



**Meeting, October 7, 2014  
Chilliwack Learning Society**

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1. Welcome – Dan welcomed members and thanked Debbie for hosting.
2. September minutes approved – Karen will post to website
3. Conversation 2015 Update  
 Working group met September 26. Tasks groups were formed to take care of the specific details of the event. Are looking into May 1 or May 15 as possible dates; both are school Pro-D Days. Considering the NLC or City Life. The programming task group will make a recommendation. Continuing the Every Door is the Right Door, Becoming Family Smart with a focus this year on the “triangle of trouble”. Safe relationships, safe children. The evaluations from last year indicated that people were satisfied with the Ted Talks, just wanted more time allowed for discussion. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov.21, 7:30 am at the NLC
4. Purple Light Nights – James Challman

A campaign to raise awareness around domestic violence. October is Awareness month and started with a kick-off at Ken’s Tire and Wheel with approximately 40 people in attendance. October 30 will be closing activities at City Hall featuring Angus Reid. Across BC, 164 women are physically or sexually abused every day. Purple lights can be purchased at various locations around town.

#### **5. Primary Prevention Update – Nathan Ngieng**

The group came together and continued conversation around prevention services being offered in the community. The list which was first compiled in 2012 was updated. The group has agreed to meet again in February and will feature 4 2-5 minute presentations from agencies providing prevention services.

#### **6. Post Traumatic Growth Workshop – Update**

Steve said the workshop was very insightful and informative. The negative many workers face each day does effect therefore self-care is important. The workshop was creative and it was hard to believe it was the first time presented. Those who attended see this as a workshop they would like to bring back to their agencies.

#### **7. Winter Warm-up – Steve Esau**

The event was held at Evergreen Hall instead of Chilliwack Connect. There were lots of donations and people were served coffee and muffins. A special thanks to Ann Davis for their contributions. Overall the event was a success. Considering alternating years with the Chilliwack Connect Event and Winter Warm-up.

#### **8. Children With Parents Who are Incarcerated**

A community conversation on this topic will be taking place on October 30 at the NLC. Along with presenting research are hoping to have those who have walked the journey tell their stories.

#### **9. Premier's Award**

On September 18 a celebration event was held at City Hall. Each agency received a plaque. Revised certificates with agency name will be distributed.

Members viewed Chilliwack's video presentation.

#### **10. Pathways Task Team Update**

The task team is a partnership of members from CYC and CHC. The hope is to build off of Info Chilliwack to create a user friendly tool that will give information on how to access services. Theresa suggested including youth in the process to ensure that the website is youth friendly.

#### **11. Referral Card**

2000 cards have been printed to date. Want to find a method to evaluate whether the card is being used and who is using it; how many cards are being given out and how many cards are being presented at agencies. It was suggested by Wayne that the card include instructions for the agency where the card is presented, on what to with it.

## **12. Every Door Training Event**

The first trainings for front counter staff took place in January and February. The next training will take place November 6 and is open to anyone. Karen will distribute poster.

## **13. Agency Profile – Chilliwack Learning Society**

Debbie Denault is the Literacy Outreach Coordinator. Her role is to build partnerships and relationships and to promote the importance of lifelong learning. Literacy has a great ripple effect benefitting community. Brochure was given to members. CLS has a city-wide literacy plan which came into fruition in 2006 and includes 5 broad strategies. At this time they are relooking and refining the strategies. CLS has different partners for different strategies and work with 80 programs a year. The board is the steering committee for the society and is made up of key stakeholders in literacy.

The Adult Literacy Task Group. Anyone is welcome to take part. From this task group comes the Volunteer Tutor program which continues to grow. Silver Surfers is a senior volunteer program of seniors tutoring seniors in care homes in technology, as a way of learning and social contact. Currently having community conversations on disabilities. Financial literacy is a partnership with CCS and will help participants with financial learning. Training for those who want to provide financial literacy workshops in the programs will be provided in the New Year. Math training for parents is activity based and teaches parents how to work with their children. A financial literacy fair is scheduled for April.

Early Family Literacy earns financial support through Raise a Reader funds. Members are encouraged to check out chilliwacklearnings you tube channel.

CLS is looking to broaden City Wide Literacy and is open to ideas.

## **14. Sub-Committee Reports**

### **Early Years – Karen**

The Early Years Committee has been updating its strategic plan. During the summer Karen created maps which included EDI Data along with census Canada for Chilliwack neighbourhoods. It is hopeful that the information will help drive the work of the Early Years. Currently looking at putting more emphasis on Social Marketing. Also working towards creating a Parents Mentoring Parents program.

### **Youth Matters – Collette**

Challenge Day dates have been changed to February. Alumni Hall at the NLC is not available, so looking for another venue. Currently considering Rosedale. The committee is looking to do some youth engagement work with VYPER. Where the committee heads will depend on what the Youth need and want.

**15. Antonia Victor – Chief's Coalition. Provides coordination around Aboriginal Youth Engagement. Spirit of Our Communities is about capacity building and prevention. It is a culturally vibrant group. Antonia's mandate has changed to working with youth at risk . She will work with Aboriginal Youth, help them create a care plan and get them connected to Spirit of Community. It is intended for youth 13-24. Contact Antonia at 604.798.4642 or [antonia.victor@acfcc.bc.ca](mailto:antonia.victor@acfcc.bc.ca)**

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## **16. Agency Announcements**

**FVACFSS – Youth forum for youth receiving services from FVACFSS. The purpose of the event is to get their input on how to make services better. Taking place in Abbotsford. Keynote speaker Mark Smith is a former Aboriginal youth in care. Please see [childandyouth.com](http://childandyouth.com) for event posters and information.**

**SD#33 – In final stages of the late start up.**

**Division of Family Practice – GP for me Hotline launch coming the Fall. 5-2-1-0 workshops for service providers coming soon as well as adapting the 5-2-1-0 message to the medicine wheel.**

**United Way – Has been requested to give up some of its office space for some of the time. Everyone who ordered Discover books should have received them by now. Classroom lending libraries have been created in Mccammon, Central, Bernard, and Robertson. United Way will be hosting a Housing Registry meeting on Nov.3 to look at a regional approach to housing. This will include training landlords and tenants. Often those leaving transitional housing are unable to keep it.**

**Cyrus Centre – Shelter has been busy and 80% full.**

**CHC – Info networking breakfasts to take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters – In school mentoring is up and running. Will maintain the numbers and increase. Continuing to make new partnerships, the most recent with Central.**

**Ann Davis – New workshops have started. Currently looking for a worker for supervised visits.**

**CLS – Will presenting about Financial Literacy at the CHC breakfast in November.**

## **17. Coordinator's Report**

**The summer months gave me opportunity to work on a couple of projects, one being a mapping project for the Early Years Table. By combining EDI data with census data, neighbourhood maps of Chilliwack give us a better picture of what is going on throughout our community. As a result the EY Committee has reviewed its Strategic Plan and has added an action around addressing poverty. I have also been working with a number of partner agencies in coming up with a strategy to create and implement a much needed Parent 2 Parent mentoring program.**

**In August I began working with Annette Vogt from UFV on a project to put together a community conversation on Children with Incarcerated parents. This is a vulnerable population with needs that have not yet been specifically addressed. The one day colloquium will take place October 30, at the NLC.**

**It was an honour to be part of the work surrounding the Premier's Award. I have been working with the CYC co-chairs in continuing to move the Every Door is the Right Door initiative forward. Another Every Door is the Right Door training event. This will take place Nov.6, at the NLC.**

**I continue to work with the CYC sub-committees and the various task groups as well as relevant task groups of the Chilliwack Healthier Communities.**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations:**

**Nov. 4 – Cyrus Centre**

**December 2 – Contact Centre**

**January – Division of Family Practice**

**February – Ann Davis**

**Next Meeting**

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