

YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Meeting Minutes (February 23rd, 2017) – 7:30-9:00am

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

Recorder: Kristy Jones

Present: Kristy Jones, Kate Healey, Kevin Craig, Nikki Dionne, Kathryn Fehr, Charlotte Taroni, Jasmine Shergill, Maggie Aronoff, Christy Friess, Derek Hanson, Cathy Preibisch, Trevor Wiens, Carol Marleau, Karen Steegstra

Regrets: Roxanne George, Kristy VanOosteram, Donna Simon, Irene Wesenberg, Aileen Mathews

Welcome & Introductions

- Round table introductions

Reviewed minutes from last meeting (Action Items)

March Youth Event put on by UFV (Charlotte)

- Date is March 29th time to be determine (10am – 6pm). Chilliwack UFV five corners put on by the Health science faculty and practicum students.
- Open to grade 7 and up, and youth not attending school.
- Topics: Health relationships, mental health, additions, sexual health.
- Looking for interaction of agencies, conversations with youth, having activities to engage youth.
- Cindy from Options for sexual health is an example of someone coming.
- Looking for Stolo, and other agencies, that want to bring youth host a table etc.
- Advertising will be sent out, can we distribute it and filter out to schools etc.

ACTION: Charlotte will email individuals to see if they are interested in attending.

Youth Adult Partnership/ VOYCE update (Maggie)

- VOYCE has a table for the Gabor Mate event.
- Tuesday they filmed Real Humans on Fraser East at Sardis Secondary. Creating a clip to show at the Gabor Mate event.
- VOYCE group is involved with planning the March 28th (5:30pm) event that will focus on Marijuana education at the NLC. Possibility of having a youth and parent panel.

ACTION:

Recovery Position Card update/ APP (Maggie/ Kristy)

- Overdose APP, has an instructor to help finish the app. Currently applying for grant to pay the instructor for their time.
- PCRS will partner with VOYCE to make sure that the overdose APP and card information match.

ACTION:

CYC Update (Karen)

- Last meeting was canceled due to snow, March 7th is the next meeting.

ACTION:



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SEACAT Update (Karen)

- Sexual Exploitation event is tomorrow (February 24th), Kev from Children of the street and Victor Porter from the provincial office of human trafficking will be the key notes.
- Reconnect worker is no longer chairing the committee, as she has left her reconnect position. CCS is looking to hire for the position and replace the chair.

ACTION:

Transition Committee Update (Karen)

- Last meeting was canceled due to snow.
- Trying to organize a time/ date that works for everyone to attend.

ACTION:

Youth Matters Task Group

- All day event has been postponed due to the snow and students missing 4 instructional days.
- New school year (2017-2018), aiming for October.
- LAT is looking at funding to put towards the event.
- February 28th, 2017 at 1:30 at the NLC is the next meeting for the Task Group.
- Space is up in the air, Target building not available.
- Waiting to hear from the district if they can release students for the daylong event, as well as cover busing.
- Age range is still undecided. Looking had host a day for middle and a day for high school students.

ACTION:

Presentations of Strategic (Kate)

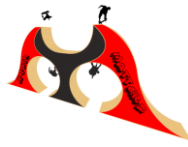
- Kate met with Ron last week, strategic plan may be a little too optimistic.
- Looking for feedback, do we want to focus on large events and/or smaller events?
- Mandate of the committee has potentially changed.
- Connect with CYC to see what they see for youth matters, can we change our terms of reference? Eliminate the term "At Risk" or redefine the term.
- Current plan focuses on: Recruiting new team members to sit at the table. Identifying gaps, and making sure we aren't covering what other committees are covering. Advocating and doing research of creating a youth hub. Hosting small and large annual events.
- Feedback was that our plan should be less specific, more flexible to meet the community needs?

ACTION: Kate will connect with the Social Research planning committee to assist. Connect with the CYC to see what their vision of Youth Matters is and can we change our terms of reference.

Meeting Dates/ Times (Kristy)

- **Meetings will take place the 4th Thursday of every month from 9- 10:30**
- March 30th
- April 27th
- May 25th
- June 22nd

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



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Program/Service Updates:

- Big Brothers and Big Sisters – Hosting a paint night on March 22nd. 45\$ a ticket, connecting everyone to the committee. Bowling for kids' sake month, theme is Super Hero's contact Nicki if you are interested.
- Nikki - Kids in control has started, only had 2 referrals. Runs up to Spring break, and will continue the group for 4 more weeks after Spring Break. Ages 8 – 13 years. Possibility of changing the age to 11 – 14 or 15 for the next round. 3:30 – 5 on Thursdays afternoons at the NLC. Parent or guardian that is living with a mental health issue.
- Cyrus Center- March 8th is the Point and Time homeless count, Cyrus will cover the youth rate. Happens every 3 years, rate is higher for youth in Chilliwack. Schools are participating, counsellors and administrators have documentation. Saturday is the Coldest Night of the Year walk fundraiser, money raised goes to specific organizations in the community. 25\$ registration fee or you can raise 150\$ to waive the fee. 5pm is when the walk starts, 2k, 5k or 10k. Pizza afterwards.
- PCRS – Prevention Youth Engagement Conference is tomorrow. Attendance of 60+ people.
- May 5th is the 24th annual conversation on children and youth, focus on trauma. April 3rd is when registration opens. There is a parent night on May 4th in the evening.

Next meeting: Thursday March 30th, 2017
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