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1. Welcome and Introductions. Conversation Review.
2. Review of April Minutes.
3. Youth Treatment Centre – Steve Esau

Contract same as Keremeos. Will be tier 4 level – for youth have tried to overcome addictions but not successful and can benefit from a rehab facility. Intended for youth 13-18 years who reside in the Fraser Valley. BC Housing has purchased the land behind IHop and will finance the building of the facilities. Operations will be covered through Fraser Health. An advisory committee has been established; doing research to learn what works best for youth. Interviewing 30 youth with lived experience to discover what worked and what didn't. Nature and outdoors will be an important components of the centre. Also looking how to better involve families. Hoping to be open Spring 2019. Currently only facilities in Vancouver and Keremeos. Will have 20 beds and participants can stay for up to 6 months. Want to include leadership training. By keeping them in community can remain in contact with care teams. Will be hiring an Outreach Connection worker who will stay connected with youth after they leave the facility. <https://www.theprogress.com/news/treatment-centre-for-youth-to-be-built-in-chilliwack/>

Keremeos is funded through Provincial Health. It is a tier 4 facility for 17-24 year olds. Took awhile to get the facility fully staffed. The community of Keremeos has embraced the program. Each health authority has access to 4 beds.

4. SOGI 123 – Rohan Arul-Pragasm

Fits under the mandate of “Safe and Caring Schools 2018”. It promotes inclusive schools; everyone is welcomed and included. Religion, colour, ethnicity also covered under the umbrella of SOGI. Sexual orientation as defined by Health Canada. Youth of sexual and gender minority are marginalized. Redesign in BC School Curriculum includes valuing diversity and respecting difference. SOGI is not a curriculum it's a resource for teachers. Main focus of schools is to ensure kids thrive and care about themselves and others. 51 School Districts are part of the BC SOGI network. If parents have questions it is best to first connect with classroom teacher. Parent views cannot

over ride the BC education imperative. Teachers are not mandated to use SOGI – can use at their own discretion.

## 5. Agency Updates

BC Responsible Gambling: Adding a new stream of supports; game sense advisors will be replaced by game info reps. Their role is to support those affected by gambling or those who have a relative who is but don't want to see a counsellor. Have programs for Kindergarten to grade 12.

Youth Unlimited: Firetruck which will be remodelled into a mobile youth centre is headed this way. Will target neighbourhoods where needs are identified.

Youth Services: Kate distributed newly created posters for the "The Break Room". Young parent drop-in now at the NLC, Thursdays 4:30-6:30 at the NLC.

Ministry Social Development and Poverty Reduction: Poverty Reduction Forums were successful. Report will be ready for June and will assisting the ministry on how to develop services. Additional staffing and leadership; 10 new staff and another 10 in September. Will be one of the largest office in BC. Also have hired another supervisor to provided added leadership.

Ann Davis: PEACE (which has replaced "Children in Between") will be starting soon. STAR program will run again this summer; students are paid to participate in this program.

DPAC: Discussion around next year's planning. Always looking for presentations.

NLC: Programs are growing – putting together calendar for next year.

School District: Planning of new school and NLC. Once formalized can begin to have discussion on the use of the space.

Cyrus Centre: Trevor introduced Melissa who is covering for Debbie's maternity leave. May 18-19 there will be a fund raising hockey tournament; 16 teams, guaranteed 5 games.

YMCA: Official update will be released this month on the re-opening of the facility. Youth Works is currently accepting applicants.

City Life: Working on Afternoon Adventures year end events.

Public Health: Re-examining how services are being delivered regionally. Nurses partnering with school districts and seeing how Public Health can support schools. More support for vulnerable expecting families. Now for any age and for any number of children. Support for up to 2 years.

RCMP: Ramping up community events and seasonal events. 15-20 members will be going to GT in Quebec. Incidence of older girls luring younger girls into sex trade. Working on a project to combat this.

PCRS: First Response Program. Looking for families with lived experience.

First Nation Health: Lot's of change – expanding mental health and addictions. Aboriginal Day is June 21. There will be events all over if agencies would like to participate.

Bowls of Hope: Moving locations. Have outgrown current space and will be moving to 'The Local Harvest'.

MCFD: Rob Lees was nominated for a Premier's Award and has been recognized as a finalist. Awards are announced in October.

Social Planning and Research Council: A not for profit society doing social research in community. Most recently have done research around "Mental Health in the Work Place" the "Sleep Survey" and currently working on the Poverty Reduction survey.

#### 6. MSDPR Youth Outreach Program – Katrina Maroney

Goes out into community to support intakes for youth when there are barriers that prevent them from accessing services through regular means. Referral based. Can contact Katrina. Will work with youth and make employment plans and set goals. The service will be overtime. Outreach services with MSDPR will be expanding. Case manage youth for 3-6 months and then teach them to access services on their own.

Katrina also leads Parent Support every second Monday; education and resources. 6pm – 8pm at the NLC.

7. Conversation Follow-Up: May 11 will be meeting debrief. Hope to present evaluations etc at June meeting.

#### 8. Sub-Committee Updates

Early Years – Upcoming ‘Let’s Play’ events. Dan and Karen shared some of the changes coming through the office of the Early Years.

Middle Years – Plan to create a “Development Guide” similar to the one for early childhood. Prevention programs that teach leadership and gets kids outdoors should start at an earlier age; ie Learning 2 Lead for grade 4 students.

Youth Matters – Working on finalizing Strat Plan.

Primary Prevention – June 14 hosting “Trauma Informed Compassionate Communication” workshop at the NLC.

Youth to Adult Transitions – Discussion around aligning with CYC strat plan. Will meet in June to finalize document that was created. Youth 2 Adult transitions for children with special needs has been re-established. Adult mental health and CYMH meet regularly. Work also being done in MCFD regarding transitions. Discussion whether the committee is necessary or whether gaps identified a year ago are being addressed.

#### 9. Youth Space

Lot’s of activity has taken place. There will be a meeting in May with community coordinators and rec providers. In the process of planning a Youth Commission.

Next meeting June 5, 2018