

620: COMMUNITY SPEECH SERVICES (P)

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POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of early intervention by trained professionals to meet the needs of children with speech disorders. The Board believes that this may be best achieved through the cooperation of the Board, the Ministry of Health and relevant community agencies.

The Board will facilitate the development of a Community Speech Services program by annually attempting to contract with the Ministry of Health for sufficient funding for professional services and equipment and by cooperating with community agencies for the provision of facility and support services.

The Board will actively participate on a community-based advisory committee whose purpose will be to assist in the development of coordinated community speech pathology services.

REGULATIONS

1.0 PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 The Ministry of Health will provide:
- i) salaries, benefits, and in-service assistance for the Speech Pathologist.
 - ii) professional equipment and program supplies
 - iii) a portion of the costs of secretarial/clerical office support
 - iv) professional assessment of the Speech Pathologist and supervision of program guidelines.
- 1.2 The Board of Education will provide:
- i) day to day administration and supervision of the Speech Pathologist
 - ii) facility renovations
- 1.3 The Community will provide:
- i) the facility
 - ii) the remainder of the costs of secretarial/clerical office support
 - iii) supervision of the secretarial/clerical office support
 - iv) office supplies

2.0 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

- 2.1 The Pathologist must be a fully qualified graduate from an approved institution and be eligible for membership in the Canadian and B.C. Association of Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology.
- 2.2 The Pathologist will be selected by the Board, in consultation with the Ministry of Health.

3.0 COMMUNITY SPEECH SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The function of the committee is:
 - i) to monitor the development of the Community Speech Services Program to ensure that the Community responsibilities as outlined in 1.3 are met
 - ii) to advise the Board on processes that will ensure the delivery of speech services to the community according to its greatest need and the most recent research
 - iii) to advise the Board on necessary program/facility alterations or contractual changes
 - iv) to deal directly with the Ministry of Health or other relevant speech and language agencies regarding community speech and language needs.
- 3.2 The composition of the committee shall be one voting representative appointed from each of the following community groups:
 - School District 70 (Alberni)
 - B.C. Ministry of Health (local)
 - B.C. Ministry of Health (regional)
 - City of Port Alberni
 - Hilton Center Management
 - Association for Children with Developmental Disabilities
 - Ministry of Social Services and Housing Association for Mentally Handicapped People
 - P.A. Pre-School Teachers' Association
 - Alberni Valley Medical Society
 - Parents/guardians (minimum of 2)
- 3.3 The committee shall, in September of each year, elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and recording secretary who will be responsible for:
 - i) establishing agendas for a minimum of three meetings per year (September/October, January, May)
 - ii) circulating agendas to each representative group with requests to forward same to appropriate representatives distribution of written minutes from

each meeting to all representative groups, the West Coast General Hospital Board and the Board of Health.