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1. Welcome and Round Table Introductions

2. Review Agenda & Approval of November Minutes – Approved, with the change under #5 Agency Updates
 DPAC: Change the date of the parent information session on parenting children & teens with anxiety to April 8, 2020.

3. Presentation: Pathways Engagement Project – Cyrus Centre

See attached.

Modular housing units are available; an interagency panel screens applicants. Spots in the Housing Hub are for those with youth agreements. Both options are for youth over the age of 19.

Dan mentioned that there is now more MCFD focus on the transition of youth in care. Post-secondary funding is available for youth up to the age of 26, under the Agreements with a Young Adult (AYA) program. A primary measurement of success within MCFD is finding permanency for youth.

4. Agency Updates

Chilliwack Society for Community Living (CSCL) – They’re entering a Christmas float in Saturday’s parade.

Have received additional funding, partnering with six other Community Living organizations in the Fraser Valley, for youth with special needs to find employment, therefore are hiring another Vocational Counselor. Targeted age group is 15-17 year olds; CSCL will connect with the schools.

Ann Davis – Looking for a counselor for children under the age of 12.

Montreal Massacre memorial event is this Friday at Five Corners.

They are running the Children Who Witness Abuse program. The current session ends soon.

CYSN– Provincial initiative framework review is almost complete; April is the early implementation target date. CYSN is working with Chilliwack Society for Community Living in a LEAP program, which focuses on life skills participants need in obtain and management employment.

UFV School of Social Work & Human Services – Current practicum student placements will end soon. Winter semester placements are becoming available. Contact Kelly if you would like to host a student.

DPAC – have been granted a hearing regarding the pipeline concerns.

On April 8th at Sardis Secondary Dr. Christine Burr will be facilitating a parent session about parenting kids who have stress & anxiety.

RCMP – might be reorganizing and increasing staff.

Afternoon Adventures – thanks to partners for their support.

Chilliwack Public Health – there remains a focus on vaping education and presentations. New legislation comes into effect in January.

Overdose numbers are increasing – in August the number of overdoses was the same as in all of 2018. Overdose deaths have decreased, but since overdoses have increased there is great concern.

CCS Downtown Family Place – Many families are using the services.

A Family Resource Christmas party with Better Beginnings occurs soon.

FVDCD – Director of Occupational Therapy director has retired, and a new person has started. Karen McLean, the Executive Director, is retiring in spring 2020.

Their children's Christmas party was on Friday, 225 people attended.

PCRS – The treatment Centre is on schedule to open in April 2020. Position openings will be posted this week.

Barry, the Annis Residence Supervisor retired last week, a replacement has been hired.

Sto:lo – Recently received funding for an extra early years centre. They will use the funds to provide training for parents to better equip them to instruct their children. It includes train the trainer opportunity(ies) and working with the parents. The 13-month project, "Growing Great Kids" will begin shortly.

YMCA – The new YouthBEAT program is going well and is at capacity. An additional staff member is being hired. A new group starts in February for which there is a waitlist. The one following will be in the spring.

Fraser Health – Vaping education in schools continues to be a priority.

130 youth attended the November 20th Youth Summit, a greater number than anticipated. Adult Mental Health & CYMH are supporting new moms who are pregnant and/or have children up to 18 months of age. They are looking for child minders for the [Being Mom](#) sessions. Contact the Public Health unit or Cristal Biela (Cristal.Biela@gov.bc.ca).

School District – Grad rates in Chilliwack are 85%, which for the first time is at par with province. This is the result of strategies to improve graduation rates. Aboriginal Education graduations are above the average.

There are monthly CYMH partnership meetings with a mental health focus.

The Ministry of Education is going through a funding review to a potential shift to funding by head count.

Sardis Library – The Food for Fines program runs December 4 to January 15. Last year more than 30,000 items were collected. For each item donated \$2 is removed from fines up to a maximum of \$30.

Seasons Eatings is a new program for children and youth, where after school kids decorate cookies and then eat them.

School District – Also have been granted a hearing regarding the pipeline. They're not taking a stand on pipelines per se, but that they shouldn't go through school properties. It's not known how the new head count funding model will affect Chilliwack's School District.

Chilliwack Community Services – Two Christmas parties are being held for youth:

- December 18 for ages 9-12 (free),
- [December 13](#) for senior youth.

Contact nickelj@comserv.bc.ca for more information.

MCFD – Complex trauma work is being done, looking at the impact of trauma across various ages, to structure services for support and understanding. There is also work around mental health and trauma for children in care. There is need for more social workers than are graduating from local universities, when factoring in MCFD attrition and turnover.

5. Informal Networking Break

6. Introduction: Medical Health Officer – Dr. Alexander Choi

Dr. Choi is replacing Dr. Andrew Larder for Fraser Health, Fraser East. It is a Public Health position, responsible for implementing legislation.

Public Health within child & youth health: immunizations; maternal health program; Clinical Diseases Team (which has public impact reporting & follow up); vaccine program; Overdose Response, harm reduction and education/prevention; Wellness portfolio; Indigenous Health (ensuring that services are being delivered and in a culturally sensitive way); Environmental Health (includes climate change response); Substance Use (response to cannabis, tobacco, vaping, etc.). Legislation as well as education.

Areas of concern in Chilliwack: vaccination rates and overdose rates. Trying to make it easier for families to access vaccines.

Dr Choi will be speaking on December 17th about youth vaping.

7. CYC Updates:

a. McCreary Forum

There will be two half-day forums in February 2020 for Chilliwack specific info. Dave and Rohan will assist with the drilldown. The Regional CYC will host a McCreary Forum on December 6 in Mission.

The Regional CYC is hosting a regional presentation on the 2018 McCreary survey results for East Fraser this week at Chilliwack School District. McCreary team will also be in Chilliwack in March or Chilliwack specific presentation.

b. MDI Forum

Kate is contacting HELP to request that they facilitate. The forum will be in partnership with the School District. Tangible goals will be taken away from the day. Anticipated in February 2020.

c. Strategic Plan Exercise Update – not covered

8. Foundry Update

Chilliwack has put forward a letter of interest for a Foundry and should hear by January whether they'll be invited to apply for phase 2.

9. Update: Chilliwack Youth Health Centre – Brandi Carlow – Deferred to January's meeting

10. Update: YAC – Brittany Wheaton, YAC Coordinator

Julie Nickel presented in Brittany's place, see attached.

Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/chilliwackyac/>.

11. Subcommittee Reports – not covered

Next meeting: January 7, 2020 at 9:00am at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre