

CYC Minutes - June 3, 2008

Present: John Stellingwerf (co-chair), Sheri West (co-chair), Bobbi Jacob (recorder), Rob Santiago, Duncan MacDonald, Tammy Boersma (new attendee - Early Years cmte), Karin Rempel, Diane Jakubowski, Kiran Sidhu, Alice Stein, Dan Ludeman, Mary-Anne Smirle, Jason Beauchane.

Meeting opened at 9:15.

1. May 6 minutes review

- John confirmed thank you cards were sent re. consult
- Good training by Janet Carroll at last CYC
- CYC still looking for youth pastor to join; Rod will re-issue invitation; discussion about specifically targeting 1-2 youth pastors
- Correction to 6.1 - Chwk Interagency Parenting Committee not Child Minding Cmte
- 6.2 - Community Champ Awards
- 7 - two trainings coming this Fall on child abuse and ICM

2. Community Consult: Steering cmte and Working Group were recognized for their very hard work with this successful event. Excellent effort by everyone.

Where to go next? Participation of youth was remarked on, how to include families, further discussion to take place in the Fall. How to proceed with evaluation report so it isn't lost? Make event annual? Steering Cmte will continue in their role. Child Development Centre was lead agency. Acknowledged that it involved several hundred hours of work from their staff and practicum students. We need to discuss the costs involved in holding a Consult.

- Need to discuss CYC organizational planning.

Kiran, Evaluation Report. # of participants for part of and whole day; lessons learned; 500+ hrs expended.

- good caterers; School District covered costs for WG Graham School, supports and food
- suggest keep same logo (ABC), build on recognition
- ask in future for RSVP
- 170 participants; currently budget is being up-dated
- break-out feedback particularly from youth; we didn't do 4th goal of Strategic Plan; for accountability, should be done and reported at next year's Consult
- Participant evaluations: 107 - 77 from agencies; cld not get Shaw or Progress to attend, more effort to do this next year. Good article in paper afterwards, however. Lots of questions arose on services/referral process, consider something creative to address this next year, find best locations for poster boards; the day was a bit rushed, how to re-structure that
- Compliments to Working Group for fantastic job, CDC were outstanding as lead agency, acknowledged usefulness of the binders distributed at CYC. Good structure in place to build on for following years

- Discussion of having Consult on day before long w'end - pros and cons - only day School District is available; Pro D Day kids out of school and possible for them to attend, no busing issues
- Can agencies extend personal invitations to their families for future - really encourage and welcome them to come? Some youth attending wondered whether they were allowed to speak, encourage participation
- John: next Consult and our Strategic Plan
 - Steering Cmte recommends another Consult in 2009
 - Support around the table for that
 - Jason mentioned obstacles for people with disabilities/barriers
 - How to involve/encourage First Nations
- Steering Cmte suggested May 15, 2009 - day before long w'end again - felt that pros of this day outweighed cons. Suggestion that CYC agencies who have practicum students in the Spring offer from of the students' time to work on Consult.

3. **Strategic Plan for CYC**

- CYC had 3 sessions with Debbie Denault. Meet before summer to amalgamate that work? Costs involved. Dan suggested that the Working Group include Kiran for her experience in past Consult and lessons learned; and they develop an action document, new goals and how to report at next Consult. John suggested they also initiate a "findings" document (Recorder's " " not John's) for dissemination to the community.

Current Cmte: John, Rod, Sheri, Karin, Mary-Ann, Gillian. Anyone else interested is welcome. Let one of above members know you'd like to be involved.

Facilitator costs: Dan asked for direction. \$2200 for past work including a quote for Debbie's time if she facilitates through the Strategic Plan. Chwk Learning Community Society expected to cover a % of cost. Dan will discuss with them and MCFD will pay remainder.

Future Planning: Suggestion that CYC become a 'egal entity', have a budget, some issues arose around CYC not having \$ or an account. Who wld contribute to CYC budget? Agencies? Recognition that involvement at CYC is already a cost and contribution for agencies.

4. **Co-Chair continuation:** Alice reminded group that co-chairs be assigned on alternating years, not at same time, so there is continuity. **Item will be put on Sept. agenda.**

5. **Sub-cmtes:** Shari - Youth Day, May 7 at Central Community Park was a great success with over 300 youth. School District provided busing; youth has passports which were stamped after they visited various sites and that worked well; bands took part, food provided; Youth Matters will plan this Fall for another next Spring.

6. **Agency up-dates:** Dan, 3 items:

Regional Advisory Committee has no Chwk voice, anyone interested pls speak to Dan. It is a Regional Advisory body not a governing body. Meet mthly, voluntary, members can be youth, parent or agency employee. Individual representing Chwk shd be endorsed by Chwk CYC.

Dan will send out committee's terms of reference.

- C&YMH for Eastern Fraser Valley exploring holding a forum in the Fall, shd include CYC participation. Rod's name was suggested.
- Rod: affordable housing for youth, upper valley group met. Kudos to City Hall for forgiving many development charges for the project.

Dan: changes to teams at Chwk MCFD, new service model. In-take/investigation; Early Years 0-12 yrs; Youth Team. Children in care increased 60% in past year. Will move away from investigations to 'assets approach'. Family development response, more wrap around; Family Services Team. Permanent plan/adoption team (CCOs); permanent transition out of care and receiving (new) young children into the system. Resource Team, not Adoption any longer.

Team leaders: Tracey, Family Development Response; Bruce, Early Years; Wendy, Permanent transition team; and Wanda Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) model. Not yet decided what workers will be on what teams, looking at strengths and abilities. Change to be effective Sept. Dan asks for continued support by CYC members for his staff during difficult time of change, it is 'a huge shift' for them.

Agency up-dates: Jason, double the kids for their summer groups, one-time only funding to meet a big backlog. Noted this is Jason's last meeting as he moves on to new adventures/challenges in Vancouver. Thanks to Jason for past participation and support.

Duncan: June 17 10:00-11:00 a.m presentation by the Maples Treatment Centre working with kids 12+. Held at School St. office, no need to reserve a place.

Karin - Parent Resource Newsletter now 6 pages, contains youth info; new item: **Valley Parent Magazine** covers Eastern Fraser Valley for pre-natal to 8 yrs, next issue in September will contain parenting programs, pls give info, along with a parent's story to Karin for inclusion. The January issue will be on literacy.

MIA (income assistance) has \$250 for kids summer camps, must be on income assistance or 'kith and kin' agreement. Application can be asked for when family takes in their monthly slip to MIA. Encouraged everyone to let people know so \$ continues next year.

Shari: Last Sunday was national Healthy Kids Day, Hocking St. Y, had over 1000 kids. The Y's Youth In Action will be on over the summer, 4x2-wk groups, 3 days a wk. Funded by the City of Chwk, 8-12 yr olds. Call Sheri or Christy.

Mary Anne - Susan Edgecomb will be District Principal for Student Services.

Recorders for 08-09: (pls put in your day timers)

September - Kiran
October - Bobbi
November - Rod
December - Karin
January - Alice
February - Dan
March - MaryAnne
April - Duncan
May
June

**Meeting dates: First Tuesday of every month
EXCEPT January which is second Tuesday.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Recorder's apologies for any errors or omissions!