

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD on MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES in KITSILANO

OBJECTIVES

1. To act as a formal link between the citizens of Kitsilano and the Community Mental Health Team by:
 - (a) reviewing, on a regular basis, the work of the team,
 - (b) providing channels for citizen feedback and evaluation of the team,
 - (c) providing channels for feedback and evaluation of the team from its clients,
 - (d) supporting staff efforts that facilitate greater citizen and client feedback and evaluation,
 - (e) actively publicizing the work of the team, and of other groups that offer mental health services in Kitsilano, so that:
 - (i) people who need the services can find out where and to whom they might go in trying to resolve their problems,
 - (ii) the community can begin to have the information that is necessary for determining the mental health needs of Kitsilano, and the range of services that are needed.
2. To act as an advisory and liason body to other groups and individuals offering mental health services in Kitsilano.
3. To strengthen citizen participation in the designing, operation, and evaluation of the mental health services in Kitsilano by:
 - (a) seeking representation on the Mental Health Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Co-Ordinating Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Health. The representative on each committee would be a member of the Community Advisory Board, and would report directly to the Advisory Board,
 - (b) creating a structure (eg. an incorporated society) to continue the functions of the Community Advisory Board,
4. To carry out a continuous review of the mental health needs of Kitsilano by:
 - (a) providing the information and resources that citizens and groups need to evaluate the mental health needs in Kitsilano, the existing services, and the services that should be created,
 - (b) encouraging imaginative research and demonstration projects that might illuminate problems and questions in the mental health area.
5. To find ways of ensuring that a wide choice of mental health services is available to the citizens of Kitsilano.
6. To cooperate actively with others in Kitsilano whose goals and activities are related to preventative mental health.
7. To cooperate with citizen groups in Vancouver in their attempts to improve the mental health services of this city, and to further citizen participation in these services.

STRUCTURE

1. The leader of the Community Mental Health Team will be a member of the Community Advisory Board.
2. Meetings will be open to other staff of the Community Mental Health Team, to other mental health workers in Kitsilano, and to the public.
3. Membership of the Board should be broadly representative of the range of interests and concerns in the community.