

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10th 2012



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

CYC Chair: Susan Edgcombe

Recorder: Cynthia Parasiliti

Present:

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Regrets:

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of Agenda:

Susan and Dan met to set agenda

Previous minutes and revised Strategic Plan attached

3. Review of minutes:

Minutes OK'd by group

4. Review of CYC Strategic Plan:

GOAL #1:

ABC Planning-Working Group-In discussion between Dan and Susan, it was felt that the Youth Matters Group needs to be involved in the Working Group, being that youth and youth engagement are the focus.

ACTIONS:

- Todd volunteered to provide “bodies” for the event, as well, some of the youth from his Youth Groups may want to be involved in the Consultation.
- Annie also volunteered to help, but cannot attend as Abbotsford’s is on the same day.
- Annie questioned how much involvement the Aboriginal Community has, not only at ABC, but overall, on committees. Susan outlined that this is an ongoing goal of the committee but is a challenge. Annie expressed that this is also a challenge for the other communities committees that she sits on.
- Susan recapped the “Building Bridges” event that was held in the past, and asked Annie if she could take this back to some of her other groups to see if there is an interest in having an event like this again.

CYC Website-There was discussion as to the process of how the website is to be populated with information.

ACTION:

- Cindy will contact Annette to clarify the process she is using to collect information, as well as a status report of where she is at.
- A deadline of March 31, 2012 would be ideal to have the information on the website.

1.6-Presentations to sectors of Community on CYC- There was a Power Point presentation that was used previously to make presentations.

ACTION:

- Cindy to contact Shari West to get a copy of presentation
- A Working Group of Dan, Susan, and Cindy would make amendments to P.P.
- Todd mentioned reaching out to contacts to present the information,(once modified); or this information could be presented at an existing event.(eg. Early Years Fair)

GOAL #2:

Review MOU’s, Violent Threat Risk Assessment, Child Abuse Neglect and Protocol, and Suicide Prevention Protocol-

- There was discussion of the MOU’s and how often they should be reviewed
- CYC members were unclear as to packages being available that needed to be signed

ACTION:

- Dan/Susan to review MOU’s and new member packages.

VIOLENT THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT-province is completing one to unify the protocol of all of the school boards/districts.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROTOCOL-Susan spent 2 hrs. with the RCMP yesterday and they signed off on the document.

ACTION:

- Next steps in the protocol need to be taken to ensure the community is following **SUICIDE PREVENTION PROTOCOL**-Most agencies have signed off.

ACTION:

- Training needs to be offered within agencies.

-Overall, it was discussed that Interagency Protocols need to be reviewed, refined, and training be provided. This would be an annual process.

3.2-Other members that should be involved at the table-

-Todd discussed that the churches of Chilliwack are an untapped resource.

ACTION:

-Todd will bring CYC info. to monthly executive meeting of pastors in the community to gauge interest.

-Dan is working on bringing Fraser Health to the table.

-Duncan spoke about representation from Adult Mental Health, with a family mental health focus.

-City Council would also be welcomed at the table.

-Representation from services representing recent immigrants was also identified as a need.

ACTION:

-Susan to contact Bersha regarding upcoming forum in February.

3.3-Sub Committees will create Action Plans based on CYC Strategic Plan- To be submitted by June

BRENDA-SD #33-Community Link Budget:

Definition: A grant provided to the School District to develop programming to support the most vulnerable children/youth in the community. Supports “at risk” programming/supports above and beyond regular schooling.

Some identified areas of need:

Out of school/after school programs

Past Needs:

Summer programming, early literacy, Science World, food programs

THIS BUDGET:

-Will continue to support Youth Prevention Workers in schools-partnership with CCS-will maintain same #'s as last year.

-Bowls of Hope-Soup program in schools,(part of rehab. Program through Corrections Canada), will continue

-Futures Young Parent Program-partnership with CCS

-Science World Program-looking for other funding sources

-Second Day-funded in conjunction with successful bid from RBC

-Stay in school EA-emergency EA for children that have exhausted all of the school's regular resources-short term usage.

The budget is quite restrictive this year.

What was accounted for as a surplus for 2011/2012 year was not a surplus; it was already spent and accounted for.

This funding was dedicated for:

-Summer Learning/Summer Camp/Summer Program Coordinator-there is no more funding for this.

-Alternate Suspension

-Gateway Coordinator

DR. ROB LEES-UPDATE ON ABC:

Theme of “engagement”-Budget looks good, various people already on board.

YOUTH CONSULTATION:

- Would like more community participation as well as youth involvement

This year's topic: *“How can we promote family mental health and support youth who are living with parents affected by mental illness or addiction?”*

-Steve(PCRS), Kafui, and Mark Littlefield would be the leads , with members from the Youth Matters group.

-Identify pockets of youth in the community from STOLO, CCS, Ann Davis, CHANCE, youth groups, churches, leadership students, etc.

-The youth would then be invited to a separate consultation, prior to the April 27th date, to allow youth to work together to answer the question.

-From this consultation, youth will identify how they want to carry this theme forward,(some ideas available on handout), and identify youth that would be available for the April 27th consultation.

-GOALS: Train youth in social engagement, community action, social integration, breaking down barriers.

-Debbie asked if the youth would be mentored after initial forum to carry through their goals. Yes, support would continue up until the end of the school year.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Clinical Sub Committee-Lindsay has created a schedule for staff throughout community agencies to go visit other agencies through their lunch hour. “Lunch and Learn Series”

Early Years-Cindy updated about the EY Strategic Plan process and date of planned event.

Tim-Updated the group about a Sexual Exploitation Community Candle light Vigil

Meeting Dismissed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7 2012