

## **Sunday April 9, 2024, Louis Brier Family Council Meet n Greet.**

Here are some of our conversations:

**1.**

### **How to encourage greater participation in Family Council**

- Executive
- Participation at meetings
- Participation on food advisory council
- Participation on other LBHH committees
- Participation in projects:

(Book Drive June 2 and June 3, Gardening April 28 and other May dates, Recognition every 18<sup>th</sup> of the month – submit online)

**2.**

### **Why families are not attending:**

- They do not know family council exists
- General busy life demands
- They do not receive notices because they do not have/like/use technology
- They do not receive notices
- The main contact receives the notices but does not forward the notices (maybe they never thought they could?)
- The time is not right
- What's in it for them? What are the benefits?

How can we ensure every resident visitor knows about Family Council and accesses us through participation or email support or both?

**3.**

### **Companion Training**

Despite 35+ companions taking part in the March training, only 10 were signed up for April: ask Myla to send out a notice to families encouraging their companions to make sure they attend training

**4.**

### **Connecting with Resident Council is a priority**

Family Council primarily exists for the sake of our residents and ensuring our efforts work towards the betterment of resident experience. How can we connect more often? Gardening, The Book Drive and the support for the VPC book access program are examples. More ideas to come/needed

**5.**

### **Gardening (New info)**

**David is trying** to get our landscaper to do the bulk of the preparation and even planting of the gardens. Waiting to hear about April 28 cleaning and preparing on the

balcony (Lisa and Fran).

**6.**

**UBC Research Video - Raising the Voice: How to increase effectiveness of family councils in long-term care homes in British Columbia, Canada**

We had a sneak peek of this rough-cut video filmed at Louis Brier for the UBC Research project

**7. Upcoming (New)**

**We have our Director of Care, Pam Kooner coming to our May 16 7PM virtual meeting**

**We have Sheila Novak, UBC Research (different project) coming to our June 20 7PM virtual meeting**

**Please SAVE THE DATES!**