



YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee **Meeting Minutes (April 27th, 2017) – 9:00-10:30am**

Co-Chairs: Kristy Jones (PCRS) and Kate Healey (CCS)

Recorder: Kristy Jones

Present: Kristy Jones, Kate Healey, Trevor Wiens, Maggie Aronoff, Karen Steegstra, Cherie Martens, Donna Simon

Regrets: Nikki Dionne, Carol Marleau, Cathy Preibisch

Welcome & Introductions

- Round table introductions

Reviewed minutes from last meeting (Action Items)

Youth Adult Partnership/ VOYCE update (Cherie)

- VOYCE held the cannabis forum, which went well despite competing with a concert in Vancouver. Youth took a strong leadership role and did a fantastic job at keeping the event running smoothly. Youth left with a sense of pride after they event.
- Sardis is doing a youth mental health week, have asked VOYCE to put together a table to promote positive mental health.
- Cherie has had a lot of texts messages and interest from youth that want to join VOYCE.
- In the beginning stages of creating a family and youth advisory panel as part of the partnership with Duncan at CYMH.
- Meeting with Brian from VYPER and Maggie from the LAT to work on a tool to gage community readiness.

ACTION:

CYC Update (Karen)

- Conference is next week, registration has been great. Some workshops have already been filled.

ACTION: Looking for banners from agencies that sit on the CYC.

SEACAT Update (Karen)

- Children of the street have a grant, and want to offer a series of workshops to train community agency members from Abbotsford, Mission, and Chilliwack.
- Pearl society is another resource that is opening up in Chilliwack.

ACTION: Send Karen a list of names that would be working directly with youth that may be at risk for sexual exploitation that may want to attend the training.

Transition Committee Update (Karen)

- Still in the works, some difficulty getting everyone at the table. Lots of interest in the committee, hoping to meet soon.

ACTION:

Youth Matters Task Group (Cherie)

- Had a couple meetings, attendance has been low. Cherie has had a meeting with Nathan from the school district.



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- Target building may be available; Cherie has email and waiting to hear back from the mall.
- October 5th and 6th aligns with Mental Health Awareness week.
- LAT is working their budget to allow for some funds for the event.

ACTION: Need to narrow down a Key note speaker.

Strategic Plan (Kate)

- Kate will have the Strategic plan for next month.

ACTION:

Meeting Dates/ Times (Kristy)

- Kristy will be stepping down from co-chair in June, please forward your name to Kristy or Kate if you are interested in taking over the co-chair position.
- **Meetings will take place the 4th Thursday of every month from 9- 10:30**
 - May 25th
 - June 22nd

ACTION: Contact Kristy if you would like to host a Youth Matters Meeting.

Program/Service Updates:

- PCRS - Overdose cards have been printed and available to youth/ agencies for distribution.
- CCS - Director is leaving, very busy. A lot of changes are happening in youth services. New programs coming forward for the fall.
- BC Gambling - has 20 new school curriculum lessons available, hoping to have a train the trainer style program for teachers.
- CYC - All candidates meeting went well; every door is the right door training for front end staff at school districts also went well. Need to continue to promote the central websites available in Chilliwack. www.infochilliwack.ca and www.childand youth.com
- Cyrus - May 6th Chilliwack soccer fundraiser.
- LAT – Revising their budget, extant the LAT up to December 31st. Projects: ER pilot is taking request to FH to identify an area for a calm room. The LAT would create a calming room and have a phone and TV. Encourage patients to call the START program as opposed to waiting in the ER. Family peer support worker will focus on mental health wellness. Program will utilize the Stolo site. Pathways project could be taken the on by committees, gaps identified are: before your diagnosed, transition out of CYMH, and ER. Can youth matters take on the piece of navigating parents through prevention stage (prior to diagnosis)? Maggie can bring an information/map to Youth Matters to look at next month in May. Can we put out a poll for summer services that are available in Chilliwack at each agency?
- BBBS – AGM, small but really good. Without an executive director, but application has been closed and hoping to filled position soon. HSPC program has one more training session. Registration for their golf tournament in August is open. Wrapping up this year's school mentoring services, and looking for more volunteers for next year.

Next meeting: Thursday May 25th, 2017
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