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Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions. Guests: Katrina Kramer from Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy; Danny Gray, Learning to Lead.

2. Review of minutes. March minutes approved and will posted to website.

3. Business from minutes. At the March meeting there was discussion among the members around the strategic planning role of the CYC as an advisory and networking body. The CYC has the ability to bring collective attention to public partners like City Council, MLA's, MP and SD#33 by identifying needs and suitable action. As a CYC we want to be more intentional about arranging opportunity for presentations. Inviting mark Strahl to a CYC meeting and to the Conversation is a way to create awareness. Debbie suggested that the wording "the CYC has been the network..." should be changed to "the CYC is the network..." Karen has provided a CYC orientation for Mark. Letter from CYC co-chairs will be sent to Mark Strahl.



4. Challenge Day – The CYC wanted to formerly thank Collette Bohach and Natalie Karam for all of their hard work and effort to bring Challenge Day to our community. The Youth Matters co-chairs were presented with a gift card and flowers. The CYC looks forward to a report of this years’ events.

5. Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week – Karen provided members with handout regarding a workshop being led by Children of the Street as well as a poster for the upcoming community movie and discussion taking place April 16 at Cottonwood Theatres. The movie “Trust” will be shown, followed by a panel discussion. Admission is by donation.

6. A handout was provided for members which distinguished and compared the unique roles of the CYC, CHC and the Social Research and Planning Committee. The document is very helpful in providing clarification.

7. Youth Adult Partnership Coordinator – In the process of interviewing this week to fill the position. The start date will be April 13. This person will report to the Youth Matters Committee and Karen will be a link and supervise the position.

8. At Risk Service Model – Dan provided a handout. The diagram provides a way to review the model of service. Is it necessary to meet regularly or is Youth Matters sufficient. Is there a way to compliment the work of Youth Matters. At the meeting were able to recognize the impressive and important coordination of work taking place. Cyrus Centre has been able to identify youth at risk that others had not been able to identify or had lost connection with. It was suggested that a media presentation needs to be done to show all the good work being done in Chilliwack.

9. Conversation Update – Karen provided the update on the Conversation Agenda, registration and presenters. She also passed around a sheet requesting assistance in a number of areas.

10. Every Door is the Right Door – The CYC strategic plan will be brought back in September for review which will include a progress report of the EDRD initiative. At next year’s Conversation want to be able to nominate and award agencies who have moved towards the strategies of making Every Door the Right Door. The next workshop will take place in June. The NLC will soon have a large pamphlet rack to promote agencies and services in our community.



11. Learning to Lead – Danny Gray

The program is the result of a 5 year grant provided by the National Crime Prevention Society. Danny will be working with youth 12-18 years old. These youth may have some risk factors such as substance misuse, some criminality but have at the same time been identified as having leadership skills. Learning to Lead is a prevention program to create leaders in the community. The program has shown to improve graduation rates and overall GPA's. The model is leadership resiliency; youth are empowered, valued and given skills to “weather the storm”. Will start with a single group. It meets year round with weekly resiliency meetings. Also included are monthly service projects and monthly outdoor activities. The activities will be perceived as high risk and as a result youth will walk away with a number of skills like relationship building, coping skills, competency and goal setting. SD#33, RCMP and Waddingtons are all offering support to this program. United Way has provided a grant. Currently looking for volunteers who would like to help with outdoor activities. Kids can be part of the program through referrals from guidance counsellors etc. 192 youth will benefit from this program. Hope to get started before the end of the school year. The Learning to Lead is using as guiding principles a successful model from Fairfax Virginia.

12. Agency Profile – Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy – Kathy Funk and Katrina Kramer

The society has been in Chilliwack for 17 years and covers Chilliwack, Agassiz, Hope, Boston Bar and even Manning Park. The program is intended for first time offenders and have worked with people all the way to age 89. The younger a person can be part of the restorative process the better. Immediate intervention reduces greatly the risk of reoffending. Files are processed as quickly as possible. All referrals are first run through a police check to ensure that it is a first time offense. The program helps save thousands of dollars plus the time of a RCMP officer. In 2014 processed 176 files; 61% were shoplifting and there was an increase in female offenders. Youth crime is down. Took part in a pilot project in Chilliwack Middle School; have a specialized class for youth at risk. When an offender is contacted, they must admit to wrongdoing before the restorative process can begin. Victims can choose whether to be involved. The victim shares how they were impacted, the offender shares their motive. A resolution agreement is created where harm is repaired, there is an apology and service hours. If the victim does not want to participate, there is a community panel which works with the offender on a resolution agreement. This is a legal contract. The agency relies on grants and funding. Volunteers are the backbone.

13. Afternoon Adventures – This is a program being offered at Bernard Elementary 2 times a week by volunteers from City Life Church. It is a successful model that they would like to expand to other schools. Todd and the coordinator of the program presented to the Middle Years. It was discovered that the City might have grant money



available to create further church/school partnerships. Currently do things like provide food hampers, backpacks and host family nights. Karen has written a letter on behalf of the CYC endorsing the expansion of the program. Members are in support.

14. Coordinator's Report

"It's a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together." Unknown

Early Years:

Parent 2 Parent mentoring; Working with community partners, a pilot project of having community program volunteers sitting in on program will take place April – May.

We have formed an Early Years visioning committee

Early Childhood Resource Fair – "All 4 Kids", held at Cottonwood Mall on March 13 was a huge success. We had great participation from agencies and a fantastic turnout from parents and caregivers. The format we chose to use worked well and service providers were able to have some valuable conversations with families regarding healthy child development.

Success By 6 Council – Did some research on learning tools the EY Committee can use for events and submitted a proposal for remaining Success By 6 Community event funds.

Priority Grant – The Early Years was the recipient of a \$3000 Priority Grant to be used towards development screening.

CYC

I continue to sit on all of the CYC sub-committees and task groups co-chairing Early Years and chairing Middle Years.

Working through the Early Years and CYC Strategic Plan.

Part of the task group planning the activities for Chilliwack's Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week.

CYC orientation with the new community manager at the YMCA – Karen Bester

CYC Conversation:

I continue to be involved in all of the planning and promotions of our annual Conversation.

Every Door is the Right Door



In the planning stages of putting together another Every Door is the Right Door Training Event.

Childandyouth.com

I continue to upload with agency updates and workshops as well as respond to inquiries that come through the website.

Are all members subscribed to childandyouth.com ?

If using Event Brite it is possible to link registration for your agency events to childandyouth.com .

Community

Practice Support Program – I have participated in the 3 modules which have centred around child and youth mental health. The 3rd module includes resources; I was invited to present on the CYC in December and on March 5 did a presentation on the CYC.

Women’s Institute – On March 4 I was invited to do a presentation for the Ryder Lake Chapter of the Women’s Institute on the CYC and all the work being done in our community. Wonderful ladies who are very keen and eager for me to give them a job to do.

Professional Development

Still reading through, “Walking Prey; How America’s Youth are Vulnerable to Sex Slavery” by Holly Austin Smith. Again I highly recommend this book for anyone working with youth aged 8 and up. She reveals in her book that even children from “good” homes are vulnerable to sexual exploitation. The book is written to educate service providers and law enforcement as Holly shares her own story. While the book is written from an American perspective many of the laws around sexual exploitation and the stigma attached are not very different than Canadian laws and attitudes.

15. Agency Updates

Fraser Health – Experiencing a shift in leadership.

Chilliwack Addictions – currently hiring

Cyrus Centre – At capacity. Had a good Easter weekend and continuing to develop good relations with youth.



FVACFSS – Women’s Wellness event was well attended. Currently gearing up for summer camps.

SD#33 – District is currently working on the 5 year strategic plan.

Ann Davis – Has experienced some staff fluctuation. Will be holding a volunteer event April 17.

Youth Unlimited – Assessment completed. New leadership working on a strategy for Chilliwack.

CSCL – Currently working on a social capital initiative. Moving to a model where the agency will help community organizations serve children with special needs; reverse integration programs. Looking at fee for service to provide specialized support for children and youth with autism.

MCFD – At Risk Pregnant Women – 2 workshop were held in partnership with Fraser Health and FVACFSS. 70 attendees. An inventory of services for this specific demographic revealed 100 programs currently running in Chilliwack.

CLS – Still have books for teens from First Books. You can contact Debbie if you would like some. Financial Literacy Fair taking place April 11 at the NLC.

15. CYC MOU – We do have one. Will update and bring for review at next meeting.

**Next Meeting, May 5
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