

When: February 6, 2014 1:00-3:00 pm
 Where: Central Gateway, 9435 Young Road, Rm 119

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Trish Ackland and Kiran Sidhu

ATTENDANCE:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda – Approved

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Approved

4. Business Arising from the minutes

Community Conversation research – Debbie has forwarded Philosopher Café information to Karen.



5. New Business/other Business

a. Finance Committee Update – proposed budget attached

Trish proposed a two month contract extension for the Infant Mental Health Intake Coordinator. The position currently runs from September to the end of March. The recommendation is to extend it until the end of May, at an additional cost of \$1,600. It is consistent with the Early Years strategic goals. It is usually a UFV joint venture. Expenditure would be via MCFD contracts.

DECISION: Dan will write the contract to be extended as per request.

The next edition of the Child Development Guide is anticipated to have an increased \$1,500-2,000 shortfall, beyond initial committed funds. Katrina will contact original contributors to see if anyone will contribute towards that shortage. She is requesting that this increased need be covered from the Early Years budget.

ACTION: Katrina will email Dan a summary of the requested amount and specific expenditures.

ACTION: 2014 proposed budget to be brought to March's Early Years meeting.

Karen distributed sample copies of the "Pre-Kindergarten - milestones activity book", produced by Fraser Valley Child Development Centre. These books will be given out at developmental screenings. It includes tips for parents. The Early Years table purchased 500 to hand out at Early Years events. Participating Early Years organizations may request some from Karen.

b. Childhood Expo: All 4 Kids – February 20th, 9am-5pm

Location is the Cottonwood Mall, where Santa Claus usually is at Christmas. Sto:lo and the Child Development Centre will be doing developmental screening. Every hour there will be presentations relevant to early child development. Later in the day a magician will perform. Nine agencies are willing to take part. Posters will be made once the participating agencies are confirmed. It might be possible to set up the new Early Years tents.

Katrina will help with the event.

6. Strategic Plan – Goal Activity Updates:

a. Child Development Guide

Agassiz, Harrison and Hope has asked Chilliwack Hospital Health Care Foundation to present on all the materials they have. The week of February 10th Katrina will present materials including the Child Development Guide. It is possible that the communities might be interested in using and adapting the Guide. If this occurs, they would cover all the printing and redesign costs.

DECISION: It is agreed that the Child Development Guide template be shared with the other communities at their request. The designer of the Guide would be consulted beforehand for his consent and requirements of sharing the file.

b. Training/workshop updates

Dr. Stuart Shanker is coming to Abbotsford on February 20th, admission is free. See attached poster.

Dan went to the Early Childhood provincial conference. HELP was involved. There were a number of breakout workshops. The Minister was there doing the introductions; MCFD was one of the funders.

The week of February 10th is Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. Merlyn Horton will present at 7:30pm Tuesday at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre. On Wednesday



Jassy Bindra from the RCMP's Human Trafficking Division presents, and Trisha Baptiste shares a personal story. Also speaking is Les Talvio, the Executive Director of the Cyrus Centre.

Chilliwack Learning Community Society (CLCS) will be training volunteers in Family Literacy programs at end of March or April. Also, \$14,477 in Raise-a-Reader will be coming to Chilliwack; this is considered Early Years money. The CLCS Early Family Literacy Task Group meets February 13th to review the allocation of the funds. In addition to the 2014 funds is the amount unallocated from 2013 funds. Literacy is the focus of the program – learning as an activity for kids and parents together; also upgrading.

Chilliwack Hospice Society has volunteer training sessions for working with kids.

Sardis Doorway is offering Occupational First Aid on February 25th and WorldHost on March 11th.

7. Task Group Updates

a. Social Marketing, Healthy Kids Day

Karen hasn't yet heard from the YMCA about the plans.

b. Young Parenting

There were more births in Chilliwack this year than last year. Not sure if it's an overall increase throughout communities, or just a Chilliwack increase. Fraser Health hasn't been able to pull comparison statistics from other communities.

At the next Young Parenting meeting, there will be a focus on what the mandate should be for the coming year.

Young Parents program has moved to the Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

c. Terms of Reference Update – not covered

8. Coordinators Report – Will be posted on the CYC website. Highlights below.

- 3 orientations for Child & Youth Committee
- 1 orientation for Early Years table
- Sexual Exploitation awareness team
- Admin training days
- All 4 Kids Expo planning

9. Agency Updates – not covered

10. Next Meeting: March 4, 2014

11. Adjournment: 2:30 pm

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