

Continuity News

S U M M E R 2 0 2 2

Annual General Meeting

Continuity Care held our 16th AGM on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022. We had planned to host this as a hybrid meeting, however, changed this plan to a fully virtual meeting by Zoom. It was a smaller meeting with 17 people in attendance; including 8 board members, 3 staff and 6 members.

This was a short business meeting only, as we are hosting our larger anniversary celebration on October 6th, 2022. Sherry Desilets, our board President, chaired the meeting. Sub-committee reports were presented by Merv Gunter (Finance), Terry Williams (Human Resource) and Monique Chaput (Family Advisory). Jayda Taylor, our new Member Support & Outreach Facilitator provided an introduction and perspectives of her work in the first 6 months in her role. Gisela Runge provided a report from the Baby Boomer Café. Suzanne Swanton presented her Executive Director's report. Sherry adjourned the meeting with her closing remarks and Terry Williams ended things on a positive note with a song.

A copy of our annual report for 2021-2022 is available on our website continuitycare.ca or can be requested from our office.

Inside This Issue

Message from the Office	2
120 Maryland Group Project	3
Thank you to The Winnipeg Foundation	3
Baby Boomer Café	4
Thank you!	4



Message from the Office

Well folks, it's officially summer! Now if only Mother Nature would cooperate with us. The past few months have been a blur and I am not sure if it is a pandemic phenomenon or a sign of how busy we have been.

We have finalized our new Strategic Plan for 2022—2025. It has been a long, but valuable process and we are pleased with the final product. A special thank you to Frank Atnikov from Frank Growth Solutions for his expertise in leading our organization through this process and to our board members, sub-committee members and staff for their time and input. I would also like to acknowledge the Thomas Sill Foundation for the grant to assist with the associated expenses.

On April 27th, I attended a press conference at the Manitoba Legislature where the Department of Families made several funding announcements related to wages and training for staff and improvements to the disability sector. It was a good news day and fulfilling to know that the advocacy efforts, meetings with government and the collective voices across our province were heard. It is reason for a celebration, however, there is still more work ahead of us and we cannot take our foot off the gas pedal.

In April and May, Jayda and I were pleased to be able to virtually connect with families in the Westman area. Thanks to Debby Dandy from Inclusion Westman and the Collective Voices group for the invitation.

On May 30th, I was invited by the Community Venture's Family Network to present on the RDSP. This was my first in person presentation in two years, which felt odd at first, but good to be back to presenting in a room full of new and familiar faces.

Congratulations to Jayda Taylor for completing her first 6 months with Continuity Care. We are so pleased to have you as part of our staff team.

We will each be taking some time off over the summer months, but we have coordinated our vacation plans to ensure someone will be available to assist you.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Swanton - Executive Director



**Continuity Care`s
25th Anniversary**

**& Baby Boomer Café`s
20th Anniversary**

Thursday, October 6, 2022
5:00- 9:00 pm

Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park
1405 St. Matthews Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

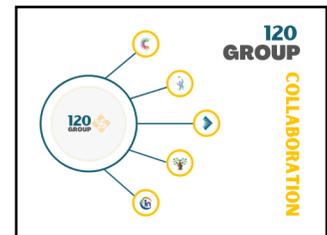
We are pleased to announce that “the 120 Maryland Group” has been awarded a grant for a two-year pilot project with a focus on “Community Based Assisted Decision Making”. The partners who make up the 120 Maryland Group include: Community Living Manitoba, Inclusion Winnipeg, Innovative LIFE Options, the Family Advocacy Network of Manitoba and Continuity Care. This project is funded by the Department of Families and stems from the recommendations included in the VPA Task Force report, titled “Pathways to Dignity: Rights, Safeguards, Planning and Decision Making”.

https://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/pubs/pathways_to_dignity_report.pdf

The objectives of this pilot project include developing peer support networks for families, increasing capacity for the use of support networks, motivating the use of community-based assisted decision makers and assisted decision making, and reducing reliance on the Public Guardian and Trustee. The scope of this project includes all regions of Manitoba and there will be both in person and virtual opportunities for families, organizations, and self-advocates to connect and contribute to this important project.

A steering committee has been created for this project and we are in the process of recruiting for three newly created staff positions to assist the partnering organizations with carrying out the important work of this project. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Suzanne at Continuity Care or any of the other partnering organizations. We have also created a new email address specifically for this project admproject@aclmb.ca

Thank you to the Province of Manitoba for providing the funding for this project. We would also like to acknowledge the members of the VPA Task Force for their time, commitment and wisdom which started us on this path towards improving the VPA and the lives of Manitobans living with intellectual disabilities.



Special Thanks to The Winnipeg Foundation



We wanted to share the great news that Continuity Care will be receiving \$50,000 for an ADAPT grant from The Winnipeg Foundation. The purpose of the ADAPT grant is to assist community organizations, like ours, with recovering and stabilizing as we make our way out of the pandemic. The grant proposal areas include: the exploration of new revenue generating strategies, Human Resources, such as policy development and board and staff development which reflect Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and finally, operational adaptations such as technology. We are so very grateful for the continued support from The Winnipeg Foundation over the past two years, as without it, Continuity Care would not have been able to sustain our organization during the pandemic. On behalf of our staff, board members and most importantly, our members, a heartfelt thank you to the team and leadership of The Winnipeg Foundation!

Baby Boomer Café

Attention all Parkies! There is a special Baby Boomer Summer Cafe on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 from 4:30-8:30 pm in the South Picnic Shelter! Look for all the Canada flags and you will be at the right place. There could be a special guest MP visitor joining us during our celebration.

Please mark this date on your calendar! We will be having a bbq with yummy food, incredible music, a singalong, bonfire, games, a scavenger hunt challenge with prizes, lots of fun, etc. Please bring lawn chairs and/or a blanket, mosquito spray, sun hat, light jacket, smiles, etc. We will be following CC's Covid protocol. If you are not feeling well the day of the bbq or have a cold please stay home. Also kindly bring your vaccination cards or proof of vaccination to attend this event. Masks & sanitizer will be provided. More information to follow at the end of July.



Please RSVP to the Continuity Care Office at 204-779-1679 and provide us your name, phone number, and how many people in your family plan to come. Also let us know if you have any food allergies/sensitivities.

For further information, contact Albert or Sharon at 204-334-1839/204-470-9991.

Happy Summer everyone!
Albert and Sharon Yanofsky for the BBC

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Help Us Grow 2.0" fundraiser in support of our Sharing Circle of Support program. This was our first time stepping into the world of virtual fundraising and did not know what to expect. We earned a modest \$200, and gained a lot of insight.



**We invite you to become a
Continuity Care member**

One-year membership \$25
One-year agency membership \$50
Lifetime membership \$250
Leave a Legacy

Continuity Care Inc.

2-120 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, MB R3G 1L1

P: (204) 779-1679 F: (204) 786-6766

info@continuitycare.ca www.continuitycare.ca



Stay up-to-date by following us on
Facebook and Twitter at:



[facebook.com/contcare](https://www.facebook.com/contcare)
[Twitter@care_continuity](https://twitter.com/care_continuity)