



YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee **Meeting Minutes (May 25th, 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, Donna Simon, Aileen Mathews, Kaley Varty, Evaline

Regrets: Nikki Dionne,

Welcome & Introductions

- Round table introductions

Reviewed minutes from last meeting (Action Items)

CYC Update (Karen)

- Youth Hub is the main focus at the moment.
- Conversation on Chilliwack children/ youth conference was great, looking forward to reviewing the feedback. Workshops were diverse and well attended.
- CYC is closed down for the summer, updates will take place.
- Identified that seniors need representation. Grandparents raising grandchildren support is a missing gap in Chilliwack.

ACTION:

SEACAT Update (Karen)

- Did not meet last month. Restructure what their focus will be next year. Focus has been on getting TCO2 into the schools, but schools have taken that piece on.
- Pearl society has come on board as has RCMP to support the committee.
- Teacher pro d day workshop was well received/ attended.
- Specific services providers will receive training from children of the street/ the office of human trafficking.
- Looking to have a sexual consent poster created by youth for the schools/ community.

ACTION: Sexual consent poster contest, Kristy to connect with Beth.

Youth Adult Partnership/ VOYCE update

- New fiscal year, funding partnership reviewed. Funding being reallocated/ position being restructured. Missing community consultation, Cherie has left the YAP position.
- Moving forward with the idea of creating a youth hub in Chilliwack.
- Challenged the VOYCE youth to apply for grants/ funding to help sustain their group.

ACTION:

Youth Matters Task Group

- Currently has no chair since Cherie has left the YAP position, is anyone interested in taking it over.
- Strong ideas, and input from community agencies.
- October Pro D day is the tentative date, location and speaker to be determined.
- Cherie will pass information on the Kate. Kate will contact committee members with information.



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ACTION: Kate to send out Task Group minutes to committee.

Strategic Plan (Kate)

- Response from February meeting was to pare down the strategic plan, committee wanted more wiggle room for events/ ideas.
- Reword the “Youth Leadership development” goal – redefine, collaborative support/ engaging youth voice. Feedback from the CYC was to create a youth commission; agencies would like a broader perspective of youth. Consultation, what leadership groups are currently available in our community. Raise the youth voice in the community, how can Youth Matters help support that initiative.
- SRPC – See what research is already out, possibility of inviting Darren from UFV to come to a youth matters committee meeting. Collaboratively work to bring in/and support grants. Redefine - Collaboration leading to advocacy.
- Big events – LAT can support first event (mental health/ substance use). SEACAT can take on the sexual health and consent event with support of Youth Matters.
- Service Integration – send agency updates/ information to Kate so they can be forwarded on to Karen.

ACTION:

LAT Update (Maggie)

- Chilliwack Community Referral guide draft presented to committee for changes/ adds-ins. In existence, and updating for physicians.

ACTION:

VOYCE Request Letter

- VOYCE Facilitator is interested in continuing to work with the youth but he requires support from an adult to help support them in ‘how do I do that’.
- Letter speaks to what the group has done over the last year.
- VOYCE is a great place for connection and mastery. Can support youth who are waiting to access services or programs to be provided a space for connection.
- Not a therapeutic group at all, the group is task organized and well structured.
- 4500\$ approx. cost to run the program last year. Commitment of adult time is hard to find. Donna may be able to support this group.

ACTION: Donna can contact Maggie if this fits with her program.m

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
 - June 22nd

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Program/Service Updates:

- CSCL – Referrals for families with children ages 6 – 12 summer day camp is open. Camp is all-inclusive. June 16th is when the registration date closes. 125\$ a week or 35\$ a day, field trips, swimming, arts and crafts are included in the fee. September 1st is the CSCL BBQ for everyone to attend.
- Restorative Justice – Kristy is leaving. Programs are taking a pause for the summer.
- Cyrus center – Barber shop donating time to give youth a haircut. Fundraiser was amazing and raised 60,000\$ for Cyrus center.
- LAT – Fraser Health is rolling out the hearts maps protocol. Hospital staff members will be trained by the end of 2017 for youth presenting with suicidal ideation/ mental health concerns. Primary and acute care will be connecting with agencies to help support youth leaving the emergency room. Chilliwack LAT funding is continuing to run based on pilot projects that are running. New youth peer support program is moving forward, Maggie will bring more information to our next meeting.
- CCS – Yearend end BBQ in the works. Recreation schedule will hopefully be out next month for summer programming. Open house at the end of the summer, connect youth, agencies, community.
- PCRS – Female Leadership Summer camp is taking applications. Connect with Kristy if you have a youth at CMS/ ADR in mind or Kelly Ridder for a youth at GWG/ Sardis.
- Gambling – Moving away from presentation and info tables. Integrated into the community, and looking for gaps she can help fill. Developing a series of aboriginal workshops that connect life skills to animals. Connected to a group of youth in Hope, group has international themes with the where Donna can come in and link to gambling/ health decision making.

Next meeting: Thursday June 22nd, 2017
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