

Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 2, 2012



9:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Meeting held at Chilliwack Community Services 45938 Wellington Ave.
CYC Chairs: Susan Edgcombe Recorder: Karen Steegstra
Dan Bibby

Present:

Brenda Frisse	SD #33	<u>brend_frisse@sd33.bc.ca</u>
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Jason Lum	City Council	<u>lum@chilliwack.com</u>
Wayne Green	United Way	<u>wayne@uwfv.bc.ca</u>
Constable Tobi Araki	RCMP	<u>Tobi.araki@rcmp-grc.gc.ca</u>
Donna Dixon	CHHCF	<u>Donna.dixon@chcf.org</u>

Regrets:

Todd Lueck	City Life Church	<u>todd@citylifecentre.ca</u>
Sonja Mussel	FVACFF	<u>Sonja.Mussel@Xyolhemehlh</u>
Susan Edgcombe	SD #33	<u>Susan_edgcombe@sd33.bc.ca</u>

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Guests:

Dan Ludeman		
Teresa Point		
Rob Lees	MCFD	

1. Welcome and Introductions led by Dan Bibby Dan explained that the CYC meeting locations would be as follows; October, November, December at CCS, 45938 Wellington Ave.,; January, February, March at CSCL 45195 Wells Road; and April, May, and June at FVACFSS, #1– 7201 Vedder Road. Dan explained that a large part of the meeting would be spent on confirming the 2013 Cosultation/Conference and that Brenda Frisse would be assisting in the process.

2. Review Of Minutes

Pages were missing and not enough time was left at the end of the meeting to review the minutes thoroughly. **Action: Karen sent out an email requesting revisions be sent to her.**

Action: In response to the September minutes Karen Steegstra will do an inventory of what the CYC has been doing in regards to Aboriginal Partnerships.

3. Annual Conference Planning

Dan explained that Chilliwack is the only community which has an annual conference. It is very helpful for networking, professional development, showcasing and engaging with clients. It is also helpful in strengthening partnerships. In planning for the 2013 Conference, some see it as an opportunity to consult and thereby prioritize significant areas to work on in the following year. Others see the conference as an opportunity for professional development focussing on high risk youth, early years or something impacting youth. Dan

explained that the task of the members at this meeting was to build a model that the working group could build into a conference.

Brenda Frisse divided members into 3 groups and asked the groups to discuss the two questions assigned for “homework” and post results. Groups then shared ideas and thoughts.

Dan Bibby summarized the results...

The overall feeling is that there is a need for a conference/consultation blend. There should be a theme which allows for immediate action and actions that can be taken away from the conference to sub-committees. The event should target early years and youth and build in a parenting and health and wellness component. The Key Note speaker would have to know the intention of the conference and workshops and small group discussions would be centred around the theme. Dan noted that not everything could be lumped into one conference but can use the information to move forward for the following year. Kiran noted that it would be beneficial to have political representation at the conference and James suggested having policy makers or those who influence policies regarding children, youth and families should be invited. **Action: Dan will take the posted info from the discussion groups and send out a more detailed summary. Dan is taking nomination to strike a working group to take the summary and design a conference.**

3. Aboriginal Youth Engagement Project – Guests Dan Ludeman and Teresa Point

Dan explained that discussion on a project to serve Aboriginal Youth has been ongoing for a number of years. Since 2007 a number of pilot projects have been initiated. A program has been in place for one year in Surrey; Chillwack’s project will look different to reflect the needs of the aboriginal youth in our community. Dan has enlisted the help and resources of Teresa Point. Teresa explained her involvement with Aboriginal Youth Internship Program and the Vancouver Coastal Youth

Plan. Conversations took place between service providers and youth. A regional youth counsel “Choices of Reality”, was formed. This counsel is still in effect and has had many good results. Last year the counsel received Premier’s Award. Teresa has remained on the counsel as an advisor. She has helped in developing the Tool Kit for Youth Engagement. The process for Youth Engagement is going to look different in Chilliwack and will need collaboration with agencies to bring the ideas of young people into reality.

Dan described this as a 2 stage project. The first stage will be mapping all the services available to youth on and off reserve. In this way, they will have an idea right of the top what opportunities there are for improvement of services. The second stage will be to develop a work plan and build a core group of youth. Teresa will begin having conversations with Aboriginal youth using services. They are hoping to have this phase done by December. The project is geared for youth between the ages of 13 and early 20’s, and is co-sponsored by the Ministry and Xyolhemeylh. Dan will provide ongoing support for the project, linking the various processes.

Dan Bibby stated how the agencies represented at CYC have shared the different ways Aboriginal collaboration is taking place. Action: Karen is working on putting it all into one document and will share it with you when complete.

Rob Lees described the Action Research Project taking place at Stolo Alternate school, where Alt. Ed. students are trained to discover why Alt. Ed students are dropping out of school. The hope is to train students to become co-researchers and then in the future create questions to ask youth. Rob sees these students as being good candidates for being part of engagements.

Dan pointed out that youth have decided and already taken on projects like the Tool Kit, Mentorship, and Leadership on how to facilitate discussions with the Ministry. Key to the program is that it is Youth Driven rather than agency directed. A support core is needed who will be willing to do practical things for the youth. In December will have a follow-up plan and decided where to go from he re. Once sufficient information is gathered will be able to build mid-term and long-term goals.

Dan Bibby suggested bringing the long term project to the CYC table.

4. Primary Prevention – Guest – Rob Lees – Rob is trying to initiate a first meeting with agencies. Gave a handout on “Why Consider a Committee on Primary Prevention.”

What would the Committee do? Ensure that youth and High Schools are aware of mental health services. Help youth identify mental health issues and when to get help. The idea of training youth and getting them to be presenters came as a result of consults with youth. It was also discovered that it needed to start at a younger age. A common theme is primary prevention is to make sure we are coordinated and not confusing the school system. Discussion followed that prevention could start in the Early Years in regards to parenting; teaching parents the importance of proper socialization and emotional development. A first meeting has been called for Oct. 15 at 9:00 am at Ann Davis.

5. Sub-Committee Chairs and Agency Updates

Tobi Araki with the RCMP, has been granted permission to start a pilot project which focuses on youth that have the most negative contact with police. Will target 10 youth and revisit every 6 weeks. In the process of writing up a bigger business plan that can be tied in with the community. The project is seeking to create safety nets for high risk youth and has to determine how it will engage with agencies.

Jason Lum, City Council would like to be better utilized by the CYC. An agenda item to consider would be “How can the city of Chilliwack, contribute to the CYC?” Compare the Healthy Communities Plan and the CYC strategic plan and see what’s a fit and what’s important. Possibly highlight agencies in council and celebrate collaborations. Jason expressed a desire to be able to advocate on behalf of the CYC.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 6
at Chilliwack Community Services,
45938 Wellington ; 9 – 11:15**