

April 2, 2019

Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Alumni Hall

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of March Minutes – Approved

3. Agency Updates

FVCDC – regular groups going as usual

Cyrus Centre – breakfast club program for youth who are transitioning into adulthood who may be losing supports will be changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

There are a total of 9 beds for youth ages 12-18. Their temporary shelter has closed for the season.

They have contracted a researcher on the topic of youth experiences (Ages 16-29) and navigation of services in Chilliwack for those who are recovering from addiction. Youth will also be invited to talk about their experiences. The research is anticipated to be concluded fall.

PCRS – still in development phase of treatment program. Nature is included in the approach, will also incorporate the family as part of the experience. They will be hiring late next fall.

Their building project floor plan has been finalized.

A Rec program has been started for Fraser Region.

On April 11th they are partnering in the community dialogue dinner focused on moderate-risk use of alcohol.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley – recruitment at universities has been quite successful. Would like more children 7-14 years of age screened onto the waitlist; call Jocelyn at 604-858-0828 to refer. They prefer to have 10 boys and 10 girls on waitlist. There are currently about 22 matches in Chilliwack. 3 new volunteers are being trained this coming weekend. Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age.

Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association – still working on creating an education program for all ages, birth to death. Expected to be ready next month.

FVRL – it was a very busy spring break with many programs for children, all of them filled beyond capacity.

A Circle of Security series will run April 27th to June 15th. Registration opens April 15th. 12-15 spots are available. CCS Family Place also is running the same series.

School District – holding Community Consultations about the new arts school on April 17th and 24th. Thought Exchange online program has been purchased, for those who are not able to attend the consultations and would like to provide feedback. The program will be used for future public feedback topics.

They have been approved by the government to look at additions and to look for new property to a new elementary school. A gym for the new arts school has been approved.

CCS Youth Services – looking at hiring for new youth services project.

CCS Early Years – budget season is now finished.

CSCL – Child and Youth Services is now focusing on summer programming.

There is a Transition and Resource Fair on April 24th, for people 12-30 years of age, on the topic of services for people with disabilities. Some room remains for display tables, if anyone would like to join in. Also, if you would like your agency to be in the Community Connections Booklet, contact them.

MCFD CYSN – there has been an increase of 10% per family for direct-funded respite.

Ann Davis – the next Connect Parenting Program will be starting soon; for those with children aged 5-8.

They're now recruiting for the STAR Summer Program for youth.

SD#33 DPAC – the White Hatter presentation went well with 60 in attendance.

On April 11th the School District is promoting Mental Health Literacy awareness at an event. The student council is doing a great job promoting mental health for Mental Health Awareness Week.

MCFD – Reminder to submit items to the CYC newsletter and circulate it through your agencies.

This month MCFD Mental Health is starting a Connect Parenting Program for teens. It helps parents understand their kids and be more effective parents.

4. Early Years Funding Update – Helen Edwards

MCFD put out an RFP for the Early Years, focused on parent engagement and support. CCS was the successful proponent.

CCS will enhance community connections for families with young children in the early years range and address barriers that impact access to programs. There will be a focus on the downtown northside. They will be opening a Downtown Family Place, in partnership with Central Community Elementary School Society. It will complement the drop-in centre there.

A family navigator will be hired, who will help families access services and resources. There will be enhancement to ECE facilitator hours and also an addition one, for the drop-in Family Place. The Family Place will include a father's group. They will partner with Sardis Doorway for women at risk, and also partner with Sto:lo for services to Indigenous families.

Other drop-in sites currently: Sardis Family Place, Greendale, Yarrow, East Chilliwack, and Mountain View. Sardis is the only one currently staffed by paid workers; the other current sites are volunteer-run. The new location will have paid staff.

At this time in the meeting Dan circulated The State of the Child Report ([pdf](#)), which highlights information from several sources for Chilliwack, 2016 national census, Fraser Health 2018 data, 2018 EDI and Data BC. The other East Fraser communities reports are attached.

5. Every Door is the Right Door Training Update – Jocelyn Thomas

Occurred March 6; Jocelyn coordinated. 40+ people attended from Chilliwack and Abbotsford. Among those were students from Sprott Shaw’s Community Support program. There were also people with lived experience who are interested in the field of addictions; they added a richness of personal experience about trying to access services. Feedback for the event was very positive.

A future date has not yet been set, but it’s anticipated to be twice a year.

Agencies are encouraged to have new staff visit other community partners within the first three months of employment, to secure first-hand knowledge of other service providers.

6. Sexual Exploitation Week Update

46 people attended the March 7th event, which hosted the Human Trafficking video and a discussion panel. 46 people attended. The documentary was screened beforehand to ensure it was appropriate and that supports were in place due to the nature of the film. Attendees were engaged and interacted with questions. Evaluations are being compiled, and findings will be presented at a later date.

7. Informal Networking and Coffee Break

8. Indigenous Section 92 Federal Legislation Change - FVCFS

FVCFS wasn’t present, so Dan shared information about Section 92, which will bring about a change in the delivery of child welfare services for Indigenous populations. Currently the federal government gives the provincial government flexibility regarding delivery of services. Agencies delegated from MCFD deliver services for those who are on and off reserve. Going forward the federal government will be able to contract directly with bands once approval has been finalized. This change is expected to take 2-3 years to occur.

This topic will be added to the May CYC meeting agenda.

9. Sub-Committee Updates

The Early Years Table

Nothing additional to the information presented by Helen in item #4.

Middle Years Sub Committee

The committee is in the early stages of creating a developmental guide for the middle years, which will include how parents can support the kids through the stages. Please send information that can be included to Clara at Cpenati@anndavis.org.

A Middle Years survey was recently completed in the School District. HELP is hosting a webinar on Apr 16 regarding the data, and after that the School District will summarize and release the data.

Youth Matters sub-committee – no report

Primary Prevention Sub Committee

A public delegation will present at city hall on May 7th at 3:00pm. Organizations are welcome to join. They will ask for approval for Chilliwack to be the first municipality in Canada to call for child-proofing of porn accessed in public places. Organizations are invited to join the sub-committee at city hall.

The next Primary Prevention meeting is April 9.

10. Youth Health Center Update

There was a presentation to the School District executive about expanding to south Sardis. Numbers are strong for the current sites' attendance with over 2,600 visits this past year.

Counseling, medical support, and access have been enhanced.

Options for Sexual Health is on site at the NLC. On May 6 is a fundraiser dinner and auction at The Well.

11. Regional CYC Update

Representatives from four CYC's and three Community Health Committees meet quarterly; they look at regional issues with a collaborative lens. Dan and Collette represent Chilliwack.

12. CYC Conversation Update

Occurring on May 3rd at Chilliwack Secondary School's Grand Hall, the topic is about how nature impacts the client's journey. The keynote speaker Steve Esau from PCRS. There will be a resource fair as well. Contact Kate at healyk@comserv.bc.ca to get a resource table.

13. Safe Spaces sign-up - RCMP

In this initiative, stores, businesses and organizations sign up for the program and get a sticker showing that they're a safe place for the LGBTQ2+ community. To date 160 have signed up. Tracey will bring sign-up sheets to the May CYC next meeting.

14. McCreary Adolescent Health Survey .

SD#33 administered the 2018 Provincial survey to all Chilliwack youth (grades 7 to 12) in public school in May 2018 . SD33 hosts the specific Chilliwack summarized data . Last survey in 2014 Assist Superintendent Rohan A. provided focus groups to various agencies groups upon request. This included a presentation to the CYC. BC SD participated in the report release March 17. A presentation to the CYC will be planned for the May or June meeting.

Next meeting May 7, 2019 at the YMCA. The meeting will take place in the YMCA's Multi-purpose Room #1