

Key Updates on the Developments of the Champion's Centre Inc

May 2010.

1. **AGM, 10th April 2010.**

Virgil Lawrence stood down from the position of Chair. We thanked him for his service to the organisation. Brian Melbourne of Ponoka, too, left the National Board.

The New Governing Board of The Champion's Centre:

Chair (interim): Meloni Lyon, RN. mglyon@shaw.ca

Member: Gary Strugari

Edmonton Rep: Austin Mardon

Brooks Rep: Joel Goodnough

Ponoka Rep: Kevin Thompson

2. **Service Canada Summer Jobs.**

The Champion's Centre has been approved funding for three summer jobs, ideally for post-secondary school students:

Recreational Assistant, Ponoka

Recreational Assistant, Brooks

Administrative Assistant, Brooks.

Please call Jeff (Ponoka) on (1) 403 783 6708 or Neil (Brooks) on (1) 403 362 4440 for more information, but call soon please.

Government of Alberta Community Spirit Program

The Champion's Centre Inc has received a grant of \$22,400 from this program.

3. **Staff updates**

Jeff Hanger has been appointed the Executive Director (interim) until 31st August 2010.

4. **Ponoka**

The Ponoka Champion's Centre became a Licensed Social Care Facility (Fully Compliant) on 31st March 2010.

The Champion's Centre failed in its appeal to open a house in the town as a Group Home. Plans for a women's Centre are, unfortunately having to be redrawn. We thank all of the people of the town that generously donated their time, money and furniture to this project. We recognise the need for a women's Centre and will be working with other agencies to help make this happen.

The LAB is now:

Kevin Thompson, Business owner, Chair. Kevinft08@me.com

Greg Bendera, Pharmacist. gbendera@telus.net

Geoff Mills, retired, secretary.

Gary Hazelhoff, plumber, builder.

5. Brooks

Joel Goodnough is now the Brooks Chair

The Centre is now open and accepting clients. As of Thur 27th May we have room for a further five clients.

The Centre is looking forward to becoming a Licensed Social Care Facility within the next month.

6. Medicine Hat and Redcliff

The Medicine Hat Centre is looking forward to becoming a Licensed Social Care Facility in June 2010.

The staff continue to work hard on providing meals to the homeless at the weekends and on most mornings. The partnership with McMan whereby the Champion's Centre provided a breakfast to those utilising the Winters Inn emergency shelter will continue in 2010. The Centre hopes to continue to provide the breakfasts- along with a hot shower and a laundry facility- throughout the summer.

7. Edmonton.

Pat Oster and John MacDonald have both left the LAB

A recent funding application to Homeward Trust was unsuccessful. During this process, though, the Board has been rebuilt, with community members, an architect and a builder all joining.

The Board is looking at a number of opportunities within the city for a new Champion's Centre.