (“CDBA-BC”) was incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia on September 24th 2012. CDBA-BC previously operated under the name of the Canadian Deafblind and Rubella Association which for more than three decades was a subsidiary of the national chapter of the Canadian Deafblind Association.

On April 1st 2014, the Canadian Deafblind Association – BC Chapter officially was recognized as a Charitable Organisation under the Canadian Income Tax Act. (Charity Number: 84541 5041 RR 0001)

- 2) Canadian Deafblind Association-BC Chapter is committed to assisting all individuals in BC who are deafblind to achieve, with Intervention, the best quality of life.

CDBA-BC believes that individualized lifelong intervention is a right for every person who is deafblind and that all individuals who are deafblind should live in a safe, healthy environment and have the self-respect and dignity due every Canadian.

- 3) Accounting Policies (Capital Assets)

Capital assets are recorded at cost and amortized over their estimated useful life on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Computer Hardware | 3 years |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 5 years |
| Leasehold Improvements | 10 years |

4) Community Inclusion Program

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Revenue | \$- | \$2,350 |
| Wages & Benefits | \$2,148 | \$2,234 |
| Program Expenses | \$- | \$57 |
| Other Expenses | \$33 | \$59 |
| | <u>\$2,181</u> | <u>\$2,350</u> |
| Surplus(Deficit) | \$(2,181) | \$- |

5) General Program Revenue

Youth Transition & Workshop

In the fiscal year 2017-2018, the Youth Transition & Workshop funds were contributed by Milieu Children and Family Service, Integra Support Service, Richmond Society for Community Living, Thompson Community Services, Well Spring Support Inc. and MCFD. The fiscal year 2017-2018 incurred a surplus of \$2,286. In the fiscal year 2018-2019, it incurred a deficit of \$1,514. This deficit is offset by the surpluses of the previous fiscal year.

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| Revenue | \$- | \$2,612 |
| Expenses | \$1,514 | \$326 |
| | <u>\$(1,514)</u> | <u>\$2,286</u> |

Summer Student Program

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|----------|------------------|----------------|
| Revenue | \$2,906 | \$2,024 |
| Expenses | \$4,438 | \$2,848 |
| | <u>\$(1,532)</u> | <u>\$(824)</u> |

6) The Intervention Program is funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development of British Columbia (MCFD). This fiscal year's funding from MCFD was \$313,995 plus last year's carry over of 4,088 for a total of 318,083. The program's expenses are \$323,424.

- 7) The Early Intervention Program is funded by the Ministry of Children and Family Development of British Columbia (MCFD). This fiscal year's funding from MCFD was \$129,866. In addition to the regular Early Intervention Program funding, MCFD also gave CDBA-BC a one-time \$30,000 funding for additional workshop and intervention expenses.