



## **YOUTH MATTERS**

### ***A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee*** **Meeting Minutes (January 25, 2018) – 9:00-10:30am**

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

**Recorder:** Trevor Wiens

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**Present:** Kristy Jones, Kate Healey, Trevor Wiens, Donna Simon, Whitney Sundman, (Maneesha), Jeff Ayres, Beth Gray, Shelsey Pasquizo, Brandi Carlow, Karen Steegstra

**Regrets:** Antonia Victor, Aileen Matthews, Tara Cummings

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### **Welcome & Introductions**

- Introductions
- Reviewed minutes.
- Reviewed action items.

### **Updates**

- SECAT update (Beth Gray)
  - “Over 18” movie about pornography is being shown at the NLC on March 14 (Wednesday). The event will include a panel discussion and will be geared towards adults and service providers.
  - Looking into creating an information sheet for service providers in how to walk with a youth through a sexual assault. A forensic nurse (intern) is going to help create the document.
  - Pearl Society is now open Monday to Wednesday. Services for prostituted women. Located on Main Street (look for a floral sign and their name on the door).
- VOYCE (Donna)
  - The VOYCE is planning an alternate grad event and have created a “Go Fund Me” account to raise \$600 to help put it on. The link to their Go Fund Me account is on the “VOYCE Youth” Facebook page.
  - Still looking for opportunities to get involved in the community.
- CYC update (Karen)
  - Planning “The Conversation” event which will be focused on how to care for yourself as a caregiver and prevent burnout. Rob Lees is going to be the keynote speaker.
  - Truth and Reconciliation – CYC is working in partnership with CHC. On June 6, a truth and reconciliation workshop is being planned by the Opening Doors Task Group (task group of CHC).
    - The hope is that service providers can focus on and “own” 1-3 recommendations for their agency.
  - The Middle Years Forum still has space at Chilliwack Cultural Centre.
- Youth Hub Steering Committee (Karen)



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- Moving forward in trying to create a youth space. Reports have been put together to gather information about these types of projects in similar communities and the desire of youth in Chilliwack. Looking into the possibility of having a space at the NLC (about 50 youth hang out around the school each evening).
- Youth Drop In (Kate)
  - Partnership with CCS, Cyrus Centre, MCFD, and Mainstreet Church. Thursdays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Drop In recreation space for more vulnerable youth located at Mainstreet Church (entrance from the parking lots between the church and the Legion building – behind Prospera)

### **Service Integration: Agency Updates**

- DEWY Program – adapting how it will look moving forward but unsure on what that will be.
- Youth Health Centre – seeing lots of kids under 12 years (and parents) coming on Tuesday nights for CYMH intake. But **CYMH intake is Wednesday from 9-5.**
- Beth Gray has given her notice and will be leaving in February (hasn't informed all of her clients yet so please be sensitive to that).
- Winter Weather Shelter at Cyrus Centre – extra beds available until March 31 (regardless of the weather) for youth up to 24 years old.

### **New Business**

- Youth Event To-Do List Review
  - Kate has created a template for putting on a youth event in Chilliwack so that future events can be more easily planned.

**ACTION:** Review and provide feedback to the document (physical copy passed around and the emailed minutes will include it as an attachment).

- Youth Centered Celebration Funding available. Deadline for application is February 5.
- Co-Chair position is still needed for Youth Matters Committee.
- Discussion about Child Labor Laws in BC. Is this something the Youth Matters would want to engage further in?

**ACTION:** Kate to contact Chris Reitsma regarding Labour Law resources.

### **General Agency Updates**

- Just Breathe Yoga – facilitated Yoga programs with a youth focus. Info passed around.
- Annalise Reinheimer is a new youth liaison officer. Kate has her contact information for anyone who would like it.

**Next meeting: February 22, 2018**

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