

YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 27th, 2012 9:00-10:30 AM (CSCL's Mathieson Centre)

Co-Chairs: Tim Bohr (CCS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)

Recorder: Natalie Karam

Present: Andy Kizmann, Cathy Preibisch, Karen Steegstra, Kelly Balasak, Carol Petek,

Jessica Adams-Loupret, Jennifer Mackenzie, Tim Bohr, Natalie Karam, Dan Bibby

Regrets: Steve Andrews (Ann Davis), Robyn Harold (SD33), Shari West (YMCA),

1. Who's at the Table...

• **Tim Bohr** (Chilliwack Community Services)

- Natalie Karam (Chilliwack Society for Community Living)
- Andy Kizmann (Youth Restorative Justice)
- Cathy Preibisch (District Counsellor at Chance & Sto-Lo)
- **Karen Steegstra** (Child & Youth Coordinator)
- **Kelly Balasak** (Youth Transition Facilitator MCFD)
- **Dan Bibby** (Community Service Manager MCFD)
- Carol Petek (Counsellor at Sardis Senior Secondary)
- Jessica Adams-Loupret (Counsellor at Sardis Senior Secondary)
- **Jennifer Mackenzie** (Practicum Student at Chilliwack Community Services)

People to invite to the table:

- *Amber Mothus* Youth Outreach Worker at Ed Centre (need to follow up to see if she is able to return to the committee.
- *Brianna Miller* "Keep the Kids in School" Program.

ACTION: Cathy will speak to Brianna about attending the committee.

- *City Life Church* Todd Lueck (sits on CYC, may be interested in joining Youth Matter's as well or send someone else from City Life).
- **Brock Adams** South Side Church
- *PCRS* Provide addiction services to youth (Steve Esau used to attend)

ACTION: Tim with check with PCRS to see if they can send someone.

- Promontory Community Church
- Representation from various schools

ACTION: Jessica will forward the committee details to other school counselors and then forward their email addresses to Natalie to add to the contact list.

2. Review of CYC Committee & Youth Matter's Strategic Plan (Dan Bibby)

Chilliwack CYC Committee (CYC)

- Sub-Committees of CYC: Clinical Sub-Committee, Family Support Committee, Early Years Committee, Youth Matter's Committee
- 30 + years (Youth Matters Committee)
- Youth Matters tries to bring together senior members from various agencies that provide services to Youth in Chilliwack.
- Discussion and brief review of the Youth Matter's Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference

ACTION: Tim & Natalie to meet to review and update the Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference.



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3. Overview of Challenge Day

- Youth empowerment.
- Follow through from the Youth (Breakfast Club at SSS initiated by youth, Mural to highlight diversity/raising funds to create the mural initiated by Youth, Clothing Exchange initiated by Youth).

Suggestions from Committee...

- Counsellor from every school would be required to be available to debrief with youth that participate in Challenge Day.
- Invite RCMP to be leaders/facilitators at Challenge Day in their uniforms (it was powerful when SSS did Challenge Day 2 years ago).
- Run Challenge Day January 14th OR February 21st.
- Look for funding from service groups (Kiwanis Club, Chilliwack Foundation, etc). MCFD will likely be able to fund a portion of the cost.

4. How do we pay for Challenge Day??

• Approximately \$4000.00 to run Challenge Day, Food Costs, Transportation Costs, potential venue rental costs, etc.

5. Additional Agenda Items:

• Dan presented that a survey (McCreary Adolescent Health Survey) will be going out to all grade 6 to 12th grade students to ask them what they do, what they like, services that are lacking, etc. The data will be collected and will form a report. The report will benefit the Youth Matter's Committee and help to guide the direction of the committee.

Child & Youth Website:

- childandyouth.com (website)
- Youth Activities Calendar the plan is to have agencies send information to Karen, and then it gets uploaded to the childandyouth.com website.
- Trying to bring together other websites (211, Info Chilliwack, CCS) have all of this information linked to the childandyouth.com website (one stop shop).

6. Set Meeting Dates for Year

• Nov 2012 – June 2013

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Review the Youth Matter's Strategic Plan.
- Review the Youth Matter's Terms of Reference.
- Determine and finalize a date for Challenge Day

Next Meeting: THURS, OCTOBER 25TH, 2012 (9:00-10:30am)

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