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1. Welcome and Round Table Introductions

2. Review Agenda & Approval of December Minutes – Approved

3. Update: Chilliwack Youth Health Centre, Foundry & EDRD Update – Rob Lees

Practicum students attended this meeting to find out more about the CYC and for the CYC partners to meet them.

Every Door is the Right Door (EDRD) – see [brochure](#). It’s an experiential half day of training, primarily targeted for front line first point of contact agency staff. The event has been occurring for several years; more than 500 front line staff and service providers have attended. It will be offered again on February 19th from 9:00-noon at the NLC. Until registration is open, seats can be reserved through Robert.Lees@gov.bc.ca.

Youth Health Centre

The Centre operates with interagency collaboration and has no core funding. The board consists of agencies and a youth representative. It has an Executive, plus a steering committee.

Locations:

- NLC on Tuesdays from 1:00-7:00pm. This location has grown from 3 counseling spaces to 9. Spaces are donated by organizations. In December 48 youth visited the site each Tuesday.
- Sto:lo Service Agency Health Services Thursdays from 2:00-7:00pm. This location has grown from 2 to 7 spaces. Non-Indigenous youth are welcome to use the site. More young adults attend than high school youth.
- Tzeachten First Nation, Tuesdays at 4:00pm, by Save-on-Foods on Promontory. There's room for growth in users.
- Wednesday afternoons one counselor goes to GW Graham, and then transfers the youth to Tzeachten.
- UFV, Caen Avenue.

They would like to expand into south Sardis.

Evaluations of the Youth Health Centre were completed in 2018 and 2019.

The Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction attends occasionally to present information and support regarding income stability. Also, disability application potential is considered and some support provided for that stream.

There are currently 32 students in training from a variety of universities.

One of the practicum students helps with promotions and community engagement.

A **Foundry Centre Grant** was applied for in Chilliwack but was not successful. The CYHC is achieving solid numbers without the same funding as Foundries. The CYHC is actively applying for grants; they are now a registered charity therefore are able to accept charitable donations directly and issue receipts.

4. Agency Updates

School District – two new schools have been approved. At the old UFV site will be an integrated arts & technology school. It will be a choice school, not a catchment school. The focus around Mental Health continues. A grant has been received from the Ministry of Education with which to carry on the work. The District has been doing mental health work with the staff, and curriculum development on the topic. They are partnering with Fraser Health and joined in the recent Mental Health Summit. Planning for the next school year as begun.

CCS Immigrant Services (Mary Street location)– Clients are ESL adults. Free child care is available on site; there is settlement services social support for newcomers to Canada. A Fraser Health dental hygienist will be on site on January 22nd. This occurs every 4-6 months. If additional dental work is needed Settlement Services will make a referral to the appropriate dental services.

They're receiving nomination submissions for the upcoming Cultural Diversity awards. They would like to see youth nominated. The event is in partnership with Archway Community Services (Abbotsford), Langley Community Services and Mission Community Services.

CYSN – The workload increased by 10% in 2019. They're tracking people who have a dual diagnosis, one being mental health, seeing a significance increase.

Clients are saying it's difficult to access autism support services. These families receive funding to purchase the support services.

Youth Unlimited – The mobile youth centre fire truck work continues to move along.

Ann Davis – They're still looking for a children's counselor.

They're doing presentations in school about violence being preventable.

The Children in Between group starts again this month.

Chilliwack School Board – The Integrated Arts & Tech School coordinator has been hired. The person will drive the community and staff/district consultation process. A principal for the new school will be hired, who will then hire the staff. The school is scheduled to open in 2021. Arts & Technology will be integrated into all the subjects. An AD Rundle Middle School art cohort will be developed. Attending that cohort or any other arts/technology focus won't be a prerequisite to be accepted into the new school.

YMCA YouthBEAT program – Participant age range criteria has increased to be 15-29 instead of 18-24. The participant is not allowed to be enrolled in full-time school. It's a paid training model which is in high demand. The next group starts in February and seats are currently available. Contact the YMCA to register or more info.

Fraser Health – The Mental Health Summit was held in November. They're now in the evaluation process which includes how to move forward.

PCRS – They're hiring for the new 22-bed youth treatment centre (Traverse) which is just behind IHOP. It is on schedule to open in April. It has an outdoor recreation focus. Training begins the 2nd week of February for 6-7 weeks. As some PCRS staff have been hired for the centre, there are postings for the positions that will be vacated.

The First Response team (Jake and Jake) has ended due to lack of funding. Traverse has an outreach position, will look different than the First Response Team.

PCRS will have space available to rent, for those who are interested.

They did not receive a grant for the Reaching Home housing hub program.

In late January through February the SAGE counseling program in Chilliwack will use the PCRS board room to run addictions programs. Contact Jodi at jhiggs@pcrs.ca for more information.

Jodi will be running the homeless count, which occurs every three years, on March 3 & 4. Stats are important for funding for projects. Contact her to volunteer.

RCMP – Office Jaden Courtney spoke about the new Urban Indigenous Liaison Officer role that he is in. It includes First Nations policing from Boston Bar to Chilliwack. Nine out of twenty-three communities have been serviced; this is one step to trying to fill that gap. There are two officers in the roles.

There will be another unit in the Chilliwack community policing office for homelessness issues.

Sardis Library – Their many Christmas programs have ended for the year.

The Mother Goose program is full. There are ten sessions.

BabyTime starts next week.

The Friends of the Library annual puzzle sale fundraiser is coming on January 31st and February 1st. Last year's fundraising total was \$8,000.

CCS Youth Services – Hunter is the new youth engagement worker, in a three-month outreach position for youth recreation programs. Hunter will connect with youth (ages 9-18) individually. Contact Julie Nickel to find out more.

The two youth Christmas parties went very well (ages 9-12 and 13-18). Fifty-four youth attended the senior youth dinner. More than fifty attended the juniors party at the Cottonwood which had a movie and pizza.

Afternoon Adventures – More than two hundred people attended the City Life Christmas banquet at Bernard. Family members attended, which was great for making connections. On January 30th the Evans Elementary program begins, which is the first program on the south side.

Four students are junior mentors now.

Jannette is now the Outreach Community Director at City Life. Starfish Backpacks is a project they are adopting. They would like backpacks to continue to be provided during spring, summer and Christmas breaks.

Over Christmas City Life they raised funds to support Cyrus Centre.

Cyrus Centre – There was a Christmas Day event for the youth, complete with stockings and gifts.

They've received a grant for the Pathways project from SPARC BC, for more knowledge translation. There will be further conversations in the community to find key themes and forecast needed changes and strategies.

MCFD – There are about 500 families with CYSN, and 600 CYMH open files.

A priority is finding permanency for children: 25 kids in Chilliwack have taken permanency (adoption, guardianship, etc), which is the highest total in the province.

Youth Justice is also a focus. There are 30 probation files in Chilliwack. Two or three youth containment centres around the province have been closed and two remain. Many kids go through Chilliwack's Youth Justice program. With current changes, less youth will be incarcerated and instead receive community programming.

CCS – The Christmas Sharing program in tandem with Salvation Army has just completed. More than 1,000 gifts were given out.

5. Informal Networking Break

6. Update: YAC—Brittany Wheaton, YAC Coordinator

It is a youth-led initiative with a goal to provide advocacy and increased opportunities for the youth of Chilliwack by means of education, social engagement, and representation. Ten youth are on the committee.

There are three main components:

- group initiatives (Mental Health Week; Cities Fit for Children);
- individual projects;
- assuming the role of a representative and advocate for youth in Chilliwack (increasing awareness in settings like these, creating an approachable social media presence, meeting with youth in the communities, creating and attending inclusive initiatives, and building rapport with city councillors). Meetings are bi-weekly, to review current events and touch on some psycho-ed topics. There are optional drop-in sessions in between mandatory meetings as a space to work on their individual projects.

Youth-selected topics include: homelessness; housing; socioeconomics; discrimination; transit; youth involvement in future elections; feminine protection; hand sanitizer and soap in public school bathrooms; environment and waste; inclusion and accessibility; labour and legislation; local businesses; addictions; drugs, alcohol and vaping.

They are on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/chilliwackyac/>) and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/chilliwackyac?igshid=1sq38a3rxgcmp>).

A succession planning project will be documented for more easy continuance next year, when some of the committee members will change. The cut off for committee participation is grade 12.

The Committee met with city council staff and talked about their ideas and questions in categories of the committee's interest. The council then discussed their plans in those areas.

- Bussing (free youth bus passes) – will be a 4 month pilot project, May through August;
- Environmental initiatives such as single use plastics;
- How can council be held accountable for requests;
- Recreation Excellence pool management and lower pay in our community;
- Abbotsford Foundry and the interest to have one in Chilliwack;
- Vaping and vape shops near high schools.

The group will hold Matrix Meals event(s).

They realize it's difficult to have every demographic involved and have discussed how to engage with people in general. This year's primary goal is for each youth in Chilliwack to know that YAC exists. The current committee comes from diverse backgrounds with a wide circle of contacts. Jason Lum will join in soon.

A trustee representative might sit on the committee; Willow will be in touch with them.

Committee to help with the homeless count in March?

The CYC meeting minutes/info will be sent to Brittany, who will share at the YAC committee meetings. YAC committee members will be added to the CYC newsletter contact list.

CYC could provide letters of support for initiatives that would benefit from such letters.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Youth Matters – The next viewing of the [Screenagers](#) documentary is being planned. They're also looking into Chilliwack participating in [BC Youth Week](#).

Primary Prevention – met in December, two representatives attended.

The **MDI Forum** is still planned to occur in March.

The **McCreary Forum** will be in February regarding the 2018 Adolescent Youth Health Survey (the previous one was in 2014).

Next meeting: February 4, 2020 at 9:00am at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre