



When: June 5, 2014 1:00-3:00 pm
 Where: Central Gateway, 9435 Young Road, Rm 119

Recorder: Annette Williams

Co-Chairs: Karen Steegstra and Trish Ackland (absent)

ATTENDANCE:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda – Approved

3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – Approved, with the following change:
 Point 6 Strategic Plan Goal Activity Update, under Training/Workshop Update, change where Triple P is being offered, replacing “Downtown Family Place” with “Sardis Family Place”.

4. Business Arising from the minutes

- Healthy Kids Day
 The mandate at the YMCA which has resulting in some changes to Healthy Kids Day; it was a smaller event this year. There wasn't opportunity for the Early Years subcommittee to participate.



5. New Business/other Business

- a. Guest presenters Amber Baldwin and Angela Joiner from Montessori Child Growth Society, <http://www.mcgsociety.com/>.
 - Located in Canada Education Park.
 - They will have a daycare for all ages including an after school program; also will run a preschool. Ages of care are 3 months (already full) to 12 years. There are some programs for older than 12 years. Socio-emotional development is incorporated into the programs. Arrangements have been made for a special needs department and special needs coordinator. Autism intervention services will be included, with a behavior support professional and support groups.
 - School bus transportation will be available to and from Sardis Elementary school.
 - The grand opening is a carnival. There will be people present who can help special needs people to participate in events.
 - During August 2014 there will be week long summer day camps for school age children.
 - They will join the Early Years committee.

6. Strategic Plan – Goal Activity Updates:

a. Review & Update Strategic Plan

Key priorities identified in the Strategic Plan have been to 1) Increase Parent Supports for Chilliwack, and 2) Fostering Optimal Child Development. Poverty was also identified during discussions, but not selected for the Strategic Plan because that is a broad topic, and actions to impact it might be outside the committee’s direct realm of influence. The selected priorities would still have a correlation to assisting those in poverty.

Actions should be updated, with measurable goals and timelines. For example, “By 2020 we are going to decrease vulnerability by 5%.”

Karen is reviewing the EDI, cross-referencing it to the 2011 Census, then seeing what can be extracted for evaluating needed Chilliwack programs and services. For instance, Sardis North has more vulnerability and the most 0-6 year olds. Are there programs and supports in Sardis North targeting that age group? How will the programs be embraced and accessed by the families? Historically, Sardis North families don’t quickly embrace the support available. Downtown Chilliwack numbers are stable in the most recent EDI wave.

1.1 Review and support existing central screening process

ACTION: Mapping. Compare age groups in each area, immigrant population stats etc. Chilliwack doesn’t have a plan for children and youth, and this would be part of that process once it begins. Look at locations of parks, facilities, and schools. Compare to 2007 EDI results/mapping. Depending on the results, perhaps remove 1.1. The resulting information can be shared with Parks & Recreation if desired, for planning their new developments.

1.2 Partnering with community agencies to provide an annual health fair to the Chilliwack community.

Remove Health Kids Day (YMCA) from the outputs; will instead do an event similar to Ready Set Learn, in the spring and fall.



1.3 Joint Training

Opportunities are documented in the minutes throughout the year. The goal has been met.

1.4 Education and promotion of optimal child development

Karen Steegstra raised awareness at Party in the Park and Cinema Under the Stars.

Some communities have groups of childcare service providers that meet together regularly, to talk about what's happening in their communities and how to address the needs. This is something to consider for Chilliwack.

ACTION: Karen will email an invitation to people to join the Child Care Task Group and/or Social Marketing Task Group.

There is a 2014 budget for Social Marketing.

It would be good to have a task group to help with events such as the Resource Fair in the mall and National Children's Day. It could be called a Community Education Task Group.

A focus for the CYC could be Early Childhood, including socio-emotional health, sleep health (work with Middle Years). Perhaps Chilliwack community should invest in a speaker such as Stewart Shanker, to educate parents and service providers.

1.5 Increased inter-agency collaboration of services

There is a collaboration of agencies, and co-location. The activities should be documented as per the Strategic Plan. Examples are the Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC), and Trish Ackland's office at the Child Development Centre.

Remove Collaborative Practice Committee from the outputs as it is part of "every Door is the Right Door".

ACTION: The new Child Care Task Group can develop activities for 1.5.

2.1 Joint community knowledge exchange session on existing parenting programs

Trish Ackland compiled the parenting programs information, so it is complete.

2.2 Support parent to parent initiative and mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters has an active parent mentoring program. It would be good for families to adopt other families; perhaps Chilliwack Community Services could apply for an RFP to do that.

ACTION: Add an Achievements column to the Strategic Plan document, to track progress of all activities against the plan.

2.3 Production and development of Child Development Guide

The guide has been printed twice and is available on www.childandyouth.com, specifically at <http://childandyouth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Chilliwack-Child-Development-Guide1.pdf>.

2.4 Parents are aware/utilizing the CYC website for information, supports and knowledge of upcoming events

The CYC Website Steering Committee continues to meet. Google analytics is being reported and monitored. Traffics has remained steady.

ACTION: Need another workshop for parents

ACTION: Remove "2013" from Strategic Plan Timeline & Milestones column.



b. Training/workshop updates

"Kids Have Stress Too" Training occurs at the NLC on June 18th. There are 30 spaces and there is still room. Training allows attendees to offer the workshop to parents. Early Years committee has ordered 10 copies of printed materials. Organizations that are part of the Early Years committee will receive one workbook each. They are reproducible. Cost per set of materials is \$20.

7. Task Group Updates

- a. **Social Marketing** – no update
- b. **Baby Friendly Initiative** – no update

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

9. Agency Updates

FVDCD – Triple P going well at Sardis Family Place.

Gateway – Success by 6 grant application

The grant application hasn't changed in content from previous years. See attached 2014/2015 Early Years budget.

DECISION: The Early Years committee agreed to support the application.

ACTION: Karen will send off the application with a cover letter saying it is supported by the Early Years table.

Ministry of Children and Family Development – hiring an Early Years Mental Health therapist.

Chilliwack Community Services (CCS)

CCS has been reviewing the management team structure and the programs that fall within the various departments, including what manager oversees them. Family Literacy (Families in Motion and Family Literacy Upgrading) are shifting from Darby. The programs are offered in close partnership with Chilliwack School District and UFV. It was for parents who were looking to finish their grade 12. With the new strategic outcomes for the students, it best fits with WorkBC's vocational programs. The transition will occur in August. Nothing else about the programs will change.

In partnership with Chilliwack Learning Community Society, they have received a TD Financial Literacy grant of approximately \$99,999. It is a one year project with a goal of enhancing and increasing financial literacy skills in parents in Chilliwack. It is anticipated to Impact 250 people at minimum. A financial literacy trainer will be brought in to train people who could then disburse that training in the community.

Chilliwack Learning Community Society

Is currently rebranding, changing the name to Chilliwack Learning Society. The logo will also be changing.

10. Next Meeting: September 11, 2014

11. Adjournment: 2:50 pm

