



APPROVED MINUTES



Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Early Years Sub-Committee



When: Thursday, June 03, 2010, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Where: Chilliwack Community Services – 45938 Wellington Avenue

ATTENDANCE:

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Chair: Dan Ludeman and Sherry Sinclair

Recorder: Karin Rempel

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda: as presented

3. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2010: approved as amended

please note that in the May20, 2010 approved minutes, 4a-i) should read

Karin brought the recommendation from Donna Gannon and the Joint Chilliwack Learning Community Early Family Literacy/Social Marketing Task Group as follows: ' (Joint and Social Marketing was added to approved minutes)

4. Business Arising – none at this time

5. New Business

a) November 4, 2010 – Strategic Planning Day discussion: content and shape of the day (see Nov 5, 2009 minutes)

- it was good to have the community partners (non ECD people) at the table but should be part of the Community Profile discussion as well so they can find how they can contribute and for looking forward
- 2010 might be a good time to take Donna's suggestion around inviting the community to be involved
- WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT?
fundraising as well as awareness raising and tapping into the 'people resources'
- we need to look at who we invite (business, City, Chamber of Commerce etc)to make sure we recognize the non traditional support they may be able to offer

- v. examples of 'non traditional' supporters might help non ECE people find a way to contribute ~ i.e. the Bookman having their token jars that fund 5 literacy workshops at Family Place, bank employees painting Downtown Family Place
- vi. the Strat Plan does need some work in filling in measurable outcomes – the Strat Plan Task Group will work on this in preparation for Nov 4, 2010
- vii. need to send out invitations now so that people can put it onto their calendars now. Banks, churches etc

→ each program (Early Years Committee member) should make a list of 'business supporters' for invite list. It may be more meaningful for each program to invite using supplied invite rather than a cold invitation

- viii. idea: to have a community supporter speak as to why they support/are involved
- ix. invite service clubs, optimists, music academy, Community School Coordinators
- x. we also need to be prepared for what they offer – does it involve programs working together
- xi. as a way to say thank you
- xii. Seniors are an untapped resource
- xiii. adding possible 'tour'

***if you have ideas, please send them to Sherry for July's discussion*

FYI: Barbara Colloroso: there is interest in bringing her to speak. Barb mentioned that this might work in partnership with CCRR's November community workshop

FYI: Back to Sleep, Tummy to Play campaign ~ should we create a resource to help families understand the importance of these concepts. Social Marketing Task Group will look at this

6. Task Group Reports: if available, please offer an electronic copy for the minutes

a) Child Care Task Group

- i. Barb reported that task group met with the Early Family Literacy Task Group to see what we can do to support literacy in Childcare Settings. More work will be done on this

***Barb will be on Global TV Tuesday June 8 on the noon news*

b) Finance Task Group

- i. Darby reported that payout of grants will be done in the next few weeks.
- ii. letters will go out in the next week to those grants that were successful as well as not successful 09/10 year end report will be out soon

c) Gateway Steering

- i. Darby reported that task group has not met for some time as nothing has changed.
- ii. Darby & Scott did a tour for community programs but have not heard back from anyone.
- iii. CYC tour was a success in showing what programs have to offer families (mostly SD people).

d) Mapping – no report

e) Membership and Orientation – no report

f) Mobilization & Social Marketing – no report

g) Strategic Plan Development

- i. Sherry invited anyone who would like to join this task group to contact her in preparation for November celebration

h) Terms of Reference

- i. any thoughts or revisions to consider?
- ii. Karin asked whether the early years apply for funds? how does this work? (Ie Healthy Baby Connection etc) ?
- iii. Task Group will look at this issue and add revision to Terms of Reference for consideration

i) **Young Parent Services**

- i. Joanne reported that in the writing of our task group purpose group is working on the following 3 focus areas: Childcare, Basic Needs, Prevention. Starting point is to create an inventory of what is being used with this population.
- ii. Joanne & Laura are speaking at the June Health Network meeting
- iii. Joanne mentioned that the SD is looking at the extra 2 days she was given to coordinate the child minding piece of the work being done at the Ed centre with the young parents

7. Community Coordinator Report – highlights . . . 5 minutes

- a) Karin reminded about the Meet me at the River event – Saturday June 12, 10-1pm
- b) The City of Chilliwack (as reported at the Health Network meeting and a letter received by Dan (on behalf of MCFD) is working on a Healthy Communities Project.
 - i. The 3 focus areas for this project are: homelessness, mental health & addictions and public safety.
 - ii. The project will look at collecting info from the community on ways to improve the health of our community in these 3 areas starting in September.
 - iii. In the presented documents, prevention (and more specifically pre/postnatal health and early childhood) were not included as part of the solution.
 - iv. The CYC needs to be the voice for prevention. CYC does not meet until September
 - v. At the July meeting, a plan of action will be decided upon to make sure that prevention and the importance of starting early is included in the report and is part of the community consult process.
 - vi. Karin will: put together some info on where vulnerabilities are and what these look like in adults (HELP work)
 - (1) what is working in Chilliwack in terms of prevention
 - vii. We need to be clear as to what we want and what messages we want presented.
- c) Karin announced the following ~

I have decided that it is time to hang up my 'Community Coordinator' Hat.

I have worn this hat for almost 10 years and I love this hat. I am proud of this hat.

I have learned so much with this hat, met and worked with amazing people and had the opportunity to do things I never dreamed I would be doing.

. . . but I wear more than just this one hat and many of the hats I wear have grown and now are too big for my head. The shape of this hat has changed and increased over time and it is now time for me to put it back on the Early Years Table.

I will help work through the transition and I will still be part of this work . . with my Doorway hat on.



8. Updates – please offer an electronic copy to be added to the minutes

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| ◇ | question from the table |
| ⦿ | task for a specific person |
| ☑ | approved item |
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