

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 3rd 2012



9:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**CYC Chairs: Susan Edgcombe
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Present:

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Regrets:

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1. Welcome and Introductions-

Welcome to J. Lum, B. Point, G. McGrath and L. Jarvos. Many thanks for joining the meeting, and/or CYC group

Dan reminded the group of the protocol in regards to preparing for CYC meetings. The Minutes and agenda will be available on childandyouth.com prior to the meeting to print off and bring.

James mentioned that he had difficulty opening the documents.

ACTION: Cindy will speak to Annette about this matter

2. Review Minutes-

a) In reviewing the minutes, Dan gave a brief background of the ABC. In the past, it was created to bring stakeholders together as a consultation, later involving parents as it evolved. There was extensive conversation at the last meeting that it has moved away from consultation and become disconnected from the CYC and its activities.

ACTION: plan for next year-In September planning will start for the event and the CYC will be the “oversight” committee. They will steer the design of the day, keynote speaker, etc. It was also suggested that next year there should be a consistency between keynote, youth component and the theme of the conference.

b) In reviewing the minutes, Dan discussed the plan to do presentations to stakeholders listed in the Strategic Plan. Shari has updated the Power Point, and a plan needs to move forward to support this. Members of the CYC would represent this strategy by presenting to the key groups.

c) While reviewing the minutes, it was noted that the presentations that occurred during Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week were fantastic. The high quality of the presentations was discussed as well as the low attendance at these events. Todd noted that the event has only been going for two years and it will gain momentum. The hard work that Amanda, James, and the Youth Matters Committee did for this event was recognized.

3. CYC Action/Strategic Plan

Outcome 1.2-Building partnerships with Aboriginal service providers

this item. Where are we? How do we move forward?

Review of Building Bridges event held in 2008-the intention was a continued partnership would grow out of this event. This did not happen, but engagement with the Aboriginal community still remains a priority. Due to the fact that no invited reps came, it was decided to table the next steps until the next meeting.

There was further discussion that the Evaluation item regarding 1st Nations representation on the Youth Matters Committee be removed, as this outcome is not valid.

Brenda shared with the group that she too has had difficulty connecting with the same Aboriginal reps, so she has chosen to meet with them outside of the table because she too, felt disconnected.

It was discussed that perhaps the next CYC meeting should be held at STOLO to be more inviting to participate.

ACTION: Susan/Dan to speak to Sonja.

Duncan suggested rewording of replicating an event of Building Bridges, to more of an action of building relationships.

Perhaps ACTION 1.2 could be reworded:

Connecting on existing CYC connections to the Aboriginal community

ACTION: A query to agency reps of mechanisms in place that they use to engage Aboriginal community.

ACTION/GOAL #2-

Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol-

Susan distributed a hard copy of the slightly updated protocols. Staff are updated every September at SD33. In Chilliwack, there are approx. 900 complaints/investigations per year from the community.

There was discussion around the table regarding various agencies and their use of the protocol and methods they are using.

This discussion led to a query in regards to the roles that various agencies serve on the CYC. Jason asked for clarification as to what the expectations of the CYC would be in regards to his involvement. Perhaps roles and purposes need to be more clearly defined.

ACTION: Review of MOU-perhaps in September

4. UPDATES-

Bobbi provided an update for Ann Davis-

They have started a Girl's Group, on reserve. Also, the "Building Healthy Relationships" series will be starting. Ann Davis is also advertising for a Youth Worker to cover a staff's Maternity leave.

4.4 CIPC- The Chilliwack Interagency Parenting Committee: a subcommittee of CYC was discussed, as the group currently has no chair. There has been little participation in this group, and it was discussed that

to reduce gaps and overlaps, the Resource Quarterly information could now be found on the website. The past history and purpose of the group was discussed and several members would like it brought to parenting groups before deciding.

ACTION?: Agenda item for May 1st meeting- Review intention and purpose.

5. Sub Committee Reports

a. **Early Years**-Due to lack of time, the only Early Years matter discussed was the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. The rest of the Child and Youth Coordinator's activities are posted for the CYC as well as the Early Years at: www.childandyouth.com

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YMCA Healthy Kids Day-will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, from 9-4. This is our forum for a community health fair. The benefits of the event were discussed as well as the potential staffing challenges. The format for the booths was explained, and ALL agencies are encouraged to participate.

b. **Youth Matters**- At the last meeting, the Sexual Exploitation Awareness week was discussed by the group. This is an important topic and activity. The CAT Committee is now a sub group of Youth Matters and will deal with future SEA education/development.

c. **Clinical Sub Committee**- Suicide Prevention Training is ongoing for staff and professionals. There have been several recent suicides in the Aboriginal community, as well as Agassiz.

-Sub Committee-they are in the process of developing an efficient system for tracking their youth.

CONNECT-Is a parent group that reports to the Clinical Committee as well.

d. Lisa Jarvos- reported on the provinces' initiative under Healthy Start called , **NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP:**

- Nurse will be posted into positions with vulnerable families
- This is part of a study with SFU, where the effectiveness of the program will be tracked
- The parent must be a young parent, under 25, and before 28 weeks of pregnancy
- The parent must be under a certain income threshold and it has to be their first time parenting
- Nurses are partnered with the young mom and followed until the child is 2 years of age

- **Each nurse has a maximum caseload of 20 clients, and will provide support**
- **The program is quite structured and there are goals and outcomes for each participant that are tracked**
- **Chilliwack has 1.5 FTE; more than some other communities**
- **Intake starts in September**
- **How to register? Through prenatal programs at the hospital or through the Health Unit**

e. Hospice Update- There is a pregnancy loss group at Hospice, and Horse Whisperer Camp. The Camp has had a large number of Aboriginal Children participating. There is a community workshop being held at Hospice on April 19th with a keynote speaker.

Brenda spoke of the suicide prevention protocol and its use in the community. As well, it was noted that the connection to Hospice has been beneficial in assisting clients; in particular, the Horse Whisperer Camp.

6. McCreary Update-Many thanks to Shari and Kiran for supporting Dan and Tim in their presentation. It was later discussed that perhaps students in Grades 10-12 could participate but it was felt that this would provide too narrow a sample. It is still being discussed, but timelines are looming that may affect participation. Further delay would result in a 4 year wait until the survey becomes available again.

Meeting Adjourned-Next Meeting Tuesday, May 1 2012 from 9 am-11 am