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1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of December Minutes

3. DEWY – Jeff Ayers

Beginning January 24 will be offering mobile program at the NLC. DEWY is pilot project of Fraser Health to support youth with addictions. Ran in Abbotsford for 2 months. It is a 5 week program. The program runs Tuesday to Friday 1pm – 5pm with some after care follow-up. Youth who participate in the program need to be clean for the day they attend. Work together to establish goals. Includes learnings around healthy living and recreational activities. It is a group format but can also do one on one support. Ideally youth will attend for the 5 weeks. Referrals to the program are through substance use counsellors Kelly Ridder, Beth Gray and Randy Mumford. If service providers know of youth who might benefit, can contact Jeff Ayer directly. The person making the referral will need to fill the role of case manager.

4. Agency Updates



YMCA – Renovations are on track. Youth Works will be running new cohort last week of February. YMCA is running a Fitness Training Course.

Sardis Library – Can pay off fines by bringing items for the foodbank. Family Place runs out of this location Thursdays 10am-11:30am. Sunita brought handouts for some of the great programming happening at Sardis Library.

Immigration Services – Celebrating 25 years of serving in the community. Ensuring that new comers are well-connected. March 14 will co-host a public forum/multi-cultural celebration.

Afternoon Adventures – Currently has 7 programs running. Continue to work on establishing partnerships. Vedder Middle is currently interested in running an after school program geared for the reconfigured Middle School.

Xyolhemeylh (FVACFSS) – Planning annual Family Forum. This year will hold on a weekend, March 9-10 to give opportunity for families to attend. Open to everyone. Looking for anyone wanting to host a resource table. Will be running some new programming – Cultural Connections. Currently looking for a facilitator for Traditional Cooking.

CSCL – Montreal Canadian's Hockey Game fundraiser, Feb.15. Natalie will forward info to Karen to be included in newsletter.

Stolo Health – Opening a fulltime pharmacy within the week. Will soon have a fulltime doctor at the location. Nations Creations has designed a shirt for "Pink Shirt Day", February 28. Shirts are \$15 - \$5 to the artist, \$5 to Aboriginal youth services

DPAC – Working to support an inclusive environment

NLC – New projector in the Alumni Hall. Lots of rentals being booked.

SD#33 – February 23 is the next pro-d day. Will have a morning keynote and break outs in the afternoon. Will be offering a tour of services in the community. Looking for agencies willing to host the group for 30 minutes between 11am and 2pm.

Public Health – Currently nurse working within the School District. Offering transitioning programs; population based Public Health nurse. New programming around supporting vulnerable families. Connections through pre-natal registration.

Ministry for Poverty Reduction – Increase of applications. Fraser Health nurse at location on cheque day – information available on healthy lifestyle. Currently have 4700 active cases in Chilliwack.

Restorative Justice – Welcome to the new director Amanda MacPherson. Continuing with classroom conversations.

Chilliwack Community Services – Welcome to Helen Edwards the new director with family and youth services. Youth services will be offering young parents life skills training which includes healthy cooking. Have received 1 more year of grant funding for youth homelessness support. Currently 15 youth are benefitting from the services.

RCMP – Staffing numbers have increased. Wanting to be more pro-active rather than reactive. Wanting to be in attendance and supportive of community events.

MCFD- Receives 100 investigation requests per month. The call centre receives 37,000 per month. New program to promote permanency for foster children. Recognizing that foster care is not the answer. Try to find permanent homes as quickly as possible. This year 10 kids were adopted from foster care.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Whitney is now working full time in Chilliwack as a community based case-worker. Have 2 new interns who will be working with the agency for the next 3 months. Looking for an admin support person for Chilliwack.

5. Agency Profile – Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley – Collette Bohach

Collette has been with the agency for 7 years. Largest youth mentoring agency in Canada; 100 years in Canada, 60 years in the Fraser Valley. BBBS is in 1100 communities. All about relationship and friendships. Are able to adapt to the unique needs of each community – innovative and reflective. Children who are mentored have success in every area of their life. Have in school site based programs. Mentors can be youth. Referrals come through school referral. Don't leave school property; meet for 1 hour per week. Community based programs. One to one match with an adult mentor. Commit for 1 year, usually goes for 2-4 years. Referrals come from a variety of sources. Group programs; Game On for boys and Go Girls for girls. Group programs are dependent on availability of volunteers. Parents and school referral for this program. Big Bunch meets once a month and serves youth on waiting lists. Boys tend to be on the waitlist longer than girls. Human Services Career Enrichment Program is unique to Chilliwack. UFV students are match with high school students. Attend 8 Saturday learning sessions. Together develop leadership and human service skills.

6. CYC Sub-Committee Reports

Early Years – Continuing with monthly “Let’s Play’ events. Events are promoted in weekly newsletter

Youth Matters – will meet again in January and reflect on “what’s next” after the big event in November.

Primary Prevention – have been looking at the prevention side of Pornography. How to promote what healthy relationships look like.

SEACAT – Will be hosting “Over 18” in March as part of “Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week. View the trailer for this documentary. <https://vimeo.com/188956393>

7. Conversation Planning – next planning meeting is scheduled for Jan.12. Anyone interested in participating in a task group invited to attend. The theme this year is around “Caring for the Caregiver”.
8. Middle Years Forum – February 7 at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. Consists of a keynote, break out sessions and community planning. Handouts for the event were provided.
9. Truth and Reconciliation Workshop – Call for those wanting to participate in the planning of this very important event.
10. Youth Hub Space – Dan provided some background to the project. Handouts of the first report completed by Maggie Aronoff were distributed. Members were updated on phase 2 and 3 of the project.
11. CYC Trending Topic – Discussion around what steps agencies are taking to prepare for the legalization of marijuana.

Next meeting February 6, 2017