

**CYC Monthly Meeting, via Zoom**  
**March 2, 2021 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am**

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**Guests:** Penny Trites from FVACFSS, Shelley Bolan and Kathleen Gardiner from Ann Davis Transition Society

- 1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Penny Trites**
- 2. Review and Approval Agenda** – Approved.
- 3. Approval of February 2, 2021 Minutes** – Approved.
- 4. Program Presentation: Intergenerational Programming, Penny Trites & Kyla Darby, FVACFSS**  
– see attached presentation

Less than 20% of clients are Sto:lo, 33% are Metis. Children and youth are from 139 nations across Canada and into the US.

Have 7 advisory elders from the Sto:lo community, 4 who are Metis.

FVACFSS is actively looking for space downtown for their Family Strengthening program.

#### **5. Program Presentation: Urban Band Office, Janit Doyle, MCFD**

It will provide service for Indigenous people who are living away from home rather than in their own communities. The project is formed under the Dan Milo Memorial Longhouse Society. They have received Reaching Home funding from the City of Chilliwack. They're currently in the Information gathering phase. One of the strong pieces is opportunities to engage in cultural activity.

There was conversation about operating as a Friendship Centre but it isn't a viable option due to funding restraints/requirements for Friendship Centres, including the maximum number permitted in the province.

Meeting minutes are available to those who are interested in receiving them, email [janit.doyle@gov.bc.ca](mailto:janit.doyle@gov.bc.ca) to be put on a distribution list.

Long term funding is being sought.

#### **6. Presentation: International Women's Day, Shelley Bolan and Kathleen Gardiner, Ann Davis Society – see attached presentation**

An Emergency Mental Health Counsellor is available in person, otherwise counselling is online.

The thrift store is becoming virtual, outreach will be occurring out of that downtown space which is being renovated.

The Coldest Night of the Year was a virtual walk.

For International Women's Day there not be a virtual walk, they will have an 8-day count down of inspirational woman in BC.

### **BREAK**

#### **7. Update: Every Door is the Right Door Training, Janice Cross**

23 people were registered, 12 attended. Some of the reasons for reduced attendance:

- The EventBrite reminder emails weren't received.
- Many people thought it was online but it was in person.

Feedback: reword some of the scenarios, more explanation of community resources, adapt the exercises to limit people moving around the room. Everyone responded that they will recommend to friends and colleagues.

It will occur again on March 3, there's still room for 8 people.

Contact [janice.cross@live.ca](mailto:janice.cross@live.ca) for more information.

#### **8. Subcommittee Reports**

**Primary Prevention** – No report

**Early Years** – HELP has been contacted to make a date selection for the Early Years Development Instrument (EDI) results forum, more information to come. The Strategic Action Plan is on hold until after the forum, as information gathered there will be used as part of the planning process.

**Middle Years** – Nikki Dionne is the new interim chair. Focus on the MDI data is complete, they're now creating a survey for teachers and families which will be distributed in late March or April. Contact Kate if interested in sitting on the committee, which has a focus of children/youth ages 6-12.

**Youth Matters** – The committee is continuing the survey for Chilliwack and area youth (ages 13-29) as to what will benefit them the most in the way of health, education, and activities. Please spread the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3Q8L6P>. The poster is [here](#).

The next meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.

## 9. Agency Updates

### United Way of the Lower Mainland

- Andrea Dykshoorn is taking a Clinical Counselor position with Seabird Band, UWLM has a posting for the vacant position. Chilliwack has a new Community Builder, Lynda Ferris.
- They're looking for a new space as the lease with the School District ends at the end of June.
- They will be engaging in the near future about Middle Years collaboration.
- There are ongoing discussions between UWLM and the Chilliwack Food Hub regarding potential funding and partnerships.

**FVACFSS** – Two new Directors are beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup>. FVACFSS will be launching an interview space for child sexual assault, plus an interview space for youth for RCMP to interview after hours.

**Youth Health Centre** – In the first 6 weeks of 2021, 780 sessions occurred, counselling and medical, both virtual and in-person. Sto:lo Health Centre and Tzeachten locations are operating in addition to the NLC location.

**UFV** – Planning is underway for fall semester practicums for Social Service Diploma and School and Community Support Worker students. Contact Kelly Guiaya if you are interested in a placement.

UFV is hosting an online virtual panel for International Women's Day, <http://events.ufv.ca/events/international-womens-day-4/>.

UFV will be remote for the summer semester.

**Chilliwack Learning Society** – The [2021 Reading Challenge](#) runs March 1-21. Please join in and send in your participation ballot for a chance to win a prize.

**CCECSS** – After school program and evening drop-in programs are running.

**Jenny Sawatzky** – in full-time private practice working with [Theralife](#). She is a registered provider with FNHA Mental Health program and is already seeing a number of Indigenous children and youth (referrals need to do a pre-approval application with her that she forwards). Her info can be found at <https://www.theralifecenter.com/therapists/jenny-sawatzky/>.

**FVCDC** – Starting to open up in-person Infant Massage small groups. Most services are virtual but there's some options to meet families 1-1 in the office when needed.

**Afternoon Adventures** – half of programs are operating in schools, 50% capacity. Other programs staying connected with emails and in driveways. Looking for new partnerships for September.

**NLC** – In-person meetings are increasing at the NLC. Tuesdays to Thursdays are busy, Mondays and Fridays there's more availability. Community rentals are closed until the end of June.

**CCS Immigrant Services** – operating fully. Two weeks ago they hosted financial literacy workshops which were delivered by Chilliwack Learning Society, which was very helpful for the students.

**City of Chilliwack** – Youth Advisory Committee has been working collaboratively with the City. Proposals for Parks Recreation and Culture master plan will come out soon, RFP closes at the end of the month. If you have been involved in the past and haven't been contacted, email Carol at [marleau@chilliwack.com](mailto:marleau@chilliwack.com).

**RCMP** – back teaching DARE but virtually.

**CCS Youth Services** – Doing in-person/virtual programming for youth recreation, depending on the youth need. If on Zoom the supplies will be dropped off at the beginning of the week so the youth can participate. A knitting club has been started. There's a drop-in for senior youth at the NLC. The recreation team is planning fun activities for spring break on a first-come first-serve basis. Visit the [website](#) or Facebook page for more information and the Youth Rec & Spring Break schedule here. The CCS Youth team may be contacting you about how youth can be served in the community, part of a Tamarack project.

**MCFD** – Will be hiring for a Director of Practice vacancy. There's currently an Acting Team Leader of Mental Health and a Team Leader for Resources, postings for those positions will be in the spring. They're Meeting with clients in-person and on Zoom, based on the need.

### **Cyrus Centre**

- The supportive housing program is running now. 13 residents out of a possible 20 are participating, with an average age of 20-21 years old with an extensive homelessness background. Many are experiencing challenges with mental health and addictions. The first resident moved there in December. The program doubled staffing at Cyrus in Chilliwack.
- The centre is very busy.
- The temporary shelter program will be extended until April 2022. There's capacity for up to 20 youth and young adults overnight.
- The drop-in centre is open throughout the day, there's a limit on how long people can stay when they drop-in.
- They have an initiative to capture youth in an artistic way, they're hoping to have a creative product to share experiences of youth in Chilliwack who are experiencing various barriers.
- They've received homeless prevention subsidies through BC Housing, up to \$450/month. Contact Trevor at [trevor@cyruscentre.com](mailto:trevor@cyruscentre.com) if you know someone who is living on their own, not in supportive housing.

**Chilliwack Pride Society** – fundraising and planning for 2021 Pride season. They're selling some items at The Book Man, proceeds will go towards Pride 2021.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley**

- They have a lot of virtual activities and are hoping to do activities in person during spring break.
- A lot of families are applying for the program but not enough mentors, particularly males.
- March for Matches – participants walk and count their steps.  
“Ready for a socially distant way of celebrating mentoring? We have it! Join us for our inaugural March for Matches campaign all through the month of March! Count your steps to compete for prizes within your registration category. Prizes will be announced randomly through the month and category grand prizes at the end of the campaign.”  
There are 3 categories for registration:

No fee – Available for matches only. Simply register and start tracking your steps each day. This category is not eligible for the pedometer or the community deals. No Fee No perks!  
\$10 – Available for matches only. Register and you will receive a pedometer for yourself and your Little Sister or Brother. You will also be eligible for the community deals. March for Matches; Matches only.

\$50 – Public registration to raise funds for Mentoring. Register and you will receive a pedometer and community deals as well as a charitable tax receipt. Ignite Potential- raise funds!

Register online at [www.mentoringworks.ca](http://www.mentoringworks.ca).

**East Fraser Aboriginal CYMH** – Janit’s position covers Abbotsford/Mission to Boothryd. Indigenous and Early Years services.

**Chilliwack Community Services** – They’re hiring for a full-time Director, responsible for portfolios of Early Years programming focused on prenatal to six (6) years of age, Child Care Resource & Referral; Family Services including Family Support, Specialized Victim Assistance, and Family Law Advocacy; and Outreach Therapy Services: Family Therapy, Sexual Abuse Intervention, Youth Therapy, Early Years Therapy. See the [posting](#).

The CCS Early Years department is looking at opening Downtown Family Place for in-person participation.

**YMCA’s Youth BEAT Fraser Valley** employment program (youth ages 17-29) is recruiting for their spring intake: check out <http://youthbeatfraservalley.eventbrite.ca/>. Taking applicants from across the Fraser Valley, sessions are online starting in late April or early May.

**FamilySmart** – The next In the Know session will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, to talk about Substance Use. Registration Link: <https://familysmart.ca/program/itk/>.

### **Next Meeting – April 6, 2021**

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