

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011

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

CYC Chair: 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
Ellie Janek - FVACFSS
Bobbi Jacobs – Ann Davis Transition Society
Debbie Denault – Chilliwack Learning Community Society
Dan Bibby – Ministry of Children and Family Development
Lisa Demanchuk – Ministry of Children and Family Development -CYSN
Annie Silver – Community Development Worker - FVACFSS
Duncan MacDonald – MCFD – Child & Youth Mental Health
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
Joy Nolette – Early Years Coordinator

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** John welcomed committee members. John reported that Verge Silvera is not able to attend; was scheduled to be our guest speaker today, but sent her regrets yesterday afternoon. John has offered for her to attend either our June or September meeting.

John invited attendees to provide Agency Updates:

Julie Unger –CSCL – Julie reported that CSCL completed their CARF Accreditation Survey last week; it was a positive experience, and the agency received only one recommendation. The Surveyors were also making recommendation to CARF to award the CSCL a commendation (exemplary performance) in regards to our information management systems. Julie added that CSCL is participating in a Community Garden project with Food Matters Chilliwack. An Information meeting will be held at the Mathieson centre (corner of Wells Rd., and Sunshine Dr in Sardis) on May 4th at 6:30 p.m. Julie will send the information to John to send out to members with the minutes.

Kiran Sidhu –FVDCDC - Just back from vacation!

Ellie Janek – FVACFSS – Summer Camp planning beginning soon; will send information through CYC.

Tim Bohr – Chilliwack Youth Services – Opening for School Street Building delayed until June 30th; Youth Week in Chilliwack is happening this week– events have been planned throughout the week –

Julie added a movie and pizza night is happening this evening at the Mathieson Centre in Sardis hosted by the CSCL.

Debbie Denault –Chilliwack Learning Community Society – Debbie reported on an Early Family Literacy Task Group has been working with the Early Years – we have little Red Book Bins – produced for the Community by Ford Mountain Correction Centre – trading them off in the community – replacing the blue bins with lady-bug bins (they are located at laundry mats; MCFD; MSD; other locales). These are intended to be books that parents and kids can read while they wait; opportunity for reading together. MSD managed somehow to create a culture in the waiting room where staff and clients bring books and others take them home, and return – sharing/lending.

Dan Bibby – MCFD – going through Strategic Service Delivery Process provincially and locally. Had Mgmt Team and Team leader retreat about a month ago. One of the significant pieces they are moving on is a multi-disciplinary approach. The initiative 10 years ago – has never materialized or blended the way it was intended. Dan added that there is a new awning at MCFD. Partnership with School District (Central, Chilliwack Middle, Bernard, and Ed Centre) Social Workers spending at least one day per week at the school (4 workers in total). Social Workers will be doing more early intervention work at the school.

Lisa Demanchuk – MCFD-CYSN

Annie Silver – FVACFSS– Annie is a Community Development Worker - All off reserve; Annie is based out of Abbotsford office (Clearbrook Road).

Julia McCaffery - FVACFSS– Invitations have gone out for the Commemorative Ceremony of the Tripartite Delegation Enabling Agreement between the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society. Thursday, May 26th, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Duncan MacDonald – Team Leader CY Mental Health; new institute formed for families (Janna Davidson – Psychiatrist) – Family SMART label branding. Mental Health Literacy Forum happening at UFV Chilliwack on May 18th at 3:30 p.m. Also May 6-8th, 2012 – Parental Mental Health Conference. Summer Preschool being planned for Early Childhood Mental Health.

Lindsay Gallagher – CAPS – expanding the prevention program – currently at ADRundle and CMS – meeting with other middle and elementary school to expand. Also in the process of hiring another Youth Worker (FT Permanent).

Bobbi Jacob – Ann Davis Transition Society – Darcie Kemp, Youth Worker – leaving us for Edmonton; hired a young woman named Theresa to replace her.

Brenda Frisse – Chilliwack School District – nothing new to add (beyond what Dan and Duncan offered).

John Stellingwerff –Chilliwack Community Services - ED Posting has gone out – (closing date May 13th).

2. Review Agenda:

3. Review of Minutes from April 5th, 2011

3.1 Community Suicide Prevention Document:

CYC has agreed to sign off on this protocol -

- **Action: Bring the Document to the June 7th meeting – invite any key players to that meeting – start the process with as many signatures as we can get at the June 7th meeting.**
- **Brenda will send the final copy to John, for committee membership to review the final copy. Get Agency Executive directors to sign the document – bring signatures in to the next meeting to be scanned in to the final document.**

3.2 Community Violence and Threat Risk Assessment Protocol – Brenda reported they are still in the process of developing the document – the community team is working on it – wanting to see what the provincial protocol will look like first. This document would be ready at the earliest in September (for signing). Will be offering the Level 1 training to other agencies in the community; Surrey is also offering the Level 2 training. June 1st, 2011 – the level 1 training will be offered to Principals and Community Partners, including eleven RCMP Officers who are taking the training. Brenda shared a training brochure for the Level 1 Training event. Brenda added that there has been some confusion about what the training looks like. The Level 1 Screening is more than just a School-based threat risk assessment – people should be engaging community partners much more quickly to prevent the potential escalation of events.

3.3 CYC Website Update: The working group went through a list of 20 questions that a website developer would ask. The group has identified about 3 webmasters they would like to contact. One of these agencies will be recommended to the CYC. Dan reported that the work the group has done will steer them into the direction of how the site should be developed. The Chosen developer will bring their “draft-up” to the large CYC for presentation at the June 7th meeting. The final launch of the website will take place at the September meeting. The initial quotes the working group is looking at reflect the \$5000 will be spent on the development; additionally \$5000 annually to maintain – also will need a webmaster to complete updates and feed information up into the site. Dan, Debbie, Bobbi, and John are the working group members.

- **Action: John will attach the minutes of the working group to the CYC Minutes**
- **Action: Add CYC Logo Development to the next CYC meeting Agenda (June 7th, 2011).** The committee held a brief discussion in regards to the process for this – whether to have a competition soliciting artistic renderings from children/youth?

4. ABC Conference Update – CYC Consultation Update –

Everyone should have received information about the registration for the ABC Conference –

Action: John will send the registration information out with these minutes.

April 28th, 2011 – Youth Pre-Consultation Event – John reported that approximately 35 youth attended this event – a variety of individuals – great engagement and participation. This happened last Thursday, and the working group is planning to further debrief later this week. The information from this pre-consultation will also form part of the information for the ABC Conference “Consultation Piece for Service Providers”. A) It will inform the speech by the key-note speaker; and b) It will influence and inform the CYC consultation piece. Focus on middle-years. Four key themes from the youth who attended:

- Hear us; don’t tell us
- Don’t just tell us about the challenges & changes ahead, prepare us for how to handle them

- Do everything earlier (move prevention programming to grade 5 & 6)
 - Really understand that technology means we can never get away from what happens at school – it follows us home through social media sites – learn to understand social media technology the way we do.
5. **Chilliwack Healthy Communities** – Draft Strategic Plan Open House (Connect, Contribute, Collaboration) – May 11th, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre.
6. **McCreary Centre Adolescent Health Survey:** Dan reported this is a Provincial survey that is completed (between grades 6 and 8). Some School Districts allow the survey to happen – lots of different issues are addressed through the survey. School District #33 has not allowed it to happen here in Chilliwack. There is no data collected for Chilliwack. So what we are looking at here is that this could be part of our CYC agenda – to get the community to buy into this report and this process. There would need to be some strategic work done, and a presentation to the School Board. There are various administrators within the school system who support this, but there is still a worry that the questions could be provocative. Dan stated the report indicates that there has been some positive trends happening for youth over the past years. Dan has spoken with Rob Lees about this report. CYC to potentially write a letter to Corinne McCabe to suggest the Chilliwack School District participate in the next round of the McCreary Survey. Different strategies have been identified as to how to move this agenda forward. Brenda Frisse added that this has also been discussed at the Safe Schools Committee; there are also a couple of other surveys that have been explored as alternatives for Chilliwack (i.e. through the Search Institute – 40 Developmental Assets, as well as a Mental health focused survey)
- **Action: John will check the website to determine when the next McCreary Centre Adolescent Health Survey will take place; and write a letter on behalf of the CYC to Corinne McCabe for the School District to consider participation in the survey.**
7. **Next Meeting –**
- a. **ABC Conference – May 20th, 2011**
 - b. **CYC Meeting – June 7th, 2011**
 - i. Choose new co-chairs for the Committee
 - ii. Verge Silvera
 - iii. ABC Consultation Debrief (invite some of the planner from the Consultation to attend the June meeting).
 - c. **CYC Meeting – September 13th, 2011**
8. **Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**