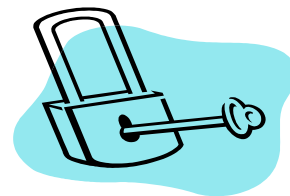
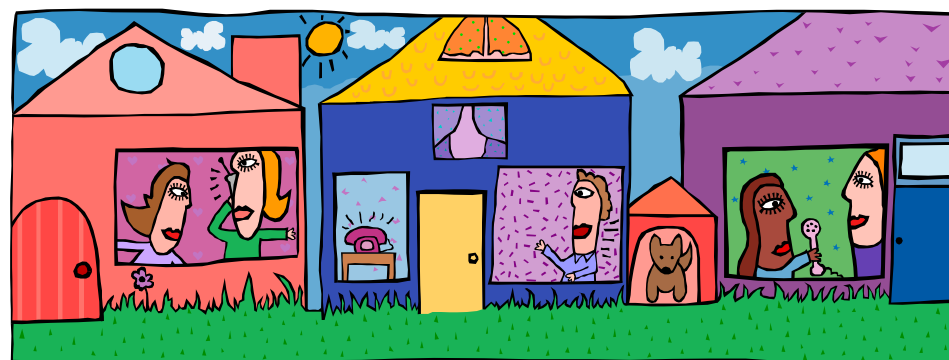


COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOBA
PRESENTS



CLOSING INSTITUTIONS

OPENING COMMUNITIES



We would like to take this
opportunity to thank
MAPLE LEAF MEATS
and
NORTHERN MEATS
for their contributions to the
Celebration and Demonstration.

**A TWO-DAY FORUM TO DISCUSS
COMMUNITY OPTIONS FOR MANITOBANS
WHO RESIDE IN INSTITUTIONS**

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2005

at

FORT GARRY PLACE

**Community Living Demonstration
NOON to 2:00PM SEPTEMBER 30TH
MEMORIAL PARK**

Community Living Manitoba, along with friends invite you to a forum to meet, listen to and dialogue with experts from across Canada and the USA on the subject of institutional closure.

Governments continue to promote myths about the need for institutions including:

- People have lived there so long, they feel it is home.
- Many of the residents are a danger to themselves or others
- People are safer in the institution than in the community
- Families do not want their loved ones to move into the community.
- People are too sick or too fragile to live in a community home.

The two-day forum is designed to expose the misconceptions cited by governments and reveal the findings of scientific research.

The government is investing \$40 million of taxpayer money. On what research did they base their decision? The forum will be an opportunity for everyone to benefit from the latest research findings in Canada and the USA. Participants will also hear about the success of service providers who have undertaken the challenge of supporting the very people that some governments claim need an institution.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE _____

POSTAL _____ EMAIL _____

PH: HOME: () _____

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FULL CONFERENCE

Individual @ \$175.00

Block per \$150.00 (3 or more)

Family Member/ Self Advocate @ \$85.00

Student @ \$85.00

EVENING SESSION--\$10.00 AT THE DOOR

Payment by cash or cheque to:

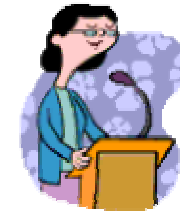
**Community Living - MB
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There were many people who worked tirelessly on the forum and demonstration in the park as well as other strategies to oppose the devastating decision to rebuild the institution in Portage la Prairie. They are too numerous to list here but we would like to pay tribute to the following organizations:

- **Community Living Winnipeg**
- **People First of Manitoba**
- **People First of Canada**
- **Manitoba Coalition of Service Providers**

As well as the above organizations several individuals have volunteered their time on the committee to oppose the redevelopment of the institution in Portage la Prairie. Many of those individuals are involved in agencies that support people with intellectual disabilities, some are education professionals preparing people for employment in the system and others are members of the community at large who care about people with an intellectual disability. Everyone on the committee believes society is greatly improved when we practice INCLUSION.



SPEAKERS

James Conroy PhD - Director of The Center on Outcome Analysis

Dr. Conroy's first job after graduating with a degree in Physiological Psychology was to do a national survey of people with developmental disabilities at the height of institutionalization in the USA. He was shocked at what he saw and spent the next 12 years trying to improve them. After the US Federal Court declared Pennhurst State School and Hospital unconstitutional by its very nature, he became involved in research that convinced him that institutions do not work for anyone and he is now often called upon to testify in court actions to close institutions and / or to do evaluations of closures.

Cam Dore - Director of Home Society of British Columbia. Cam is the father of two 25-year old daughters. He has studied Theology, Social Work and has a Masters degree in Social Work. Ten years ago Cam founded the HOME Society. He also helped found Gentle Teaching International. The HOME Society specialized in working with the most challenging dually diagnosed individuals. When time permits, Cam teaches at local BC Colleges and mentors a variety of non-profits around web developments. He has been involved in the development of 10 non-profit societies over the last 15 years.

Gordon Kyle - Policy analyst with Community Living Ontario with responsibilities for government advocacy. He is the Association's Staff lead to a provincial working group that undertook a comprehensive lobbying initiative which resulted in the government of Ontario establishing a 5-year plan to close the provinces remaining 3 institutions for people who have an intellectual disability and return more than a thousand residents to the community.

SPEAKERS cont'd

Dulcie McCallum former Ombudsman for the Province of BC, is a lawyer and consultant specializing in the rights of people with disabilities. She is presently on the official Canadian delegation to the Ad Hoc Committee at the United Nations drafting the new UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities. Until her recent move to Nova Scotia where she is writing children's books with a disability theme, Ms. McCallum practiced law in BC [over 20 years] doing most of the major disability litigation including the Eve, Stephen Dawson and Elwood Cases. She conducted major reviews including the Need to Know; a review into abuse at Woodlands School and Listening, a review of Riverview Hospital, BC's largest psychiatric facility. Prior to Ombudsman Ms. McCallum was the Government and Legal Affairs Consultant to the Canadian Association for Community Living in Ottawa. She also taught at the University of Victoria, Ms. McCallum's work has been recognized through many honours including YW Women of Distinction, University of Victoria Distinguished Alumni, and Honourary Patron for CMHA.

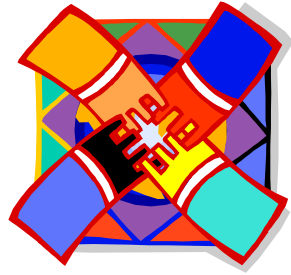
Don Gallant is the principal consultant with *Don Gallant and Associates*. During a 20 year career within the provincial public service, he held senior management positions with the Department of Human Resources and Employment (formerly the Dept. of Social Services); most recently as Director, Division of family and Rehabilitative Services. During his tenure with the Newfoundland govt., his division played the primary leadership role in the successful closure of two institutions in the mid 1980s, and the more recent (1994-1998) depopulation of the Waterford Hospital under the Right Futures project. Mr. Gallant currently serves as a Senior Policy for the Canadian Association for Community Living. In this capacity, Mr. Gallant provides consultation to all provincial and territorial jurisdictions with respect to the national Community Inclusion-Initiative. He also serves as support to the joint People First Force of Canada -CACL Task Force on Deinstitutionalization.

DEMONSTRATION / CELEBRATION IN MEMORIAL PARK



12:00 TO 1:45 pm -----FREE HOT DOGS, ENTERTAINMENT PLUS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE \$40 MILLION INVESTMENT IN AN INSTITUTION LOUD AND CLEAR!

***We hope to see everyone there whether you are able to attend the forum or not.**



The Manitoba Coalition of Service Providers

MEETING

Friday September 30th, 2005

Fort Garry Place

9:00 to 10:00 AM

Guest Speaker: Cam Dore

The first meeting of the year followed by guest speaker

SPEAKERS cont'd

Corey Demontigny has spent the majority of his youth and adult years in institutional and group home settings, and spent several years as a resident of the Manitoba Developmental Centre. Five years ago Corey became involved with In the Company of Friends and moved from MDC to his own apartment. Corey is a strong advocate for community living. Corey is now surrounded by friends who care about him and recognize his many gifts and talents.

Dave Weremy is a strong advocate with many years experience advocating for himself. Dave lived in an institution for 18 years but after years of advocating for himself, he finally moved into the community. Dave enjoys being retired and living on his own. He believes everyone has a right to live in the community and wished everyone in institutions would have the same opportunity that he had.

Gwen Sutton is the mother of Wade who lived in an institution for many years. She always believed that he should and could contribute in the community and fought to get him out of the institution. The authorities at the institution did not believe that it was safe for Wade to move into the community unless there were three staff available at all times. Wade presently lives in a beautiful River Heights home with 4 very active women who are roommates.

Wynona Mryglod - Winona's son Darcy resided in an institution for many years. Ten years ago he was chosen as one of the participants in a pilot project called In the Company of Friends; leaving the institution and moving into an apartment. Winona worked very hard to build a network of friends around Darcy and has many stories to share.

Deanne Balkissoon is a graduate of the Disability and Community Supports Program and is employed with Community Living Winnipeg. Her main role is working with youth with intellectual disabilities while planning and researching different support and social opportunities for youth in Winnipeg. She has volunteered as an advisor for People First of Winnipeg for 2 years and is the interim advisor for People First of Manitoba.

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Time	Session Title	Description	Presenters
8:00 -9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
9:00-9:30	Strong Voices: Self-Advocates Speak Out! Facilitated by: Deanne Balkissoon	A panel of self-advocates will share their memories of living in Manitoba institutions and contrast it to their lives now.	Corey Demontigny David Weremy & Other self-advocates
9:30-10:30	Closing Institutions: The BC Experience	The story of the closure of BC's institutions will be shared along with the impact it's had. Cam will also share his organization's innovative approach in supporting individuals with very complex needs.	Dulcie McCallum Cam Dore
10:30-10:45	BREAK		
10:45-12:00	Continuation of the BC Experience		
12:00-1:30	LUNCH in Royal Crown Restaurant		
1:30-2:45	Innovative Supports in Manitoba	Member agencies of The Manitoba Coalition of Service Providers will describe the unique supports that have been developed to support people with challenging and complex support needs.	Moderated by Cam Dore 3 Service providers who support people with challenging needs
2:45-3:00	BREAK		
3:00-4:00	Community Living Update	Representatives from Community Living Manitoba, Ontario, and BC discuss institutional closure and their role in government policy.	Moderated by Don Gallant, Dulcie McCallum, Cam Dore, Dale Kendel, and Gordon Kyle will discuss their relative provincial realities.

Friday, September 30, 2005

Time	Session Title	Description	Presenters
8:00 -9:00	Continental Breakfast		
9:00-10:00	Family Voices	A panel of family members will describe their experiences as their family member moved from an institution into the community.	Gwen Sutton, Winona Mryglod and other family members of people who moved to the community from institutions
9:00-10:00	Meeting of the Manitoba Coalition of Service Providers	Along with their first membership meeting of the year, Coalition members will hear Cam Dore describe the process, pitfalls and lessons learned in supporting people who have moved from institutions.	
10:00-10:15	BREAK		
10:15-12:00	US Institutions: History, Closures and Discoveries.	Tracing the history and role of institutions in the United States, James will describe the closure, growth and lessons learned from extensive evaluation.	James Conroy
12:00-1:45	LUNCH & Demonstration Celebration at Memorial Park		
2:00-3:00	The Legal Road: What are the Options?	A discussion of legal options and routes that have been pursued in the closure of institutions as well as the results.	Dulcie McCallum James Conroy
3:00-4:00	Finding Solidarity and Moving Forward	The last word is yours. An open discussion and wrap-up session.	Moderated by Dale Kendel with all speakers available to take questions