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1. Welcome

2. Review Agenda & Approval of September Minutes – Approved

3. Presentation: Traverse PCRS – Steve Esau

The name was chosen by youth. It has been funded through Fraser Health, with the building and land through BC Housing.

Try to make their space feel like a home youth pick out some of their surroundings (eg: plant).

They will meet youth in their community to connect while waiting for space. When youth are leaving the project the Outreach Connection Worker will once again bridge them to their community. Participants (ages 13-18) can stay for up to 6 months and come with their own subjective goals. If they want to go through the whole program again they would go back on a wait list.

PCRS is working on seeing touchbacks for second stage option.

This is a Tier 4 addictions service. Assessments will be made on a case-by-case basis in terms of whether the clients need to be abstaining from using. The safety and health of everyone involved will be a factor in the decision.

Contact Steven Esau for more information or a site tour, sesau@pcrs.ca.

4. EDRD Update: CYHC Intern, Janaya Brown

The session will be on November 25th, 9:00am to 12:00pm at the NLC's Alumni Hall. 33 spots are available. The target audience is service providers, particularly frontline workers or those who are new to the role or organization.

Attendees will collaborate in simulations with an intended outcome in seeing that every organization can be the right door for clients who are looking for services. See the attached flyer; register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/every-door-is-the-right-door-tickets-123259820441>.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Early Years

The new co-chair is Richelle Wierks from CCS.

Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society has hired a new Early Years navigator, Katie McConnell, which will free up Shannon to focus primarily on her pre-existing role as Executive Director. Shannon will continue to chair the Early Years committee.

The Strategic Planning subcommittee is meeting on October 22nd.

Middle Years

Dan, Kate and a team of local partners are working on 2-day MDI Forum which will be held on October 8 & 23, 3:30 – 5:00 pm. The first session will be with HELP, the second session will focus on how we want to move forward. It is encouraged to attend both sessions, but if it isn't possible please attend whichever you can. After these forums the Middle Years committee will be reestablished.

Youth Matters

The committee will meet again next Wednesday at 9:00am. They have created a survey draft for youth to complete, in order to gather input to use for the future direction of the committee. Youth Advisory Committee members will attend meetings on occasion.

Primary Prevention

Childproofing porn remains the primary topic of this committee. That topic has become part of a much larger global movement. They have talked with multiple senators who are interested in the subject, researchers, frontline workers, feminists, lawyers, etc. One of the senators has tabled a bill to reduce consumption from minors by making age verification mandatory.

A senate sponsored study would be beneficial to support legislative changes. Hunter Laryq will be following up with organizations. Letters of support and a research guide are attached.

Clinical Subcommittee

The committee will be revitalized, let Dan and Kate know if you're interested in joining.

6. Break

7. Presentation: Project Impact Virtual Showcase – Yves Trudel

The Showcase will be on October 14 from 4:00-5:30pm. Eight of the ten Project Impact participating organizations/project will present, after which there will be Zoom breakout rooms to engage with the subject matter and presenters.

A book will be published about this particular cohort.

8. Presentation: CHC Report, Taking Action Together – Sabine Mendez & Jennifer Hawkins

See attached presentation.

One of the main takeaways was the primacy of people. Relationships were best impacted through in-person connections. Importance of the tone at the table was significant in moving the work forward. There was a change from spending time on workshops to leveraging relationships.

Members of the CHC experience a deeper connection to their community

Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups have benefitted.

Despite the importance of relationships, CHC can't just become a social club.

The number of organizations which partnered before involvement compared to after, tripled.

Stakeholders said they weren't alone.

The findings will govern the next strategic planning process.

9. Updates: Agency Updates

Chilliwack School District

The back to school transition has gone well. There has been one confirmed exposure in a school, but no outbreak. About 1,000 kids are enrolled in home learning and about 90 in a hybrid model. Spots are being held in schools for those enrolled in home learning.

The Imagine High renovation is going well; registration will open in November. There will be virtual Town Hall meetings on October 22, November 4 and November 25.

The walls for the new school on Tyson will be raised shortly.

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

They're providing virtual services. Mother Goose and Better Beginnings are happening in the community. In-person infant massage is starting and may also be offered virtually.

YMCA

There's no date at this time for reopening the facility.

The YMCA Youth BEAT Fraser Valley youth employment program is for people ages 17-29 who are experiencing mental health challenges. The next group starts online on November 2nd.

Contract youthbeat.fv@gv.ymca.ca or call/text 236-522-1277. Youth can self-refer.

Ann Davis Transition Society

They have a new male youth counselor, Ryan.. They can take on more youth clients who have experienced violence or stress (including COVID related) and can provide virtual-based youth learning support.

Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

Registration is going well for the in-person sports and recreation programs held within the school, which will start in mid-October. Adults are not allowed in the building. They're also soon opening programs in five of the schools for sports and recreation after school.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley

BBBS is looking for more referrals for their community-based program, in particular families with girls between the ages of 7-13 who need a positive female role model. Participants can enroll directly through their [website](#), or families who wish to contact someone directly can email or call jocelyn.thomas@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca; 604-858-0828.

Chilliwack Learning Society

The Financial Literacy is looking for more participants; November is Financial Literacy month.

Chilliwack Healthier Community

There will be a virtual networking meeting with an Addictions theme, probably mid-morning on November 24th in replacement of the Information & Networking Breakfast.

On October 14th the CHC and the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce together are hosting an All Candidates Forum from 6:00-9:00pm. Details will be released soon.

Chilliwack Society for Community Living

CSCL is providing face-to-face supports for children and youth with special needs, on a smaller capacity basis.

October is Community Living month, which focuses on enhancing inclusion and emphasizing that all people can contribute to their communities. CSCL will be holding a food drive, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Salvation Army food bank.

CSCL is talking about how to support adults who are of legal age to vote this coming Election Day.

In November they're going through their strategic plan.

UFV

The majority of classes will be offered online for the winter semester, which ends in April. Kelly is still actively working on practicum placements for the January to April semester; contact kelly.guiaya@ufv.ca if you could use someone.

Child & Youth Mental Health

They're short-staffed therefore busy, your patience is appreciated. There is a walk-in process which is not drop-in but instead appointment based. Space is made available in the calendar for walk-ins but it means clients don't necessarily get the same worker. Clients can request the same clinician for the next time.

Clients interested in services should call 604-702-2311 to make an intake appointment.

Clients accessing services with them already who are on a waitlist can ask for walk-in appointments at the same phone number; most often there is availability within the same week.

City of Chilliwack

The City is working with user groups to get people recreating again while balancing COVID requirements.

Chilliwack Community Services

The management team is currently short-staffed. They're in the process of hiring staff for programs as a result of a recent restructure.

CCS Youth Programs

A new youth support worker has been hired.

50% of Youth Rec programming of after school activities for youth ages 9-18, is booked up for this month. Applications are self-referral based.

The first Youth Advisory Committee's meeting is next week,

The Youth Leadership & Empowerment program contains important skills such as resume building. See their [website](#) for details and contact info.

CCS – Immigrant Services

There are about 55-60 students in ESL program. Some classes are on Zoom with some lower level English classes in person at Mary Street. The capacity for in-person classes is five students plus the teacher. Twenty people are permitted in the building at any one time. There are drop-in conversation circles every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00pm. There's child care on site, for a rotation of classes and children. The Settlement Services department is meeting with clients on Zoom and in person.

Cyrus Centre

They're hiring across all locations. Jake is the new Street Outreach Worker and Paige is the new Life Skills program facilitator.

BC Responsible & Problem Gambling Program

[Gambling Awareness Week](#) is October 19-25. There will be a free offering of a virtual movie screening, Growing Up in the Digital Age, from October 4-19, with free virtual webinars on October 20-23.

This an award-winning film that probes into the corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions and how we can help our kids navigate the digital world (run time is about 67 minutes).

See the [poster](#). There will be free gifts for the first 100 registrations.

Ministry of Children & Family Development

October is Foster Parent month, Xyolhemeylh and MCFD will be hosting recognition events.

A lot of agencies will be changing to virtual for their work with children, youth and parents, Client feedback has been very positive.

Chilliwack Youth Health Centre

They have continued online counseling and medical services and have added limited in-person sessions. Physicians are available either in-person or online. Last week 100 youth received services.

CYHC is now a non-profit society, and able to access grants that weren't available previously.

Chilliwack Hospice Society

[Illimuniation Walk](#) is a Candlelight Memorial 10-minute Walk for anyone who has suffered a loss these past months since the pandemic began. Celebrate the life of your loved one by participating on October 8.

United Way of the Lower Mainland

As part of Employment and Social Development Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund, United Way of the Lower Mainland is working to administer the 2nd round of the ECSF to ensure additional relief reaches those most vulnerable. Apply today if your community

organization works in food security or children, youth & women's mental health needs.
<https://www.uwlm.ca/ecsf/>

The link above provides more detailed information, answers to Emergency Community Support Fund FAQs as well as links to start the application process.

DEADLINE NOTE: Applications for these funding opportunities open October 5, 2020 until October 30 at 5 PM.

Please contact yvest@uwlm.ca if you have any questions about this.

Next meeting: November 3, 2020 at 9:00am
Location online via Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/96585712823>