



**Meeting, September 9, 2014
Xyolhemeylh**

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1. Welcome

Dan welcomed members and explained how monthly agenda is put together. Special recognition was given to the Cyrus Centre opening and how fast this project took place is remarkable progress. The city staff were thanked for the contribution in making Cyrus Centre happen.

2. June minutes approved – Karen will post to website

3. Conversation 2015

The CYC has had 22 years of holding an annual conference. In June the working group met to review evaluations and to determine a direction for next year. The group is wanting feedback on what are the pressing issues that should be focussed on for 2015. Anyone interested is invited to attend the first working group meeting on Friday, September 26, 7:30 am at the IHOP Restaurant. Rob Lees shared how people enjoyed the "Ted Talks" but wished that more time would have been allotted for discussion and simulation. People enjoyed the speakers and shared who they want to be able to engage with the material. Rob asked the members what their agencies would be able to commit financially. The overall budget is near \$6000. If each agency contributes \$500 there should be more than enough to cover the event.

4. Tracey Arsenault – Traumatic Growth Workshop

Tracey is currently working on her Master's Degree and is providing a workshop for Human Service Providers as part of her program. It is possible to carry secondary trauma and be effected by it and stunt positive growth. This is referred to as Compassion Fatigue. It can be difficult for people to connect with colleagues as work, and most don't want to bring issues home. The workshop on October 2, will address these issues and teach about self-care.

5. Youth Voice – Theresa Warbus

ROVER is an Aboriginal Youth Group in Chilliwack for youth ages 15 -18 receiving services from MCFD, FVACFSS or partnering agencies. ROVER stands for Raise Our Voices Everyone Rise.

Agassiz has a group for girls in care called WORD; With Our Rights and Dreams. Working toward changing the way services are provided to themselves or those that follow.

Visions and Voices is an internal quality assurance program. Children and youth ages 6-24 are asked about services and service quality and what needs improvement. Mark Short, who has an incredible story will be a guest speaker October 24 and 25. At this time the event is only open to FVACFSS clients, however invitation may be extended. Please let Theresa know of any youth who may benefit from the group.

AYEC is an Aboriginal Youth Enhancement Committee which is focussing on gaps around linkages between programs. How do you provide a cultural service? Creating a cultural readiness toolkit that agencies will be able to use. Actions are laid out as well as key priorities. Need to get key players together and want to find ways to create an eye-catching presence on website.

Lunch and Learns are on hold for the time being.

6. Youth Clinic

Youth at risk typically don't connect with a General Practitioner and as a result don't get the medical treatment they need. A committee has been consulting with doctors and service providers on how this should look. Are modeling after the Abbotsford Youth Clinic which serves youth between 14 – 24. Young people can come for a wide range of health services. Are hoping to open the clinic at the NLC,

January 2015 starting with a clinic on Tuesdays, 2 – 5 pm. Other services will be added on. Have a partnership with UFV interns and PCS and CYMH to provide supervision. Working closely with the Division of Family Practice and currently there are 3 doctors interested in being a part. Funding for the doctors has been found. Are also looking ahead to opening a clinic on the southside of Chilliwack, possibly at Stolo. Stacy shared how relationship building has been key to the success of the Abbotsford clinic. Abbotsford has already served 700 youth since it opened.

7. Challenge Day – Collette Bohach

Youth Matters had booked Nov 17-20. The job action has put a lot of pressure on committee and schools to make it happen for them. Will postpone Challenge Day. A letter was given to CYC agencies requesting support for the event. Challenge Day is a 1 day experiential workshop for youth to help build relationships and connections within school communities; “Be the Change”. Having adults involved, shows they care. Youth workers from the schools presented to the PAC’s in the Spring, however strike is effecting whether they will fund. Last year the school district donated \$5000 as well as in kind services.

8. Every Door is the Right Door

Initiatives – An updated handout was passed to members identifying 13 initiatives. This will be the 3rd year of implementation and agencies are understanding the importance of engagement. Agencies can offer to host at other locations if unable to host at their agency.

An updated copy of “ New Employee Cross Agency” was given to members for feedback.

Dan invited everyone to attend Premier’s Award Presentation which will highlight Innovative Practice throughout the province.

9. McCreary Survey

School District has the summary of the results and is now looking how to disseminate the information.

10. Agency Updates

VYPER – Grants are rolling out. Application must be done with youth however there is a small grant that agencies can apply for to cover the cost of engaging a youth in the grant writing process.

CYMH – Social Research and Planning Council will conducting a “Quality of life” survey where they will be gathering information on people’s view of Chilliwack, volunteerism etc.

The drop-in intake at CYMH is going well. Jessica MacBeth has taken the place of Fred Chou as the Youth as Gatekeepers facilitator.

CSCL – Back into Fall programming, however due to the teacher job action have adjusted the timing of services to better accommodate the needs of families.

RCMP – The High Risk Youth project was put on hold over the summer. Currently 5 youth have been identified for the program. The RCMP will work with the care team and one on one to discover how to improve youth’s relationship with the law. Three of the youth identified are not in care, 4 out of the 5 are Aboriginal. Would like to see more involvement from Aboriginal Restorative Justice. The program seems to be effective. A priority is to intervene in sexual exploitation. Most of the sexual exploitation seems to be drug related. ARENDA contracts for youth in care. Youth Specific Task Group is up and running and currently working on strategies for follow-up.

Fraser Valley Regional Library – Library is not just about books and can be considered a social service agency. There is a push to grow connections with community. Youth Connect worker has been provided with space at Library if needed to meet with youth. Looking for ways to serve the youth, rather than kick them out. Through sponsorship by the Lions Club, the Sardis Library will become a braille centre. Putting together a Teen Advisory Group. This will be youth led and volunteers will get volunteer credits. Would like the youth to advise on books, music and youth events. Hoping they will help to decorate for special events. An awareness concert for youth to promote literacy will take place in the Fall. Currently looking for donations and any in kind support.

FVACFSS – Groups restarting. Family Conference is coming up. Summer camps were very successful. Annual Suicide Prevention event taking place on October 10.

FVDC – Therapy groups for parents starting up. The job action has been a stumbling block in parents being available to attend.

SD#33 – Schools are not in session however principals are in the schools and can be reached. Would like to arrange tours to the other NLC sites.

Ann Davis – The “Caught in the Middle” program is looking for participants. It is for families going through divorce.

City Life – Celebrating the opening of Cyrus Centre.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Has lost Tracey Arsenault as well as admin support. Collette will be taking over Tracey’s work load. The agency is becoming fiscally creative and no growth until January. Currently have an interim executive director.

Restorative Justice – Numbers are up by 25%, 40% are youth. Piloting a great program for middle schools “Restorative Practices and Education”. Will have assemblies around hot topics like sexual exploitation, arson etc.

City of Chilliwack – Celebrating the opening of Cyrus Centre. Members were invited to participate in CHC Networking breakfast on September 23.

**Next Meeting
October 7, Chilliwack Learning Society
8472 Harvard Place**