

March 5, 2019
Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Alumni Hall

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review of February Minutes – Approved

- ### 3. Chilliwack Interagency Response Team (CIRT) – Mike Sikora and Melanie Voth
- In 2018 the City of Chilliwack was approached by the province in partnership with the RCMP, in regards to starting a table based on the Situation Model. CIRT is the situation table in Chilliwack, where people come together and discuss specific situations involving people and potential crisis. There are 5 such tables in the province currently, with 25-30 more expected. Public safety & risk reduction are the prevalent focuses.

See attached presentation.

The CIRT team meets weekly on Tuesday afternoons. It is not a case management committee but rather a triage committee; case management occurs afterward by organizations.

- Ages covered range from children through to seniors, though at this time mostly youth.
- Have had 7 cases so far, have closed 6 of them to date.
- Referrers come to the meeting to present the referred case.
- Agencies can be referred to join the table. If interested, approach one of the agency representatives who are interacting at the table.

See attached referral form.

Doris from Ministry of Poverty Reduction & Social Development expressed that her workers have reported that their clients have already expressed benefit from the process.

Discussed the linkage to the Youth Specific Task Group , which meets monthly. Melanie who also co-chairs this committee indicated that both this and the CIRT tables look at varying factors from a different lens, though there is some overlap in clients potentially discussed.

There is a 12-15 hour online training process for those who would like to participate. They are also in process of setting up an online communication forum for team members.

4. REACH – Steve & Courtney Anderson

REACH Trauma Response Consulting Ltd. Is the full name of the organization, the website is <https://www.reachtrauma.com/>. Rehabilitative Education and Consultative Help is the origin of the acronym REACH.

Courtney has a 15-year background working in North and South Nigeria, with severely traumatized orphans, where there is a lack of understanding about mental health. They were starting to put together plan to educate Ministry level people about mental health. With the state of the military in the country and its interception of the work, the program ended in North Nigeria while in South Nigeria their work with orphans continued.

Courtney is currently on sabbatical from the Nigeria project, and Reach is now occurring in BC. Originally the idea was to work with Indigenous people, working collaboratively in a culturally appropriate way. Some inroads have been made, and they're looking to make more connections.

They provide Rehabilitative Education – training, workshops, seminars to companies, schools, bands, or other groups – through a Psycho-Educational lens, with a focus on trauma and the impacts of colonization. They also provide crisis intervention; counseling and therapy for crisis situations.

Steve's focus for 26 years has been building emerging young adults, using a relational approach. He is involved with the Human Services Career Enrichment Program for grades 11 and 12 at Chilliwack Secondary School.

REACH's approach is educational and involves a longer term plan. They would like to do work with younger children, but at the moment their funding and focus is youth. They would like to help educate not only the children, but the parents of those children.

They work closely with Dr. Bruce Perry (“The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog”, and “Born for Love”).

They utilize a Neurosequential Model, and Neurosequential Model for children.

There are evening sessions for parents on Mental Health and Mental Wellness. They are also working privately with foster/adoptive families who have children of varying cultures. They work with kids and community on a BC reserve.

REACH will be facilitating three public sessions, once a week, beginning after spring break. Information will be emailed out and available on their [website](#).

5. Informal Networking and Break

6. Agency & Sub-committee Updates

Cyrus Centre– had a great fundraiser two weeks ago.

CSCL – fundraiser last Saturday (Boston Bruins alumni game).

Fraser Valley Aboriginal Child & Family Services (FVACSS) – Family Forum is happening at the NLC on March 8 & 9; it's open for everyone.

On March 20 from noon-4: at Galaxy Bowl there will be a bowling night for youth in care, whether currently or previously. The Vision of Voices Youth group will be hosting. An agency audit is occurring at the moment.

SD#33 DPAC – The White Hatter Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents event is tonight at Sardis Secondary, for all ages.

MSDPR – waiting to see the deliverables from the recent throne speech.

CCS –The City of Chilliwack has supported their youth initiative and approved increased funding; the contract is in final stages. They will be: increasing amount of programs; starting a youth advisory committee; increasing Afternoon Adventures capacity; adding another site in Sardis.

The spring break recreation program is now available and registration is open.

Ann Davis –Connect Parenting Group will begin in April.

RCMP – The Community Policing unit has a couple new members to cover north and south side high schools.

YMCA – open, and tours available.

Youth Works will end March 31st. They are trying to secure another youth program option.

Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association – creating an education program for all ages, birth to death when it comes to education. They will be hosting a concussion clinic. Their walk-a-thon and golf tournament are coming up.

The Chilliwack Mental Health Summit for schools occurs in April.

City of Chilliwack – Please circulate the attached flyer for the [Youth Engagement Projects \(YEP\) Grant](#).

FVRL – Friends of Library raised \$8,283 from their annual puzzle sale. In February the focus was babies and moms; FVRL partnered with Fraser Health and Family Place.

There will be lots of programs at spring break.

In mid May they're planning to do an escape room.

Chilliwack School District – The public consultation dates for integrated arts school will be in April at Chilliwack Secondary and Sardis Secondary. It's a community engagement process.

BC Responsible & Problem Gambling program – AGM was yesterday. A contractor will be engaged to do the work.

They are going into online gaming. Have minimal youth services (cut-off age is 17 years, 5 counselling session limit). If under 17 years can get services if a parent attends. Donna has been doing Sacred Seven workshop teaching series with middle school aged children within Chilliwack school district.

Gambling 1-1 work is going well; open for referrals.

Youth Unlimited – breakfast program at Education Centre is going well. Hangout Program(middle school) is expected to start again in September.

The mobile drop-in fire truck is delayed by 6 months.

Big Brothers – It's recruitment time; they're going to universities, available for presentations in high schools, recruiting from the Human Services Career Enrichment program. Recruitment ages range from 10 years old to seniors. They provide training and ongoing support for mentors.

MCFD – new 2019 government budget. Foster Parents monthly rate was increased about 20%. There is new money for Mental Health in schools, as part of the cross-government approach of supporting students. It will potentially create specialized positions in each district. Mental Health intake occurs at the NLC. The change to there from the MCFD location has resulted in and increased # of client applications

CYC Sub Committee Reports

The Early Years table

Great networking and collaboration occurs there. MCFD is one of the funders. CCS was the successful proponent in a recent RFP.

Childcare is also large part of the new budget. The daycare threshold subsidy was raised. YMCA Elm Street and Sto:lo have pilot sites for the subsidized childcare model.

Middle Years Sub Committee

Aileen is new chair of Middle Years committee (focused on ages 6-12 years), which is looking for strong membership. Contact Aileen to join. Currently the School District is completing Middle Years Assessments for grades 4-6, via surveys in classrooms. This is a provincial initiative, with partnership between Chilliwack School District and MCFD.

Each school will be given the results for their school, which will help the Middle Years committee with future strategies.

Youth Matters sub-committee

Once the Youth Advisory committee assembles, the Youth Matters subcommittee will help propel the work. This week is Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week, for which this Thursday there will be a video and discussion panel event. The film is Human Trafficking, Canada's secret shame ([trailer](#)).

Primary Prevention Sub Committee – sending a delegation to the City of Chilliwack to talk about limiting open access to free porn in public wifi locations such as public coffee shops

Other Updates

Chilliwack Youth Health Centre

Continues to be very busy, with 2,600 visits this year between the Sto:lo site and the NLC. They're looking at third site, in Sardis. The Youth Health Centre is a non-profit society with an elected board.

Every Door is the Right Door Training occurs Mar 6 at the NLC. A standard key piece is a client simulation involving navigation to find support. There have been over 800 participants in the past 5 years.

7. Conversation 2019 Cities Fit for Children 2020 Update

The 26th annual Conversation will be May 3, 2019. The next planning committee meeting is Friday March 15th, 8:30am at Royal Hotel. Breakfast is included. Anyone is welcome to join committee.

Theme: How we Incorporate nature into our therapeutic, daily lives. Steve Esau will talk about how it's being incorporated into program delivery.

Please circulate the attached flyer.

8. Transition Planning Update – not discussed

9. Speaker ideas and/or topics for next meeting:

- The Indigenous Child Welfare Bill C-92.
- CCS's recent successful Early Years RFP.

Next meeting April 2, 2019