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Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of minutes. Noted changes will be made to December minutes and posted to website.



3. CYC Endorsement

Members discussed the process of obtaining CYC endorsement for grant proposals and initiatives. Because the CYC is a collection of agencies, the thought was that if a single agency wanted CYC endorsement they should report at a monthly CYC meeting. To be included on the CYC agenda the agency would contact the CYC co-chairs or the Coordinator. It was noted that endorsement from a body like the CYC is valuable. It was agreed that sub-committees could continue to write separate letters of support.

4. Every Door is the Right Door Brochure

Members were given a copy of the EDRD brochure. Suggestions were noted and changes will be made. Printed copies will be made available of the completed brochure. This will be a helpful tool as the EDRD initiative continues to grow in Chilliwack and as other communities request Chilliwack materials in order to introduce EDRD into their community.

5. Every Door is the Right Door Spring Training

A training day for community partners has been scheduled for the morning of April 20 and will take place in the Alumni Hall at the NLC. A poster will be created and distributed.

6. Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week – Brenda Listoen (Youth Connect Worker; chair of SEA CAT)

Brenda told members of the upcoming activities scheduled for Chilliwack Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. An all day workshop for service providers will take place at the NLC on February 10. The presenters include Melissa Hyland a leading expert and educator on domestic trafficking of Aboriginal youth and Kevin Leccisin, program coordinator for Children of the Street. As well Children of the Street will be bringing their TCO2 presentation to schools in Chilliwack.

7. Social Research and Planning Council – James Challman

Tender for work done around data resources are being accepted; closing date, January 18. The task of the position is to take the available Chilliwack research and to see where there are connections. UFV Research is interested in being part of this project. Once complete the information will be public and available for agencies to use for grant writing etc.

8. Agency Orientation

As the CYC began to roll out the Every Door is the Right Door initiative, monthly CYC meetings would rotate to the various agencies and the host agency would give an agency



profile and tour of the facilities. As the NLC has become our regular meeting place, agencies are being requested to hold an open house at their site. These open houses are to be open to all staff from CYC agencies. Agencies are encouraged to choose a date and to create a poster for their open house event. Some agencies will require RSVP's. MCFD will host the first open house. Supervisors will be on hand to answer questions.

9. Regional CYC

Representatives from community CYC's and CHC's look at regional child and youth related issues and find ways to work together. Last year there was a Youth focus which culminated in the regionally supported youth event on October 1. The youth focus was largely due to the support of VYPER. Stacy Wood has completed a Chilliwack specific report and will present at the February CYC meeting. The regional CYC will be meeting on January 15 to strategize potential future regional initiatives. Dan, Karen and possibly Nathan will be present at this meeting to represent Chilliwack.

10. Sub-Committee Reports

Early Years – Karen Steegstra

Shelley Hayes from CCRR has signed on as the new co-chair replacing Trish Ackland. Chilliwack will be doing the Early Years Diagnostic Inventory this year. The last one was completed in 2013. This gives early childhood service providers very valuable information which helps to direct programming. Karen will be working with the SD#33 Early Years coordinator Nicole Driscoll to provide training for teachers who will be administering the EDI. Central Gateway will be hosting a new support group, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. As more information becomes available on social and emotional well-being, service providers are finding a greater amount of parents carrying guilt. The EY table is looking into offering parenting programs which help parents continue to move forward and be successful in their parenting.

Youth Matters – Collette Bohach

The meetings have had very good turnouts. At the last meeting Stacy gave a VOYCE update. The committee also heard an update on "Inside Out" a presentation similar to Challenge Day but on a much smaller scale and a fraction of the cost. It was developed by two Langley women, who combined a number of programs to create "Inside Out". The first presentation was done at AD Rundle and included a rock band performance. The feedback from students and staff was very positive. It is the hope that there will be universal implementation of Inside Out for all grade 8 students in Chilliwack. The dream is that a Chilliwack version would be created locally. The meetings will have varied start times and locations to accommodate those who want to attend. The next meeting is January 21, 7:30 am at CHANCE.



Clinical – Duncan MacDonald

Good representation at the December meeting. The meeting focussed on choosing students for the Day program which takes place in Abbotsford. At the meeting the participants were able to compile the information they had and come to a decision of who would be a best fit for the program. CYMH is currently offering walk-in service at the Youth Clinic on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Walk-in services are available at CYMH office located on School Street on Wednesdays, 9am-noon and 1pm – 4pm.

11. Conversation Update

The keynote, Mike McKay has been confirmed for May 5 and 6. The program committee has created a schedule for the day. Workshops will run in the morning and afternoon. The decision was for the Thursday evening to have a parent/childcare provider focus and the Friday to be service provider focussed. Workshops will showcase local programs and initiatives that have had success.

12. Local Action Team

Ulysses Agreement workshop taking place Feb.2 at the NLC. A Ulysses agreement is created when a patient is well and identifies what to do when something goes wrong. Working with Chilliwack Chiefs to help reduce stigma around mental health. Local Action Team will have a booth at the Feb. 21 game. Agencies offering mental health services are encouraged to attend and set up a table or give brochures to Katrina Beppe. The Local Action Team is part of a provincial initiative Child and Youth Mental Health Collaborative addressing local concerns and gaps. Funding is available to help access to services. There is growing awareness around the Youth Health Centre. Indigenous safety training helping service providers become culturally aware. During Mental Health Awareness Week “Beneath the Surface” will be coming to Chilliwack. First Nations Health has provided \$12,000 to help fund this.

13. Youth Health Centre

Expanding services at the NLC site to include a physician. Services at Stolo include physicians, counsellors, pediatrician and a psychiatrist twice a month. In the process of updating brochure and working on a poster campaign and website. Annual report will be available next month.

14. Agency Updates

Chilliwack Healthier Community – 4th Tuesday of the month is community networking and information breakfast. This month the topic will be on studies, research and data.



City Life – In February the Blended Families 7 week course will begin. Contact Todd if you know of a family who could benefit. During the Chilliwack Connect event in October, City Life commissioned a local artist to work with the marginalized to create an art piece. The work has been entitled “We’re Here, We Matter”. It is available to display in your agency. Todd will send out a picture and information regarding the project.

Hospice – Children’s Grief group will be starting in March or April. It is for kids as young as 4 to age 15. Teens are typically not comfortable coming to office, so staff tend to meet at locations that best meet the teen’s needs. Those who attend the grief groups are eligible to attend the Horse Camp, scheduled for June 4.

Youth Unlimited – Ken completed a community assessment last year, with the hope of expanding services to Chilliwack. The board has confirmed their intent to expand into Chilliwack. Unsure at this time how that will look.

School Board – New trustee Bob Patterson brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the board. Paul is wanting to know how the School Board can best serve the agencies of the CYC.

City of Chilliwack – The Homeless Task Team recently hosted a forum. Great meeting with good participation and action items to move forward.

Chilliwack Learning Society – This is the 3rd year that Rotary has given the remaining books from their book sale to CLS. Some will be used in the Lady Bug Bins and others given away at community events. Have developed a label which shows the collaborative efforts of the Bookman, Rotary and CLS to move books in our community. Thankful for the Discovery Books received from the United Way.

CYMH – School District funding has allowed for an extra clinician position. A school liaison will be working at AD Rundle, ED Centre, CHANCE and Chilliwack Middle School. Working on Transition Protocol with adult mental health; whoever can provide the best services for the client will continue to do so. Duncan wanted to recognize the ongoing good work being done by Dr. Rob Lees. He has his stamp of many projects and is currently focussing mainly on community work.

PCRS – Christmas season was difficult for many of the residents. Kelly has begun working in the schools and is currently making connections with youth. Learning to Lead is in the process of hiring a Youth Counsellor.



Chilliwack Division of Family Practice – Additional cards are available for PAM. 1700 people have now been attached to physicians. Are currently doing a survey and those who complete it could earn \$50.

RCMP – “End Gang Life” presentations are coming to the Chilliwack School District.

Chilliwack Society for Community Living – Brenda, ED for 40 years has officially retired and Julie Unger has filled her position. Have specialized Autism Support Services that were piloted with 4 families. Will now open to more families. Won first place again in the Chilliwack Christmas Parade for a float by a non-profit. Wanting to open programming to all youth in the community. Will be connecting with a local church youth group.

YMCA – Youth Works started last week with a full group. Referrals are currently being collected for the next intake.

CCS – Working on collecting information for a Middle Years project. January 20 and 20 will be interviewing parents to discover what programs they feel are needed for 6-12 year olds. Survey can also be done online.

SD#33 – Critical Incident Response after the death of 2 youth on the weekend. One was a former student the other a grade 12 student at CSS; both well-connected in the community. A tree is being planted on the CSS grounds as a memorial.

**Next Meeting, February 2
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