

## Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**CYC Co-Chairs:** John Stellingwerff

**Recorder:** Julie Unger

#### Those Present:

John Stellingwerff – Family Services, Chilliwack Community Services  
Julia McCaffery - Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Service Society  
Julie Unger – Chilliwack Society for Community Living  
Kiran Sidhu – FV Child Development Centre  
Lisa Jarvis – Fraser Health  
Bobbi Jacobs – Ann Davis Transition Society  
Debbie Denault – Chilliwack Learning Community Society  
Dan Bibby – Ministry of Children and Family Development  
Susan Edgecombe – School District # 33  
Joy Nolette – Early Years Coordinator  
Lindsay Gallagher – Chilliwack Addiction and Prevention Services  
Tim Bohr – Youth Services, Chilliwack Community Services

#### Regrets:

Scott Street – Chilliwack Ministerial  
Shari West – YMCA  
Dianne Janzen – City of Chilliwack

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** John welcomed committee members and Practicum Students. Brief agency updates were solicited from members;
  - Julia tendered her resignation as co-chair as her position will be changing within the agency – she will be on-reserve only. There are currently three Community Development Workers for the agency –and they are redistributing for more equitable work load assignments. Julia will be staying in Chilliwack but her responsibilities will change. John thanked Julia for her participation at CYC and her work as co-chair, her many contributions. John also asked Julia to please find a replacement to represent the FVACFSS here at the Chilliwack CYC.
  - Susan Edgecombe – working on school assignments – teachers and administrators; very busy time within the School District;
  - Julie Unger –Chilliwack Society for Community Living: Transition Services “The Bridge” – funded by MCFD-CYSN providing transition years support to youth with special needs; including development of a plan and individualized and small group supports to attain transition goals (strong focus on job readiness and pre-employment skill development); Imagine Ministries – CSCL partnered with Chilliwack Baptist Church to train a group of volunteers who now deliver a once per month Respite evening for children/youth with Special needs and their siblings. Parents drop kids off for the evening – activities, games, music, supper, stories, etc and Mom and Dad get a kid-free evening to enjoy as they wish. A fully volunteer run service to families who are underserved or on wait lists for services.
  - Dan Bibby – MCFD – Update in regards MCFD provincially is going through some significant restructuring (from the top right down to service delivery). There is now a new deputy minister

that wants to put their own touches on the change. Changing how we do business and client engagement – hub offices – outreach workers. Many ideas all over the region, and idea sharing. Hoping that there will be a significant shift over the next couple of years – Social Workers in the centers rather than at the office. Enhancing professional presence at Central Gateway – in process of renovation at the space to allow for more room for counseling sessions, family room, etc. Looking at some different models – ie. Have Social Workers with a presence in the schools for part of their work week – more of a preventative model.

- Joy Nolette – Early Years Coordinator: Paul Kershaw will be speaking on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rainbow Country Inn – Chamber of Commerce Lunch.
- Kiran Sidhu – FVDC - staff have gone through some intensive training the last few months – Triple P Training with staff; a lot of the children on the case load are those with social/emotional needs (often come with the label of challenging behaviours) –April 15 and 16 is Conference for Child Care Providers (Social Emotional Development)- Kiran will send the information.
- Lisa Jarvis – Public Health Units (Chilliwack and Mission) – also involved with Triple P; 40 nurses from across the Fraser Region are going for training in Triple P.
- Tim Bohr – Director of Youth Services at CCS – Recently partnered with the food bank to provide food hampers through Youth Services; they do not require identification or documentation when approaching CCS; Satellite distribution centre for the Food Bank. Any client that presents need can go to the Youth Services office on Victoria Avenue. (Soft age range of 12 to 18). School Street Building – new target date is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- Bobbi Jacob – Ann Davis Transition Society - If anyone has an adult client with family law matters, please refer them to our Family Advocate (particularly family law, but she'll do anything).
- Debbie Denault – Chilliwack Learning Community Society – Organization's interest is Literacy; some of the links with CYC are through the CIPC (Chilliwack Interagency Parenting Committee). Family literacy workshops have been presented in conjunction with CIPC. This year's work plan includes an item to explore ways to provide training in the community to expand the family literacy workshops. The Early Years committee connection is regarding promotional work in regards to programs and services (through the Early Years lens & Literacy lens) – Shaw will profile up to 30 programs – with an eye towards advertising the service, calling for volunteers/donations, etc as well as contact information. Debbie will bring some brochures to a future meeting. Debbie is also coordinating a volunteer literacy training program.
- Leslie Hitchcock – Practicum Student; BSW (Child Welfare Specialization) – observation she offered to the Committee was regarding the amount of work being done in the community!
- Keri-Jane Kerkhoff – Practicum Student; BSW – Child Welfare Specialization)
- Lindsay Gallagher – Chilliwack Addiction Prevention Services (CAPS) – looking at expanding their Addictions in-school program. Currently some staff reassignments; expanded HIV; HEP-C needle exchange program; yesterday had a community legal advocate moved into CAPS office (on Victoria Avenue). They will be moving to the Contact Centre – no word on dates for the start.
- John Stellingwerff – Dale Cuthbertson (ED) retired, last day was March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011; Suzanne Cameron – Manager of Operations – is the main "Interim ED"; Tim contact for Youth Services; John contact for Family Services;

## 2. Review Agenda:

### 3. Review Meeting Minutes

**3.1 Community Suicide Prevention Protocol for Children and Youth** signing (Brenda Frisse) – Susan will contact Brenda about sending out the Protocol for Agencies to review.

**3.2 CYC Website Update** - Dan reported that there are three local firms they have connected with. One firm is suggesting a “survey of wants/needs” be completed with committee members to determine website content Dan would like to get a couple of people together to speak to the second firm. John asked whether the committee would be in favour of Dan, Bobbi, Debbie and John proceeding with this item. They will meet to polish up the survey and then distribute to committee members.

**3.3.1 Community Violence and Threat Assessment update** – Draft is a work in progress. Susan reported that Brenda is working/meeting with Regional Safe Schools Reps - trying to develop a provincial protocol

**3.3.2 Building Bridges Follow-Up (Julia)** - Committee agreed that whichever meeting Verge Silveria can attend (May or June) we will accommodate her presentation within that meeting’s schedule.

**4. ABC Conference Update – CYC Consultation Update** – Working conference with CTA beginning at 8:30 a.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. John provided members in attendance with a copy of the Working Group’s planning notes for the Conference, including a schedule of the day’s planned events!

- a. **Update CYC Action Plan – Goals 1-3 (See Attached)** – hoping to break up into groups to address goals and forward information to the Consultation. Julia requested clarification regarding whether we need to report back every year? Debbie suggested it is easier to report back “a little bit” each year rather than having to back track and catch up in future years. Debbie also recommended that the consultation that is being done with the youth be honored and their feedback and input form a part of the day’s agenda! Dan stated that the bulk of the work is taking place at the Sub-committee level, and it would be important to report back on those activities taking place. Suggested that perhaps a Power Point or handout could be presented at the Consultation highlighting the accomplishments of the CYC and its sub-committees. “Middle Years: Engagement & Understanding” – Theme for the conference. Committee Consensus regarding Dr. Kimberly Schonert Reichl “Middle Childhood Inside and Out: The Psychological and Social World of Children Ages 9 to 12”. Kiran will let Rob Lees know about the committee’s decision. A detailed report will be presented at the next CYC Meeting – a confirmed schedule/agenda for the day’s events will be available.
- b. **CYC Youth Pre-Consultation – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – Two hour consultation being planned – to address the question “Looking back to when you were 9 to 12 what do you wish adults would have known about you?”

**5. Early Years Coordinator Report** – Joy Nolette

**6. Additions**

There will also be a block of time dedicated to the CYC consultation process. More information in regards to the conference will be presented at the March 1st, 2011 CYC meeting. Susan reported that the CTA is focusing on issues of Health – i.e. yoga for kids.

**7. Next Meeting –**

- a. **CYC – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**
- b. **ABC Conference – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**