



Meeting, November 5, 2013

School District Office, 8430 Cessna Drive, Chilliwack

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Recorder: Karen Steegstra

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1. Welcome and introductions

Julie welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

2. Review/revise/approve October 1, 2013 minutes

Revisions were noted. Action: Karen will post minutes to website.

3. Strategic Plan Review

Dan discussed with the members how the Strategic Plan is fluid document. One of its functions is to assist the CYC in keeping an account of what has

been accomplished. It is important that whatever the CYC takes on as initiatives, it aligns with the strategic plan.

- 4. “Every Door is the Right Door” Working Group Update – Julie Unger**
Julie updated the membership on the progress of the working group. A meeting has taken place with administrative staff from Fraser Valley Child Development Centre, Chilliwack Society for Community Living, Ann Davis, Ministry of Child and Family Development and Xyolhemeylh. There was lots of excitement at the initial meeting and it was thought by administrative staff that this initiative was both valuable and affirming of their role at the various agencies. It was asked that if member agencies hadn't already, could they please forward the copies of the survey to their staff. Debbie asked if it would be appropriate to forward a copy of the survey to the Library. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. The results from the survey will help shape the workshops scheduled for the end of January and beginning of February. These will half day workshops held at the Child and Development Centre and lunch will be served. The morning workshop will include community orientation and professional development. A rough draft of the “referral card” was distributed. Dan described it as one more tool for working together cross agency. Katrina requested that an electronic template also be created. Kiran noted the value of the relationships built around the CYC table for getting necessary support for clients. Dan said using a tool like the referral card was one way in taking the next step for clients. Debbie said it would be a helpful resource when out at events.

- 5. “Every Door is the Right Door” Actions for Strategic Plan - Dan**
The actions around “Every Door is the Right Door”, stem from information gained at the Consult. These will be actions the table supports and works at.
 - #1 – Agencies who host CYC meetings will give 10 minute presentations**
 - #2 – Cross agency orientation – sharing of information and brochures**
 - #3 – The referral card template**
 - #4 – put together a document which shows how agencies are already participating in enhanced client engagement. This will help us know where the starting point is and will help us all know the good stuff that is already taking place. What are you doing in your agency to capture agency engagement?**

#5 – Lunch and Learns – This would allow for great orientation into the type of work agencies are doing in the community. Discussion followed whether this was the best use of time. With access to the internet and agencies having detailed websites, more information is available than there was before. Possibly more opportunity for networking would be sufficient. Susan pointed out how when staff wants to participate in Pro-Days the question to ask is whether the end result of participation will be a change in practice. This is a great way to measure effectiveness.

6. Host Agency Profile – School District #33 – Susan

Susan is the District Principal for District #33. Special education has been renamed as “diverse education”. Susan oversees a number of staff and sits on various committees. A big project that is currently being worked on is looking at vulnerable youth and how the alternate programs are serving them. Is it meeting the profile of the learner. The District is working towards becoming more learner sensitive. Susan described the high incidence learners has having some learning or behavioral challenges and low incidence as being completely dependent on supports. Staff are being trained by Occupational Therapists on how to create calmer more learner friendly environments. The District has noted a lack of oral language in children entering Kindergarten and are currently doing speech and language work with students from K-3. Instructors are taking note on how students respond to instruction as a way to determine how to shape further instruction. The Chilliwack Assessment Support Team works to determine how best to support the child. A child is observed in a variety of settings. This team is made up of school district employees. Dan asked whether it might be beneficial to include representatives from other agencies on this team. When a child meets criteria for autism or chronic care impairment a supplementary grant of \$18,000 is issued. The money is split between the EA and support teams. Todd asked whether the increase in students with special needs was a result of more kids being assessed. Susan replied that with more premature babies surviving there are more delays. Susan will make the power point from her presentation available to CYC members.

7. Dan made an announcement regarding Bobbi Jacob’s retirement. She did not want a big fanfare. The CYC signed a card and delivered flowers as a way to thank her for all her work and service in our

community. Patti Macahonic will be taking over the position of Executive Director at Ann Davis.

8. Terms of Reference Review

Dan, Julie and Karen will review and bring any necessary revision to the table for discussion.

9 . Sub-Committee Reports

Early Years – Kiran

The committee is currently determining how to best spend the Priority Grant received from the United Way. The sub-committee is looking at ways to best enhance development screening and to provide resources for parents. The committee is working on creating an event at City Hall in celebration of National Child Day. The 5th wave of EDI results have been reviewed by the committee. A big concern was the increased vulnerability noted in the North Sardis area.

Clinical – Duncan

The committee has had a bit of a slower start. They are currently looking at their Terms of Reference and Strategic Plan. They are covering a broad area. Want to look into empowering parents by providing tool kits. Debbie suggested one question the committee ponder is “Who is the case manager for a youth whose parent can’t be?”

Middle Years – no Report

Youth Matters – Collette (absent)

Everyone is excited for the Challenge Days taking place Nov., 19-21 at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Still some funding that needs to come in. The CAT will be holding Sexual Exploitation Awareness events during the week of Feb. 10 – 14. Will have specific events for students, parents and professionals.

10.Website Update

Annette and Karen manage the postings on the CYC website. Funds for administering the website is approximately \$1000 - \$1500 a year. We currently have 400 subscribers. The next component is to include the research component to compliment programs and to assist in grant writing.

11.Consult Update

The date for the Consult has been confirmed as April 4 at City Life Centre. Will work towards using the NLC next year. Consult working groups have been established. There is \$3500 remaining in the budget and the committee will be looking for a commitment from agencies on funding. The theme will be around “Family Smart” and defining what that means. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec.6, 7:30 am at the Airport Coffee shop.

12.New Business

A)Youth Shelter – Todd Lueck

The Youth Shelter is moving forward and Les Talvio will be shifting into the role of getting information out into the community. November 15 will be a fundraiser and information meeting for the faith community. Want to be a year ahead in funding. They are currently looking for suitable facilities. The hope is to be opened and running by April 2014. Les is looking into the “Cold Weather Strategy” for Chilliwack. Checking with BC housing to see if they have locations or if there are churches that will be able to provide space when the evenings get very cold. They have met with the Mayor’s committee and have had individual meetings with agencies. James indicated that there was a \$25,000 grant from Home Depot that CCS will move over to be used by Cyrus Centre.

B) Dan Bibby - Continuous Quality Improvement Conference – Dec. 4

The day will showcase agencies who currently doing CQI. Kiran will present on “Listening to Families”, Julie on “Family Sensitive Training, and Dan, Julie and Karen on “Every Door is the Right Door”.

C) Dan Bibby - Youth Health Centre – Abbotsford has a good model that we are trying to emulate in Chilliwack. It would be youth focused staffed with doctors who are aware of youth issues in our community. Are meeting with the Division of Family Practice at which Dr. Watt will come to speak. Are hoping to establish a Youth Health Centre around the NLC.

D) Katrina Beppe – “A GP for Me”. This is a survey to determine the current state of how community members access medical services. The survey is intended for those who have family physicians and those who do not. There is a need to recruit more doctors and it is necessary to ensure that the initiatives are representative of the needs. Katrina will send out an electronic version of the survey.

13. Coordinator’s Report

On October 5, I had the privilege of participating in “Chilliwack Connect”. I was amazed by the participation, and the resources and services made available to those who needed it. I was able to have many good conversations, particularly in regards to Early Years programs. A couple of young Moms I spoke with, who had accessed the programs at Gateway, had nothing but positive feedback to give. One Mom said that the parenting and literacy programs provided at Gateway for Families, had saved her life.

I continue to try and keep communication with the local credit Unions, partners in the Success by 6 initiative. I had a fantastic meeting with Jeff Knutson, the branch manager of Sardis Envision and together came up with some ways his branch could help make a difference in Chilliwack. He told me that Chilliwack needed people like me who could make people like him aware of where help was most needed.

After many requests I have nearly completed updating the much loved Parent Resource Guide. While I continue to work with our website administrator Annette, to keep childandyouth.com updated, it was noted by many program directors, that many families do not have regular access to computers and prefer a paper copy of available resources. I am waiting on a couple of updates and then will distribute the guide.

National Child day and UN Convention is something close to my heart. Once again we will be holding our event at City Hall, this year on November 19, since that is when Council meets, complete with cake and live music. I have been working at getting schools to participate in this event. The Times has agreed to run a number of articles around the UN Convention, essays and artwork prepared by students and a feature on the CYC. All I need are some kids to participate. My dream is that next year we will be able to hold an event at the Cultural Centre and involve many schools in Chilliwack.

I recently learned that the UN Convention is part of the grade 6 curriculum and so it should be a doable event.

I am excited to be part of the Consultation working group and am working hard to snag a dynamic keynote speaker. I have been working with the SEA-CAT task group in planning the 2014 Awareness events. Chilliwack events will take place from February 11-13, with an afternoon rally on the 14. Our plan is to have one of the days specifically geared to professionals and offer the event as a lunch and learn. The committee is in the process of securing presenters for each of the days.

Throughout the month I support the various committees by creating documents, forwarding information or whatever I can do to help them move forward. I will also be Chilliwack's Community MDI trainer and will be receiving some training from HELP, via webinar.

As always it is a pleasure to work with so many caring and enthusiastic people!

Next Meeting: December 3, 9:00 am,

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Chilliwack, BC**