

**CYC Monthly Meeting, via Zoom
January 12, 2021
9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Co-Chairs: Kate Healey, Kelly Guiaya
Present:**

Recorder: Annette Williams

Ann Hagel	FVACFSS	Ann.hagel@gov.bc.ca
Annette Williams	Chilliwack Learning Society	literacyoutreach@chilliwacklearning.com
Carol Marleau	City of Chilliwack	marleau@chilliwack.com
Cindy Waters	Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society	cindy.waters@chilliwackbowlsofhope.com
Corinna Landsberger	FamilySmart	corinna.landsberger@familysmart.ca
Donna Simon	BC Responsible Gambling	donnassolutions2016@gmail.com
Helen Edwards	Chilliwack Community Services	edwardsh@comserv.bc.ca
Jodi Higgs	PCRS	jhiggs@pcrs.ca
Karen Stanton	City of Chilliwack	stanton@chilliwack.com
Kate Healey	CCS Youth Services	healeyk@comserv.bc.ca
Kelly Guiaya	UFV	Kelly.guiaya@ufv.ca
Ken Neufeld	Youth Unlimited	ken@youthunlimited.com
Michael Suedfeld	Stó:lō Nation	Michael.suedfeld@stolonation.bc.ca
Natalie Karam	CSCL	natalie.karam@cscl.org
Nikki Dionne	Chilliwack Community Services	dionnen@comserv.bc.ca
Sunita Lakhanpal	Sardis Library	sunita.lakhanpal@fvrl.bc.ca
Tara Cummings	YMCA Volunteer	taracummings.chwk@gmail.com
Tammy Webb	Ann Davis Transition Society	twebb@anndavis.org
Tracey Bann	CYSN	Tracey.bann@gov.bc.ca
Vanessa Corke	Chilliwack Community Services	corkev@comserv.bc.ca
Wanda Smith	MCFD	Wanda.i.smith@gov.bc.ca
Wendy Bruzzese	FVCDC	wbruzzese@fvcdc.org
Willow Reichelt	School Board	Willow_reichelt@sd33.bc.ca

Regrets:

Amanda MacPherson	Restorative Justice	executivedirector@restoringjustice.ca
Brenda Calendino	School District 33	brenda_calendino@sd33.bc.ca
Candace Craigen	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley	Candace.Craigen@bigbrothersbigsiseters.ca
Cathy LaHaise	Highroad Academy	CLaHaise@highroadacademy.com
Colby Stinson	Community Living BC	Colby.Stinson@gov.bc.ca
Crystal Salter	Fraser Health	Crystal.salter@fraserhealth.ca
Cynthia Parasiliti	YMCA	cindy.parasiliti@gv.ymca.ca
Diane Braun	District Parent Advisory Council	dpac@sd33.bc.ca
Diane Janzen	GCS	janzend@comserv.bc.ca

Doris Marko	MSDPR	Doris.Marko@gov.bc.ca
Jaden Courtney	RCMP	jaden.courtney@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Jannette Loosdrecht	City Live: Afternoon Adventures	jannette@citylifecentre.ca
Jenny Sawatzky	CYMH	jenny.sawatzky@gov.bc.ca
Jutta Wykpis	PCRS	Jwykpis@pcrs.ca
Karen Steegstra	Fraser Health	karen.steegstra@fraserhealth.ca
Kristin Hall	Wilma's Transition House	Kristin.hall@wilmasth.org
Mark Klassen	NLC	Mark_klassen@sd33.bc.ca
Natasha Herrick	Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association	elliott.herrick@gmail.com
Nicci Hallberg	Fraser Health	Nicole.hallberg@fraserhealth.ca
Rob Lees	CYMH	Robert.Lees@gov.bc.ca
Sabine Mendez	CHC	coordinator@healthierchilliwack.ca
Shannon Carmichael	Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society	ccecss@gmail.com
Steven Esau	PCRS	sesua@pcrs.ca
Stuart Morris	Highroad Academy	smorris@highroadacademy.com
Sukaina Rehmtulla	Chilliwack Community Services	rehmtullas@comserv.bc.ca
Tracey Abrahamson	RCMP	Tracey.abrahamson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Trevor Weins	Cyrus Centre	trevor@cyruscentre.com
Yves Trudel	United Way of the Lower Mainland	yvest@uwlm.ca

1. **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Review and Approval Agenda** – Approved
3. **Approval of December 1, 2020 Minutes** – Approved
4. **Program Update: Intergenerational Programming – Connie Stam, Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners Society**

The Intergenerational Programming initiative is for youth ages 15-29 and older adults (55+) to spend virtual time together. Funds applied for by Kate (CCS) and Sabine (CHC), shared with other community partners for running their programs. 42 youth applicants, cut-off this Friday. There are four orientation sessions for the volunteers, one of which includes older adult abuse (how to recognize/respond). The program runs until March 30th which will likely be followed by an evaluation.

They are teaming with Immigrant Services for support for older adults whose first language is not English.

Time together can focus on telling stories from their lives, a creative project, a friendly regular chat.

Contact Connie Stam at Neighbourhealth@gmail.com to connect an older adult to the initiative.

An article will run in the Chilliwack Progress this week and another in the near future.

5. **Presentation: Food Security Initiatives in Chilliwack – Cindy Waters, Bowls of Hope**

One of the Chilliwack Healthier Community Poverty Reduction Committee's focuses is food security. From this committee the Chilliwack Food Council was created as a subcommittee. Food insecurity has CCS, Salvation Army and Bowls of Hope applied for and received grant funding. Reaching Home was the first grant received. for a centralized food hub for service providers to access for their clients.

Construction (renovation) work is anticipated to start in February on the Salvation Army building that will be used.

Starfish Backpack program, Extra F.A.R.E. and Bowls of Hope Hands Up! are examples of programs that are anticipated to utilize this multi-provider site.

Chilliwack Bowls of Hope's Hands Up! Chilliwack is a program where families receive food kits with recipe and instructional videos to cook together. Contact Cindy to refer families; next round starts January 28th. Will have 6 distributions of 2 kits each. Criteria: families with school-aged children. Contact cindy.waters@chilliwackbowlsofhope.com to find out more.

Some Bowls of Hope families will receive food garden plots and be taught how to garden.

Extra F.A.R.E. provides food to people with dietary needs (cultural and/or medical).

The Food Hub is working with Downtown Farmers Market that would like to get running soon. Up to \$20/week for produce and dairy through coupons that Cindy has applied for account to receive for those who shop at the Farmers Market.

Youth from PCRS and high school students are helping in the Bowls of Hope culinary kitchen.

The City of Chilliwack and School District have been strong participants.

Sto:lo is supporting more than 100 families (most off reserve) with food cards.

There are a few organizations receiving food items, not all of them can be used by that organization. **ACTION:** Cindy will be a communication hub for items that can be shared with other providers.

6. **Presentation: Reaching Home Program Funding – Karen Stanton, City of Chilliwack**

See attached pdf.

The City of Chilliwack has a 5-year agreement with the federal government.

Contact Karen at stanton@chilliwack.com if you have or know of a need related to housing as relates to the funding.

In addition to the Reaching Home Program the City is active in ways such as the Homelessness Action Plan and playing a role in raising awareness and leveraging funding for projects.

BREAK

Announcement: The next Every Door is the Right Door session will be on Wednesday, February 24 from 9:00-noon at the NLC. It will occur virtually if needed. Registration will be open soon.

7. Subcommittee Updates

Early Years – The current focuses are:

- Early Years forum discussion/planning – anticipated to occur in March or later. A planning committee has been assembled.
- EDI mapping with the School District – still following up.
- Strategic planning process – a planning committee met at the beginning of December, will meet again in January. The process is intentional along the stages rather than having a specific timeline goal at this point.
- Family Resource Guide updated. Any further changes to the content will be included in the 2022 update.

Youth Matters – The next meeting will be on Wednesday January 20th at 9:00am via Zoom. Contact Tara Cummings if you would like to join the committee. The survey for youth ages 13-29 is still open (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3Q8L6P>), please spread the word.

Middle Years – the first meeting will be on January 12th from 9:00-10:00am via Zoom. Contact Kate Healey, the temporary subcommittee chair, if you would like to be involved. Nicci Hallberg will be the chair once she is no longer seconded.

Primary Prevention – No update, the committee is currently on hiatus.

8. Agency Updates

MCFD – Wanda Smith is Acting Director of Operations until the end of February, pending selection of Dan's replacement

UFV School of Social Work & Human Services – fall practicum placements are complete and winter placements are underway. 58 students have been placed from Kelly's programs, 90 from Tamika's program. They're now planning for summer and fall 2021 placements. UFV courses will likely be remote into the summer semester.

YMCA YouthBEAT – December's intake was full once again; February is the next intake. The program is fully online, participants can earn up to \$600 and have access to a full host of supports. The program registration link is youthbeatfraservalley.eventbrite.ca or interested youth (ages 17-29) can call/text 236-522-1277 or email youthbeat.fv@gv.ymca.ca.

Chilliwack Community Services (Early Years/Family) – Early years programming continues to be reviewed due to COVID restrictions. The Family Therapist service is continuing, the wait list is decreasing. Going forward CCS will focus on ways to improve access to community members who may not have insurance coverage for Therapy.

FamilySmart – The next In the Know online session is January 14th on the topic of Self Harm. Contact Corinna at corinna.landsberger@familysmart.ca if you would like to know more or receive their updates. The spring focus will be the early years.

City of Chilliwack – There is a continued focus on ways people can recreate within COVID restrictions and outdoor activities occurring despite the winter weather. A master plan for Parks, Recreation & Culture will be in process soon.

Ann Davis Transition Society – An emergency Mental Health Counselor for adults was recently hired, there is no wait list. The Youth Counseling Program has room for more participants; there are more groups coming online.

Chilliwack Learning Society (CLS) – Chilliwack's Financial Literacy Committee, cohosted by CLS and Chilliwack Healthier Community, is planning a free online income tax preparation support

workshop there people with basic tax situations will be provided with tips and resources for completion of their own tax returns, with 1:1 follow up support.

The City-Wide Literacy Challenge will occur from March 1-21. More information coming soon.

School Board – Imagination High registration is still open. Kindergarten registration is still open (online). The bi-election is February 13.

ADVANCE VOTING DAYS

Chilliwack Landing Sports Centre, 45530 Spadina Avenue:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Heritage Park, 44140 Luckakuck Way:

- Wednesday, February 10, 2021 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

GENERAL VOTING DAY

Saturday, February 13, 2021 - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following locations:

- Chilliwack Landing Sports Centre - 45530 Spadina Avenue
- Heritage Park - 44140 Luckakuck Way.

Sto:lo – The Health Services department continues to focus COVID. Some Sto:lo families are in isolation since COVID is now in the local communities.

Chilliwack Society for Community Living (CSCL) – Aileen Matthew has returned from maternity leave and will be joining Middle Years and Youth Matters committee. CSCL is seeing more mental health effects on parents and families now, on an increased level than the first few months of the pandemic.

A new residential service for a youth opened last month and will they'll open an additional residential service for a young child next month.

A CARF accreditation review will occur in February.

BC Responsible Gambling – They are providing gambling and gaming awareness presentations, doing Metis dance and culture awareness. Donna started a face-to-face Sunseeker life values workshop online; will be giving Metis violin lessons and Metis wheel teachings for youth; Medicine Wheel garden in Chilliwack with Metis Association (land-based trainings).

Chilliwack Community Services (Youth) – Youth Support workers are active; the Village youth are doing great; CCS is accepting referrals for youth support as need (12 on wait list); creating connections for youth at risk of homelessness or exploitation. Youth Recreation is active, dropping off supplies at youth's residence so they can participate live, online gaming, outdoor re: art videos and more. For ages 9-18. The Tamarack project is moving along well.

Big Brother Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley – Their practicum student, Melissa, has just started.

Chilliwack Community Services Immigrant Services – English classes are offered on Zoom. Classes are full but they're responding to inquiries of interest. Conversation Circles occur three times a week. In January there will be three virtual health and wellness workshops; in February there will be virtual financial literacy workshops. Child care is continuing on Zoom.

Child & Youth Mental health – There are no new programs but very long priority service with people waiting to access programs.

Pacific Community Resources Society – There are two youth substance use workers. PCRS is doing virtual work as much as possible but will do in-person as necessary. The on-site protective measures are the same as at the hospital as they are a Fraser Health outpatient service location.

Fraser Valley Regional Library – All customers are asked the standard COVID/travel questions before entry is permitted and the expectation is to wear a mask. If not wearing a mask, customers will be asked whether a medical situation prevents it.

Chilliwack Community Services (Kate) – Suzanne Cameron, Director of Operations, is retiring at the end of March

Next Meeting – February 2, 2021

February Meeting Highlights:

CYHC: Federal Funding Update

UFV the Hub: Youth Community Innovation Fund Project Overview

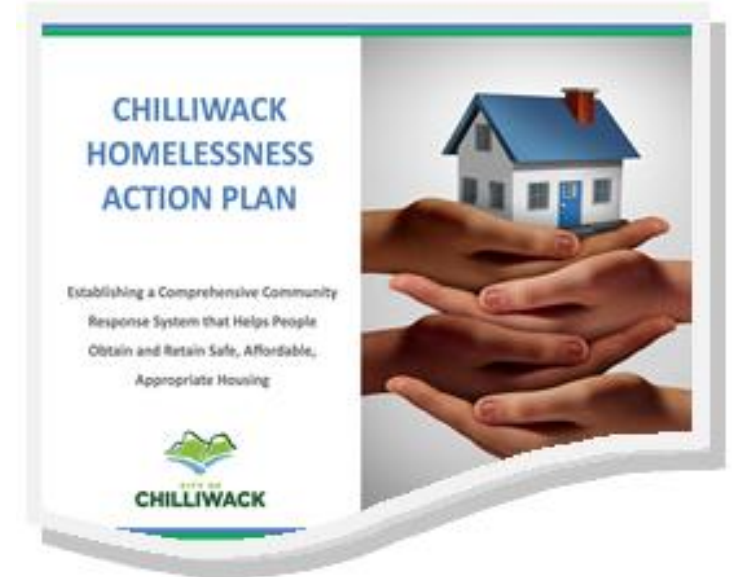
Location – online, <https://zoom.us/j/96585712823> (recurring link)

Chilliwack Reaching Home Program Overview

Presentation to CYC
January 12, 2021

Project Background

- 2016 Homelessness Action Plan
 - Increased emergency shelter/housing opportunities
 - Implementation of ICM Team
 - Strong relationship with BC Housing, local not-for-profit organizations, health authority, other related organizations (enforcement, business community, etc.)



Program Overview

- Role of the City
- Role of the Community Advisory Board
- Community Plan
- Coordinated Access
- Annual Point In Time Count



Reaching Home Overview

- Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (RH) is a **community based program** aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada;
- Service Canada distributes RH funding to **Designated Communities**, including urban, Indigenous, rural and remote communities to help them address their **local homelessness needs**.

Key Components of Reaching Home

Each designated community must:

1. Adopt an **outcome-based** approach;
2. Implement a **Coordinated Access** system for housing and supports;
3. Incorporate a Homeless Individual and Family Information System (**HIFIS**) into the systems work;
4. Increase the understanding of homelessness through the use of **systematic analysis** and data tools; and,
5. Address **Indigenous** homelessness.

Key Roles in Delivering Reaching Home Chilliwack

1. **Community Entity (CE) – The City of Chilliwack**

- Has funding agreement with ESDC.
- Establishes Community Advisory Board & works with the Board to develop a Community Plan to address community priorities

2. **Community Advisory Board (CAB)**

- Makes recommendations to Council, based on program requirements and proposals received
- Works with the CE to coordinate efforts to address homelessness in a community, and have an in-depth knowledge of the key sectors and systems that affect their homelessness priorities.

3. **Service Canada/ESDC**

- Oversees the funding agreement and advises the CAB and CE on program eligibility requirements, and provides advice and guidance on the program.

Responsibilities of the City (Community Entity)

Under the community-based model of Reaching Home, CE responsibilities include:

- Working with community stakeholders to oversee the development and implementation of a systems-based approach to addressing homelessness;
- Approving projects recommended by the Community Advisory Board in accordance with program Terms and Conditions;
- Contracting and monitoring all projects;
- Reporting on the results and outcomes of all funded projects;
- Submitting an annual work plan; and
- Monitoring and reporting on the development, implementation and success of the Community Plan.

Community Advisory Board (CAB) responsibilities

- Development of a Community Plan which establishes community priorities for preventing and reducing homelessness;
- Annual monitoring and updating of the Community Plan to ensure community wide outcomes prescribed by the federal government are achieved;
- Planning and development of a Coordinated Access program to be implemented by March 2023; and
- Review and recommendation regarding the annual allocation of Reaching Home funds, in accordance with priority areas identified by the Community Plan.

Service Canada

Service Canada's key responsibilities include:

- Providing support, guidance and direction to the CAB and CE on Reaching Home Terms and Conditions and related policies;
- Monitoring and assessing activities in accordance with Reaching Home Terms and Conditions, applicable Departmental guidelines and policies and compliance with the terms of the funding agreement; and
- Actively participating with other government and community partners in discussion and analysis to identify strategies for partnerships, leveraging of other resources, and evaluation.

Developing a Community Plan

Under Reaching Home, all Designated Communities are required to develop a Community Plan

- Community engagement process
- Community Investment Plan (Priority areas for community to focus on)
- Coordinated Access Intake Plan

Eligible Activities

1. Housing services
2. Prevention and shelter diversion
3. Health and medical services
4. Client support services
5. Capital investments
6. Coordination of resources and data collection



<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html#h2.3-h3.1>

Project	Agency	Budget
Housing Hub	PCRS	\$105,000
Community Food Hub	CCSS	\$152,019
Establishing Home	Salvation Army	\$48,019
Annis Housing Support	PCRS	\$43,210
Cyrus Electronic Database	Cyrus	\$8400
Homeless Prevention	CDSRS	\$13611
Database & Housing Bridging	Ann Davis	\$50,000
Seniors Support Program	CDSRS	\$83,016
Emergency Shelter Support	Cheam FN	\$55133
Shelter Furnishings & Transportation	Cyrus	\$40,000
Urban Band Office Service Provision Analysis Plan	Dan Milo Memorial Longhouse Society	\$50,000
Supporting Home	Salvation Army	\$87,600
Winter Clothing & Footwear	United Way	\$50,000
Food Security Program	Wilma's Transition Society	\$44,000
Housing & Supports	Growing Up Hope Society	\$64,260
House repairs, homeless camp services	Skwah First Nation	\$193,000

Project Funding 2020-2021

Base Funding: \$ 196, 229
 Additional : \$ 1,022,780



2021-2022 Workplan

- Community Plan: February
- Call for Proposals: February / March
- Point in Time Count: March / April
- Community Report: June
- Coordinated Access Planning: Ongoing

