

SEACAT Minutes April 2018

In Attendance: Karen Steegstra (CYC), Karen Slingerland (CSCL), Tammy Webb (Ann Davis), Janine Schaefer (Pearl), Trevor Johnson (ReConnect), Andrew Ming (Sto:lo), Annelisse Reinheimer (RCMP), Cher Rampton (MCFD) **Regrets:** Brenda Calendino (SD33), Debbie Beerling (Cyrus Centre), Nadine Willis (Hope for the Nations/Rehumanize), Sita Merrifeild (MCFD), Cara Godbehere (MCFD)

Miscellaneous:

- Annaliese was able to fill us in on current trends being seen around Chilliwack in regards to sexual exploitation
- Dramatic increase over the last 2-3 years of girls accepting money/drugs for sex; they don't view themselves as prostitutes
- Most girls that are being encountered by police are local to Chilliwack
- Luring is happening in private residences, by offering dope (hard stuff), etc.
- Supports for vulnerable youth and families are of the utmost importance-Primary Prevention Committee taking the lead on some prevention interventions in schools and around the community so we will continue to focus on education and awareness in our community
- Discussion around needing the public to realize this is very local; people don't want to see the ugly side of our home
- Great idea to have a series in the Progress regarding actual stories from exploited youth-confidentiality issues, fear, etc.-will revisit
- Andrew suggested we look into a resource that tells youth their legal rights/course of justice that can be available in offices/social service agencies. Possibly something similar in the toolkit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2j3sZALJaEGRFCU9A1wdFRICCTXBqCbLyyvXztcpy39todQ/viewform> or this resource site: <http://www.scyofbc.org/child-youth-legal-centre/>
- Trevor will see if he can find electronic version of his Social Resources for Youth in Chilliwack booklet

Over 18 Documentary

- Event was well attended; around 40 people
- Panel discussion was enthusiastic
- Potential to show it again in fall or next year's SEA week; will look into licensing fees as we already have the DVD
- Thanks to Nadine for her resource list; provided as an attachment to this email
- Link to Gail Dines' Culture Reframed website: <https://www.culturereframed.org/>

Prevent It (Little Warriors)

- another idea for a no-fee event hosted by us, will revisit

Info Sheet for Service Providers/Parents

- Karen Steegstra provided us with a draft and after reviewing and noting any omissions, please send input to Karen and she will provide to the UFV students who made it.

Next Meeting: May 15 at 12 p.m. at The Village (Youth Services)