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Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Collette Bohach was introduced as the new CYC co-chair.
3. Minutes reviewed and accepted. Will be posted to the website.
4. **Human Services Career Education Program (HSCEP) – Chris Reitsma**
 The program is currently looking for agencies to host grade 12 practicum students. Looking for opportunities where the students can stretch and grow. Provide Chris with a job description. Are hoping to have practicums in place in the next 2 weeks. School District covers all liabilities. Agencies complete a Practicum Student Agreement. 30 students looking for 30 opportunities.
5. **Opioid Intervention – Sandra Lee Dall'o**
 Number of deaths has surpassed those from last year. Fentanyl is an effective pain killer when used medically. With street forms there is no way to regulate potency. Most overdoses seem to be happening to middle aged men in their homes. This makes it especially challenging on finding a way to reach these people. There are currently 102 sites that provide Naloxone kits. Recipients



of the kits must be a “user” or have a loved one that is. Concerned citizens can purchase a kit for \$50-\$60. Naloxone reverses an opioid overdose. It is short acting and since opioids can remain in the body for 4 hours it is best to have person go to a hospital once Naloxone has been administered. Chilliwack has been designated as a priority community because of increased overdoses. Service providers are able to get kits for clients. At this point overdosing has not been a huge issue among school aged youth. www.fraserhealth.ca has a number of substance use supports. At this time there is no evidence to support that exposure to fentanyl is dangerous. A comment was made that the kits are cumbersome and may be difficult to use when under pressure. Something like an epi-pen might be better. A person on Naloxone could experience withdrawal symptoms.

6. CYC Strategic Planning – Ron Plowright

Ron shared with members what the format for the September 13 planning event would look like and some thoughts he wanted members to consider prior to attending.

7. Homeless/Housing Project – Graham McMahon

Currently experiencing a housing and vacancy crisis in Chilliwack. While the homeless count showed increased numbers it didn’t take into account the “hidden homeless”; those being temporarily housed. Being homeless is a barrier to getting most kinds of treatment. Working to create a systems approach; what exists and then work together to create a system of care. Builders and contractors are eager to be part of the solution. Chilliwack has the added feature of social organizations being closely networked (CHC, CYC).

One housing model creates tenant profiles and attaches them to a support worker. A model that is working well is “Raven’s Moon”. Landlords have agreements with the Housing Hub and not the tenants. Housing First is a priority for Chilliwack. There is currently a huge population at risk of becoming homeless.

8. Youth Hub Update - Dan

There is energy around establishing a youth centre and how to engage youth. There have been several studies and task groups who have explored this. The CYC currently has some traction. Where are the gaps and where do we need to connect the dots. A contract was made with Maggie Aronoff to create a profile of data and successful models. This will allow us to be more informed as we move forward. Once the report is finalized we will move to the next phase.

9. NLC Greeter

Karen updated members on the NLC Greeter position. The YMCA has agreed to train and supervise these volunteers. Position description will be distributed.

10. Conversation 2018

This will be our 25 annual event. Will be calling a steering committee meeting soon.



11. Little Warriors “Prevent It”

Workshop being hosted by SEACAT, October 4, 10:30-noon. Karen will send out information to members.

12. Agency Updates

Public Health – More visibility in community. Will be doing developmental screening at vaccinations.

YMCA – closed in July. Ground breaking ceremony will take place October 5. A number of programs are still running in various locations – check website for information. Youth Works has received funding to run for another year and is currently being held in the StarFm building.

City Life Centre – Gearing up for After School Adventures; currently being offered in 5 schools. Will be running Divorce Care 4 Kids in the Fall.

CSCL – Had a busy summer running summer programs. The “Wow!” event this year was river rafting. Have partnered with Wind and Tide. They will be running their preschool program out of the Mathieson Centre.

FVACFSS – offered a number of summer camps. Rachel McIntosh’s contract ends at the end of September. Will be hosting an event for youth in care to find out what is working and what is not. In the Fall will be offering Tool Time, 4 Directions, Traditional Connections and Wellness Circle.

Chilliwack Division of Family Practice – now have an online registration system to get connected with a GP. In Chilliwack there is currently a 5-6 month wait time. In Hope there is immediate attachment. The Youth Health Centre has had 2500 visits. Please replace old brochures and posters with the new ones. Options Sexual Health will now be at the Youth Health Centre.

Cyrus Centre – Minor renovations has increased capacity to 9 beds. The facility has been updated with a more youth friendly appeal. Currently running a Breakfast Club for 18-24 years olds. The purpose is to facilitate discussions under life skills.

School District – Busy year ahead especially with the school reconfiguration happening next year. Currently hiring to fill vacant positions. Report due at the end of the month to gain approval for a new school on the southside of Chilliwack. Chilliwack Secondary and GW Graham will be getting expansions.



PCRS – Expansion of the Harm Reduction program. Also will have peer workers. Chilliwack Connect will take place October 28. PCRS office and bus are a take-home Naloxone sites. Will provide training.

CSS – Jackie Ayer has taken a new position in Abbotsford. Trevor Johnson has stepped into the role of Reconnect Worker.

FVDCDC – Ran a successful youth therapy camp. Currently working on kindergarten readiness. Have received funding for more therapy positions.

DPAC – Growing. Facebook page now has 600 members. Looking to offer workshops for parents and supporting children and the different needs.

Bowls of Hope – Doing a gradual restart. Currently 24 schools being served. Moving forward with educational program. Currently in need of volunteers to help with processing veggies.

Ann Davis – Will be offering 7 groups this Fall. Clara has been newly hired as the children’s counsellor. Melody will be offering a “gender journeys” workshop.

RCMP – Nathan has moved to Mission. Dana will be supporting in Chilliwack the best she can. Cyber crime and exploitation are big issues.

MCFD – CYMH intake occurs at the NLC. Only 2 other communities in the province offering services outside of the government office.

BBBS – September has been declared BBBS month. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple on September 15. 14% more was raised this year at the golf tournament.

Next meeting October 3, 2017