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Community Support Systems (CSS) Welcomes a new Director!

The staff at Community Development are very happy to announce that Yvonne Collinson from Alberta Health and Wellness, has joined the CSS Division in the Director's position formerly held by Susan Clay. In addition to brain injury services, Yvonne will be overseeing community supports for other programs being developed within the Division for people with disabilities. Please join us in welcoming Yvonne. We also wish to take this opportunity to wish Susan and her family all the best in British Columbia.

Alberta Brain Injury Network Update

Regional coordinators began their work in communities across Alberta in Spring 2002. The coordinators provide support, outreach, coordination and education for brain injury survivors, their families and service

providers. There are presently sixteen (16) service coordinators serving survivors and their families in the six (6) regions in the province. Please refer to the contact section in this bulletin for information how you can reach the Service Coordinator in your area.

Alberta Brain Injury Survival Guide is here!

The first edition of the Alberta Brain Injury Survival Guide, a resource for adults with acquired brain injury and their families, is now available. The first 2,500 copies of the publication were distributed to members of the acquired brain injury community and to the Alberta Brain Injury Network (ABIN) offices in October. An order for an additional 2,500 copies has been placed. The survival guide provides basic information and support, as well as information on some of the resources available in Alberta. It was developed by people within the brain injury

community who gave their time, knowledge and input to the project and was adapted from a similar publication produced by Saskatchewan Health. Copies of this guide are available by calling one of the Alberta Brain Injury Network regional offices (see contact information at the end of this Bulletin) or from the Web site at www.cd.gov.ab.ca

Alberta
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Survival
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Looking for Resources not listed in the Survival Guide?

In an attempt to keep the Survival Guide current, accurate and cost-effective, a decision was made not to include a detailed list of resources available in the province. Information on available resources in your community is available through your regional Service Coordinator and through the Alberta Brain Injury Help Line by dialing toll free 1-877-474-5678.

Currently, a province-wide resources/library database is being created that will ensure access to survivors, family members, service providers and community-based agency staff. The resources/library database will be a comprehensive, up-to-date listing of resources available in the province of Alberta. The estimated timeline for the completion of this library database is Summer 2003.

Community Capacity Meetings

Community capacity-building meetings have been held in High Level, Edson, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Drayton Valley and Stony Plain. Other areas continue to plan for meetings in their region.

These meetings provide survivors, family members, professionals and various community agencies a chance to meet to determine what resources exist in their communities, what services are lacking and where they would like to see the Network go in the future. It is the plan that these sessions and consultations will help inform the Network coordinators regarding the types of support services needed in the communities.

For more information on these meetings or this process, please contact the service coordinators in your region.

Provincial Training Framework

A provincial framework for training caregivers who care for and support adults with acquired brain injury is under development through a partnership initiative. This exciting initiative will benefit anyone having an interest in providing brain injury support to survivors, including family members, rehabilitation workers and healthcare professionals. Details will be provided early 2003. Stay tuned!



ABIN Contracted Agencies:

SOUTH REGION

REDI Enterprises Society HIP – Brain Injury Relearning Services

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Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 1T7
Telephone: (403) 528-2661

REDI Enterprises Society HIP – Brain Injury Relearning Services Lethbridge Office

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Lethbridge, Alberta T1H 0A6
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CALGARY REGION

Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society (SABIS)

137, 2723 – 37 Avenue NE
Calgary, Alberta T1Y 5R8
Telephone: (403) 521.5212

CENTRAL REGION

Canadian Mental Health Association, Alberta Central Region (CMHA) Catholic Social Services (CSS) and Central Alberta Brain Injury Society (CABIS)

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Red Deer, Alberta T4N 1S9
Telephone: (403) 342-2266

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Office

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EDMONTON REGION

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Edson Office – NABIS

Box 20027
Edson, Alberta T7E 1S8
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NORTHWEST REGION

Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society (NABIS)

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NORTHEAST REGION

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