

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7th 2012



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

CYC Chairs: Susan Edgcombe
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Recorder: Cynthia Parasiliti

Present:

Susan Edgcombe	SD #33	susan_edgcombe@sd33.bc.ca
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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of Agenda:

Added to number 3 was Child Abuse Neglect Protocol and Building Bridges
CYC Committee reminded of use of CYC website to get minutes, agenda, Strat/Action Plan, etc.

Agenda was actually started with Sub Committee reports rather than usual order, due to time constraints and presentations.

5. Sub Committee Reports:

a. **Early Years**- The Strategic Planning Session from last Thursday was successful, with over 25 participants. The group was facilitated by an agency named, "Raising the Village". Out of the day came 3 fairly broad goals, which will be reworked at the next EY meeting using the SMART planning model. This will result in a 2 year Strategic Plan with manageable, achievable goals. The CYC will be updated throughout the process.
Health Fair- A small group of EY members met to gauge the "appetite" of holding a Health Fair; or what has been known in the past as a Developmental Fair. Due to the great success of the YMCA's Healthy Kid's Day, held in June; the group decided that

partnering with this already successful event was the best option. Sheri Josephson will bring this idea forward to the YMCA's Board for approval.

b. **Youth Matters**- Shari reports there was a snow day, so the last meeting was cancelled. Membership on this committee has been low and agency representation is required to keep projects moving forward. The Youth Matters group has been identified as a key partner in planning the youth portion of the ABC Consultation.

Susan identified Parween Irani as a key partner to bring on board this group. She has been instrumental in planning for the "We DAY", as well as "Challenge Day"

c. **Clinical-Lindsay** provided an update in Duncan's absence. "Lunch and Learn" had its first agency visit that was successful and well attended. Some agencies want to be added/switch dates.

ACTION: Lindsay will update and send out a new schedule

Afterschool Training Sessions have been taking place at the School District Office for teachers, service providers. It takes place from 3-5. Susan provided group with a schedule. Lindsay will be facilitating this afternoon's session on drugs and alcohol.

d. **ABC Planning/Conference:** Dan reported to group on progress of planning. The working Group has begun their tasks, and a "SAVE THE DATE" flyer has been sent. There was discussion around the logic of having the event on a Thursday/school day. Registration will be available through the website, and CITY LIFE has graciously agreed to be the venue. Kiran brought forward an item that perhaps a separate group should be struck to prepare the Consultation/Website piece. It was also brought forward that perhaps a separate flyer needs to be done to invite parents and youth.

6. Agency Updates:

YMCA- Shari reported that the YMCA has available, free 2 week passes. This information needs to be shared with families that we serve. This is a full access pass. The YMCA is also hosting Family Night on Saturdays, from 6-8 p.m., where there will be swimming and crafts available for no additional fees.

FVCDC- Kiran reported that staff is currently involved in training for writing outcomes.

CYMH- Mark provided an update on behalf of Duncan. The computer program, (ICM), is being initiated to be more collaborative with all MCFD departments and programs. Mark reported that they are seeing a lot of youth with self-mutilation issues.

Wait lists are a focus for the department; to offer services as quickly as possible. The "Families Systems Insight Group" is a resource available to parents that are waiting for services. Doctors referring to the programs have specific needs for their clients.

DBT-which involves individual and group therapy has a wait list of 2days-2weeks from the point of initial contact.

Psychiatry- has a 2 month wait

Assessment/Treatment-If picked up from the hospital, is immediate.

Last year there were 590 referrals to CYMH.

SD#33- Susan shared that they are also integrating/looking at innovative technology systems. The district is using different apps for learning, and the teaching staff have expressed a desire to move toward iPads.

Susan has hired an intern from UBC in the Psych. Dept., as well as a Speech and Language Pathologist that works PT at the Health Unit.

The Chilliwack Assessment Support Team, (CAST), meets every Monday evening/afternoon, from 3-7, to receive provincial training on the Autism Spectrum. Brenda leads this multi-disciplinary group.

Kindergarten issues have been on the rise across the District-seeing a lot of children with self-regulation, social/emotional issues.

Alternative Ed: Susan reports that parameters have been tightened up for entry/exit to the program.

ESL-now ELL-English Language Learners-have seen an increase in these services, with Aboriginal children and youth involved in receiving the services.

Immigration-There will be a symposium, (by invitation only), to look at Immigration in Chilliwack.

CLCS- Debbie shared with the group the latest Literacy video. Great Job Debbie!!!

GUESTS: Amanda Johnson, and James Morgan

PRESENTATION: Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week

Amanda is from CCS, James is a Youth Probation Officer from MCFD

Sexual Exploitation Awareness week will be held from March 5-11th, 2012. This is an extremely pervasive problem; just because it's not visible, doesn't mean it does not occur. There needs to be awareness for professionals, youth, and parents. The recent trend has been toward young girls recruiting other girls. The sex is not always for money; could be for clothing, cell phone, etc.

James and Amanda provided a schedule of activities; starting with a candlelight vigil at the 5 corners and ending with a speaker at City Life Church on the Friday. It is hoped that ALL community agencies will participate. Last year, participation was low.

An Action Team has been formed, with an RCMP officer involved. The RCMP Community Volunteers will be preparing ribbons for distribution. Amanda and James would like people to be involved in their Action Team

ACTION: Cindy would like to be involved and discussed the possibility of a collection component with the ribbon boxes. Amanda will check into this.

4. UPDATES: CYC Website- Annette joined the meeting to update the progress of the website, as well as connect with agencies that have not yet supplied her with information. The website and some of its functions were shown to the group. The Website needs to have ALL information on it by the end of MARCH 2012. This will give Annette an opportunity to tweak and revamp items before the launch at the ABC Conference. Annette would like ALL AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS to have their information in by the next few weeks.

Photos of children youth and families are needed from each agencies' programs, as there is a fee associated with ALL stock photography on the internet. Make sure you have release permissions in place prior to sending them to Cindy.

McCreary Survey- Susan shared that the original date for the McCreary presentation, (the 14th), has been cancelled. A better forum for the presentation would be to the PAC's, rather than the Board.

Meeting Adjourned-approx. 11:35

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th from 9-11 a.m.