



YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee **Meeting Minutes (April 26, 2018) – 9:00-10:30am**

Co-Chairs: Kate Healey (CCS) and Trevor Wiens (Cyrus Centre)

Recorder: Trevor Wiens

Present: Kate Healey, Trevor Wiens, Shelsey Pascuizo, Jeff Gaetz, Tara Cummings, Jacob, Kerstin, Karen Steegstra,

Regrets: Kristy Jones, Aileen Matthews, Whitney Sundman

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions
- Reviewed minutes.
- Reviewed action items (none)

Updates

- **Voyce** (Kate) – has not met for a couple of months. Conversation about the possibility of the group being directed toward the Youth Commission Task Group. VOYCE is still working toward coordinating an alternative grad event.
- **CYC** (Karen) – 25th Annual Conversation on Children (Caring for the Caregiver) is happening today and tomorrow. Still space available for people to show up.
- **SECAT** (Karen) – Had a good meeting this past month that allowed for collaboration amongst those on the committee.
- **Youth Hub Steering Committee** (Kate) – Collaborating with the city and working on establishing a youth commission and creating a clear vision/direction for moving forward. Conversation currently happening about having something at the NLC during the Youth Health Centre hours. “The Break Room” runs Thursdays from 3pm-6pm at Mainstreet Church. Flyers now out.
- **PCRS First Response Program** (Jacob) – goal of program is to help youth by providing naloxone, harm reduction, and education around drug use. Also has a focus on connecting youth to services. Contract is with Fraser Health for 2 full time individuals until March 31 with the possibility of extension.
- **Youth Transition Task Group** (Karen) – Created a document, going to review it, meeting next in June, trying to find out if the group has completed its task or should continue. Does YM take this on/keep this on their ongoing agenda?

Service Integration: Agency Updates

- **Cyrus Centre** – Pucks 4 Profit and Leap of Faith
- **Community Services** – New Young Parents Group (pregnant/parenting) drop in group, NLC Thursdays 430-630. 12-22 (Kylie is facilitating the group).

New Business



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- **#JackSummit** – A mental health focused event that brings youth together to give a voice. Will be in contact with Collette Bohach about how we can support with this event but will not be taking it the lead on it.
- **Employment Law Information** – Tara will forward a document called “Alive After 5:00” that speaks to safety on the jobsite and the right to refuse job tasks that are unsafe. When youth are 16 years old, their rights are the same as an adult. When youth are 12-14, they can work with written permission of their parents and school.
- **Strategic Plan Discussion (tabled)** – May 30 Truth and Reconciliation Event will help us in how we incorporate truth and reconciliation into our strategic plan.
- **Co-Chair – Recommended motion for next month** – *“Tara Cummings become co-chair of Youth Matters for a 2-year term, replacing Trevor Wiens in his co-chair position.”*

Agency Updates

- **Youth Services** - Expanding to 2 junior programs (one in Chilliwack and one in Vedder Elem.)
- **Cyrus Centre** – Debbie Beerling going on maternity leave. Melissa Johnson will be covering while she is away.
- **Youth Works** – new program starting Monday (April 30). 5 spots still available. Criteria: 15-29, not in fulltime school, unemployed or working less than 20 hours a week, have not been on EI in the past 3 years.

Next meeting: May 24, 2018
CAPS Office, 45921 Hocking Ave, Chilliwack
(please park across the street)