



April 4, 2017

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1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of March 4 minutes. Minutes approved and will be posted to website. Security password will be lifted for accessing minutes.

3. Newsletter

Dan encouraged members to read and distribute the CYC and the CHC weekly newsletters. Lots of good information regarding community events and resources.

4. 24th Annual Conversation Update

Part of the purpose of the event is to determine where we focus our intentional work in the year ahead. May 4 event is geared for parents and caregivers. May 5 for service providers. Being a district pro d day we are anticipating greater participation from SD #33 employees. The EDRD is an opportunity to showcase the efforts being made by agencies; send nominations to Karen. There are a number of volunteer opportunities for the event.

5. All Candidates Forum CYC hosted event will take place April 19 at the NLC. Members are requested to submit questions they would like to ask the candidates. April 25 is the CHC hosted event.



6. Transgender Youth Nathan gave an update on the workshop facilitated by gender diversity expert, Lucas Walker. 25 people from various agencies attended. Lucas speaks from personal experience. Dr. McKenzie has had some training regarding hormone treatments. At this time very difficult to access services in the Fraser Valley. The workshop was informative and Lucas is available to presentations for agencies.

7. Youth Specific Task Group Update This task group of the Clinical Sub-committee has been in existence for 10 years, focussing on at risk youth. The task group is multi-agency and client specific – confidence that information is protected and respected. Agencies dealing with high-risk youth are invited to participate; the group tracks the youth and as a collective determines what can be done to best support the identified youth. The goal is to get youth not connected to services, connected and to ensure they have a care team. Duncan and Nathan distributed handout outlining the purpose of the task group. Melanie Voth has accepted the role of interim chair. At this time serving youth to age 19.

8. Trauma Informed – Cristal Biela Cristal shared a video of the “Brain Architecture Game” and talked about how it is being used in our community. The game takes about 90 minutes to play and results in a visual of how childhood experiences, good and bad, effect the development of the brain. Looking to work with the School District to offer a screening of the documentary “Resilience: Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope”, possibly in September or October. Here the link to the trailer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We2Bqmj1pm-7pmHN0k>

9. Youth Space Potential Karen shared how First Avenue Baptist will be rebuilding on the old UFV property and would like to provide community space for youth to use during the hours it is not being used by the church or Cascade Christian school. A number of “drop-in” ideas were suggested. A CYC task group will be formed to look at what opportunities exist in the community. What does Chilliwack have? What does Chilliwack need? And then put a community strategy together.

10. Chilliwack Homeless Count – Mike Sikora Mike shared the results from the 2017 Homeless Count. Karen will include powerpoint with the April minutes.

11. Youth Health Centre – Now open 2 days a week. Sto:lo site will now be open on Thursdays 2pm – 7pm. The NLC will continue to operate on Tuesdays 1pm – 7pm.

12. Youth Adult Partnership – Cherie Martens Cherie shared her activities over the past 6 months. Her contract has 9 deliverables. Cherie’s report will be included with the minutes.

13. Re-scheduled Marijuana Event – April 25 at the NLC



14. Practice Support Program – The 3 part module will be offered in Agassiz. Spaces are available for those who missed when it was offered in Chilliwack.

15. Agency Updates

CYMH – Updated brochures with the new intake hours being offered at the NLC were distributed. Tuesdays 5pm-7pm; Wednesdays 9am-4pm.

Next meeting May 2, 2017