



October 6, 2015
Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of minutes. September minutes approved and will posted to website.

3. Youth Speak Out Review

Approximately 150 service providers attended the full day event at the Cultural Centre. Everyone who was present was impressed by the information shared and the quality of the youth presentations. Sophie's position is in the wrap up stage since there is funding only until October 9. Want to recognize the good work accomplished by Sophie; lots of positive feedback. Youth panel was much appreciated. There is impressive growth and potential for the future. A grant has been applied for with the hopes of continuing the YAP Facilitator position. Patti said she has access to a number of grants. Stacy and



Sophie will follow-up with this. Karen will try to get a delegation with City Council to do a youth based presentation.

4. All Candidates Meeting Review

Three candidates joined us and there was a range of people who attended. Most people enjoyed the structure and found it to be informative. It was thought it would have been nice to have a longer event.

5. Duty to Report – Dan Bibby

Legal obligation to report matters that meet the criteria. Dan had 2 handouts. If you believe it is a child protection matter can call the police or MCFD. MCFD has a social worker designated to investigating reports; of the 150 reports that come in each month, 20 are investigated and sometimes referred to other agencies. Currently more Aboriginal children in care or protection. FVACFSS works closely with MCFD. In January there will be a centralized call centre based in Vancouver. The call centre will do the initial screening and then send back to communities. The hope is create provincial consistency.

The question was asked when Cyrus Centre gets involved. Cyrus Centre will do intake, create a report and call a social worker to notify MCFD. Often the first door to find out about youth; RCMP are often the first contact.

You don't need to be sure to file a report. Can speak with a social worker first. If you do report, you should be notified when investigation is completed. MCFD is about keeping families together. There is a grey area around what defines neglect. There is a lot of checks and balances throughout the process.

6. Conversation 2015 Evaluation Report – Anne Todd

7. Conversation 2016

The steering committee has good representation. Previewed the evaluation powerpoint with the goal to come up with a theme to be ratified by the CYC table. The EY table presented in June around social and emotional vulnerability and it was thought this could be a theme for 2016. Potential to partner with the School District. Put together a day on social emotional development from early childhood to teens and the impact on parenting. The thought was to showcase Chilliwack services and programs. Thought it may be beneficial to have a panel of youth from various backgrounds or parents raising children with vulnerabilities. From a school district perspective there are many discussion around the trends of growing risk. Anecdotally hearing the struggles many parents are having. As students get older there is less success in intervention. Chilliwack will be participating in the EDI in February.



8. Restorative Justice – Leanna Kemp

Currently seeking input as the agency establishes a direction. Has a lot more to offer around youth advocacy and prevention.

9. VYPER

Growth in youth who normally wouldn't have spoken up. Connected with a number of agencies and action teams. Youth finding a purpose and shifting from negative behaviour to positive. VOYCE funding ends. What can we do as agencies to find funding. Dan noted that province wide there are big gaps in funding youth services.

10. EDRD Strategies

Members were given a handout identifying the 10 strategies the CYC will be focussing on this year around EDRD.

11. Collaborative Practice – Care Team Orientation

Mark Littlefield will be leading a workshop on Nov.10, 9-3 with lunch included. Working together to problem solve for families. Karen will send out invite.

12. Smart Saver Workshop

Sponsored by the United Way. The workshop will be at the NLC, Oct.22 to learn about RESP's. Approximately 73% of families who are eligible have not applied.

13. Coordinator's Report

Early Years

EDI presentation for Chilliwack Community Services early childhood staff

In conversation with Stolo regarding collaborating with Early Years partners to create an Early Years Resource Centre at Stolo.

Working with School District Early Years representative to plan a Fall Early Childhood Expo.

CYC

Putting together an Every Door is the Right Door workshop for the October 23 Pro D Day. Working on EDRD initiatives.

Working with Evaluation Committee to complete Conversation 2015 evaluation summary. Part of Conversation 2016 Steering Group.



Working with SEACAT chair to plan 2015/16 community events and workshops.

Working with YAP Facilitator wherever needed.

Collecting and setting up NLC brochures.

Community Engagement

Participated in CSL literacy event on Sept.23.

Part of the community meetings around Tourism Chilliwack's Community Calendar.

Part of the CHC Community Connections and Mental Health task groups.

Participated in Chilliwack Connect.

**Next Meeting, November 3
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