



Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Early Years Sub-Committee



When: Thursday, March 4, 2010, 12:30 to 3:30pm

Where: Chilliwack Community Services – 45938 Wellington Avenue

ATTENDANCE:

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Co-Chairs: Dan Ludeman and Sherry Sinclair

Recorder: Karin Rempel

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda – approved as presented

3. Approval of Minutes of February 04, 2010 – as circulated

4. Business Arising

a) MCFD Ministry Update

- i. 'Child and Home Relative', program 30 years running, ends on March 31st.
- ii. Beginning April 1st is a program called 'Extended Families' Section 8 of Act 'Kith and Kin'.
 - (1) Assessment process will be similar yet more stringent with a six month renewal, financial need plus rationale of why the parent is not caring for child and will include health and dental coverage.

b) CLCS - Donna

- i. Strategy: find isolated families to support children to be ready for Kindergarten
- ii. Book bins – increase quality of books available and increase more sites of book bins. Meeting jointly for one year with CYC EY Social Marketing tg – goals to: train volunteers, produce a brochure, read to kids at community business / programs, build partnerships to volunteer at community places, ie: Community Park to set up a reading corner
- iii. Successfully applied to Chilliwack Foundation for \$4025.00 January 2010

5. MCFD Budget Update

- a) Revisited the history of the Early Years Committee, established in 1998 and MCFD and Success by Six funding came in 2004.
- b) Dan gave overview of MCFD province wide - funding is reduced by \$10,000,000. So far, the full range of programs dollars to be impacted, except for Aboriginal services and Child and Youth Special Needs. Chilliwack has 6.5% of the Fraser Region budget.
- c) All government has been impacted with staffing freezes. There is no loss of full-time staff, but there is no backfills. We can expect the same for 2011.
- d) On principle, the Minister declared that no core services would be impacted, with final decisions being made regionally.
 - i. Dan reports that ECD is 7.5% of Chilliwack's MCFD budget.
 - ii. Estimate budget for this table for 2010-2011 \$100,000
MCFD is looking for equity in cuts. MCFD criteria to receive funding is to assess if this direct or core service.
Direct: does this project provide face to face service with children and families?
Core: if funding is cut, would this: eliminate program/agency or eliminate services from a community? The Make Funding for Children First amount and the availability of Success by Six funding should be known the week of March 5th.

6. Finance Task Group Update

- a) Darby gave a quick summary. We are expecting 50% less than 2009. We have received 13 grant applications.

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| \$100,000 | estimate MCFD funds |
| <u>3,500</u> | 2007 – 2008 in carryover funding (\$1,000 not allocated in 2009) |
| \$103,500 | |

There is \$2,270 left of the School District ECD grant that is spoken for by the School District.
- b) Darby handed out Grant Request Summary. The established funding targets were prioritized and the grants assessed if they are a direct service.
 - i. Consensus on approval of prioritizing established funding targets:
 - (1) Parenting Education and Support
 - (2) Accessibility
 - (3) Collaboration and Integration and Communications Strategy
 - ii. Consensus on approval of MCFD criteria:
 - (1) Project provides a direct service to children and families
 - (2) Funding ensures program/agency capacity to continue to deliver service
 - (3) Funding ensures community stability to provide direct services to children and families.
- c) Dan reviewed infrastructure costs of the table.
 - i. Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator are integral to the table. The \$27,560 in 2009 is not a grant. Salaries \$21,000 and costs \$6,000. We will review the Job Description, although the recognizing savings may be small. Recommendation we set aside \$27,000. Consensus reached.
 - ii. Social marketing
 - (1) \$2,000 can be reduced to \$1,000 by removing special events. Consensus reached and will look for other sources of funding.
 - iii. Financial Records assistance for Finance Task Group
 - (1) \$1,561 to maintain financial records. Recommendation to eliminate position for 2010-2011. Consensus reached.

Balance remaining for grants: \$75,500. This does not include Success by Six funding.





7. Grant Approval Process


- a) Number off grants for review in two groups
- b) Groups use checklist of criteria and prioritized funding targets
 - i. Focus on what the funding request is intended to serve, not the amount requested.
- c) Two groups come back together and report back
- d) Grants that meet criteria and to go forward
 - i. Gateway for Children and Families
 - ii. Downtown Family Place
 - iii. Pregnant Parenting Youth Outreach
 - iv. Families in Motion
- e) *We are over \$34,629.* That may be covered by Success by Six
- f) Nadine questioned the Sardis Doorway proposal not meeting the criteria. Consensus to change to yes, meets criteria. Sherry recommends that Sardis Doorway review the wording on their application in regards to the MCFD criteria.
- g) Grants that meet some criteria and to go forward if enough funding
 - i. Infant Mental Health
 - ii. Positive Parenting Project
 - iii. Sardis Doorway Grants
- h) Sherry recommends all applicants that meet the criteria to trim their budgets, if they can.
- i) Members are asked to prioritize the grants in preparation for the March 25 Special Budget meeting.

8. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday March 25 1:00-2:30
Thursday April 1 1:00-3:00

Symbol key

-  question from the table
-  task for a specific person
-  approved item
-  please note

 task for everyone



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