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1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review of December Minutes.
3. Cities Fit for Children – Chilliwack’s bid was successful. Will be putting together a steering committee. Hoping to hold it in Spring 2020.
4. Agency Updates

Child and Youth with Special Needs – Specialized program for kids with autism and cognitive delays. There have been some changes in eligibility criteria. Have a large area to cover with only 4 social workers. Social workers will make initial contact and provide orientation. FVDC and CSCL are contract partners. Also partner with FVCFSS, and the School District. Currently have 600 families that they are delivering services to.

School Board – Bought a new school at the old UFV site. Will not be an elementary school but will go to public consultation. Graduation is way up. Previously a 30% gap in mainstream and Indigenous graduation rates, now 5%.

FVCFSS – Offer delegated child welfare services. Will be hosting a community based forum, January 16, 9am-4pm regarding the needs of children. Family Forum will take place March 8-9. Open to everyone, culturally based.

CSCL – Programs restarting. Big fundraiser takes place Feb.23. Chilliwackers verses the Boston Bruins Alumni Team at Prospera Centre. Also selling raffle tickets.

Cyrus Centre – Have extra overnight beds available during the winter season; 9 permanent beds and 11 extra for youth up to age 24. Held a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day and celebrated with 15 youth.

Ann Davis – Will begin running “Children in Between” this month.

DPAC – Guest speakers presenting at monthly meetings. In February Rohan will speak to the SOGI resource and in March the White Hatter will present on digital safety.

MSDPR – Big changes to be announced likely coinciding with the new budget. Participated in the CIRT training.

School District – Regarding graduation rates – look at how many students enter in grade 8 and 5 years later how many have graduated. Currently have a team looking for students on the fringe. School District is strategizing on how to work closely and support kids in care. Continuing with Mental Health Literacy.

Public Health – Healthy Schools Program. Grants specific to mental health. Were successful and will partner with Jack.org. Will hold a regional summit with speakers around mental health literacy and mental health advocacy. Will be holding vaping dialogues. Partnering with UFV nursing students around teaching sexual health.

YMCA – Pipe burst under the pool. Opening date has been pushed to February 18 and the pool in March. Youth Works will have funding until the end of March; youth ages 15-29 can be working or on ei.

Y-Minds – Partnership with the YMCA and the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre. For ages 18-30 to develop skills to manage anxiety. Will continue for the next year. Pre and post testing is showing that the program is having remarkable results after 8 weeks.

NLC – Bowls of Hope is now a partner with office space at the NLC. Have been offering recreation programs through ASSAI grants; will once again offer power wheel chair soccer. CIRT Training was very positive and already a school district family is receiving support. Mark Klassen is now the new Occupational Health and Safety Manager along with his current position. The warming centre located near the school has been a positive.

Youth Unlimited – Serving hot breakfasts at the Ed Centre and supporting students. Fire truck is currently at Langfab to repurpose the vehicle; work and materials are being donated by Langfab. When complete it will serve as a mobile drop-in centre providing drop-in and recreational opportunities for youth. An opportunity to build relationships and connect youth to services as needed. A mobile EDRD.

Stolo – Will be holding career fair. Usually have 80-100 exhibitors. Contact Breanna , 604.824.3239, if you would like to participate.

Library – Annual puzzle sale taking place February 1-2. Last year raised \$6000 for the library.

Immigrant Services – Will be holding a multi-cultural event March 13 at the Vineyard Church on Wellington. Will include cultural foods, entertainment as well as a visit from the Mayor.

PCRS – New residential centre for 13-18 year olds with substance use difficulties. Being supported by Fraser Health and BC Housing. Currently meeting with designer and hope to open in a year. Steve will be going to Carolina to visit a program that has had huge success.

RCMP – Gaining 3 more members. Isabelle still teaching DARE . Will have more presence in the schools.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Have closed off in school mentoring program. Currently have 50 in school mentors with most of them being teens. Many matches in the Middle Schools and some even carrying on into High School. Always recruiting for community based program – males are especially needed. Now have admin support 3x a week at the NLC.

MCFD – Maintaining responsibility for Youth Justice, Child and Youth Mental Health, Child and Youth with Special Needs and adoption.

5. Youth Health Centre -Nominated for a Chamber Award.

Board Members include:

Rob Lees

Dan Bibby

Katrina Bepple

Diane Janzen

Melanie Madill

Kelowa Edel

Have produced a promotional video. <https://vimeo.com/286063038/69bb41e8d5>

6. Youth Engagement Presentation – Presentation for City Council for February 5 for enhanced funding for a Youth Commission.

**Next meeting February 5, 2019**