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Neighbourhood Learning Centre

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1. Welcome and Introductions.

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



3. Agency Updates

Child and Youth Mental Health Duncan MacDonald distributed “Chilliwack Community Referral Guide for Children with Emotional/Behavioural Concerns” and asked members to review for accuracy. Begin with less intrusive services for clients and loop to more intensive services if required.

FVACFSS – Summer Camps were the main programming for Aboriginal youth. Many youth were able to engage in cultural experiences for the first time. Kelly is now doing Sonja’s position, who is soon to enjoy retirement.

Chilliwack Division of Family Practice – Call PAM (Patient Attachment Mechanism) has transitioned 1178 people to primary care providers, 687 of those to practices in Chilliwack. Currently there is up to a 3 month wait time in Chilliwack to become attached. Stolo now has a Primary Care Clinic, and will be coming on board as another referral point for PAM. This is great because they have a 1-2 week wait to see a primary care provider. Katrina distributed the new Chilliwack Youth Health Centre brochure. Looking to community agencies to help promote this service. There are family physicians and counsellors at the Stolo Health Centre every Tuesday 2-5pm, and counsellors at the NLC every Tuesday 1-8pm. Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes are coming to Chilliwack and will be found in 3 locations, Central Community Park, the Landing Centre, and Watson-Glen Park.

Chilliwack Society for Community Living – Currently going through a transition in leadership. Julie Unger is now the director. Also doing some changes in the child and youth department. Experimenting with different models. Natalie Karam will be filling Julie’s role in Child and Youth Services. Want to give more attention to transition time for clients and working to enhance Youth Employment program. At families request now have Specialized Autism Supports Services, where they will offer programming to develop social skills etc. The new structure will be implemented in November.

City Life – In the process of duplicating the model of after school care that they are currently offering at Bernard Elem. Have been able to access some funding offered through the City of Chilliwack. Are also working on a Pilot Project for grade 5-6 students; being creative with less volunteers. Currently offering Divorce Care for children, adults and youth. Also offer a Blended Families support group.

CAPS – Offered a number of summer camps which provided safe risks. Addiction Services are back in schools. The Health Contact Centre has been open for 2 years and currently there are a number of residents in the process of moving on. Has been



encouraging to see the success of those who have already moved on. Steve gave a reminder of the Chilliwack Connect Event on October 3.

Cyrus Centre – Celebrated its first anniversary. Provided shelter for 150 youth. A place for youth to come to at any hour; often times it's a safe place to talk it out. Have added a transition bed through MCFD referrals for youth coming out of corrections.

Ann Davis Transition Society - The 2 STAR programs were well attended and successful. Have an Expressive Arts therapist is currently offering a drama group for girls ages 10-12. Have counsellors from Ann Davis in the schools. Also administering Youth As Gatekeepers. Have changed “Caught in the Middle” to “Children in Between” and work those in high conflict divorce. There is a parent and a youth component. Child care is provided. Men’s Insight Group being led by new family counsellor Windy Sola. Supervised visits have grown 75%. The program Parent Modeling is funded by the United Way.

MCFD – 4-5 years ago lost a number of staff as a result of cutbacks. Have now been able hire more again. Currently restructuring to enhance collaborative practice. More supports available for family foster care with 4 teams of social workers and more co-managed cases. Reinstating school based counsellors.

SD #33 – Enrolment has increased by 300 students. Classes have had to be added to a number of schools. Working on projects with other agencies.

RCMP – Have hired 1 new Youth Constable.

Restorative Justice – Leanna Kemp is now the director at Restorative Justice.

VYPER – Has 8 months left in Chilliwack.

FVCDC – A FASD Group for girls ages 14-17 will continue.

4. VOYCE Update

October 1, Youth Speak Up: Breaking Down Barriers will be a fun information packed day. Encouraging anyone who works with youth to attend and to encourage youth to submit artwork for the “If You Really Knew Me” display.



5. Every Door is the Right Door

The CYC is beginning the 3rd year of this initiative. Dan provided handout of progress to date. CHC is currently working on a redesign on Info. Chilliwack and agencies are looking internally to do restructuring. Continues to be good energy around the initiative. Members were asked to identify ways to continue or to introduce:

- Workshops for front counter staff
- Introduce EDRD at SD#33 pro-d day
- Reprinting of referral cards
- Agency profiles
- Agency Open Houses
- New employee orientation which includes introduction to CYC agencies
- Identify key people to answer questions regarding services, programming etc.
- Connector person in each agency; should be the representative at the CYC –this person can ensure information is circulated through agency
- Brochure display at NLC
- Annual award recognizing agencies who have implemented EDRD strategies
- Monthly CYC newsletter

6. Conversation 2015 Review

200 participants. Evaluation report will be ready for October CYC.

7. Conversation 2016

An invitation will be sent out members to participate in the steering committee. Will bring back possible topics to the October CYC.

8. MOU – A copy of the MOU was distributed to members. Asked to review and return signed back page to Karen.

9. Grant Writing Workshop

A facilitator has been booked for October 9, 9 – 3 at the NLC. This workshop is free.

10. Fraser East Regional CYC

Consists of representatives from CYC's and CHC's from Mission, Abbotsford, Aggasiz, Hope and Chilliwack. The October youth conference has been sponsored by the Fraser East CYC.



11. Sub-Committee Structures and Updates

Sub-Committee chairs were requested to submit updated membership lists, and strategic plans to Karen. The CYC acts as the umbrella to which the sub-committees report. Sub-committee reports are an important part of the CYC meetings as it keeps everyone up to date with the good work being done in our community.

Early Years – currently working with community partners on the Early Years Resource Centre grant. The provincial “Office of the Early Years” has been conducting a review as part of a visioning process. Community tables were asked to respond to a what the provincial office had identified as “challenges”. For the Chilliwack EY table it was a good exercise to celebrate the good work we are doing.

Youth Matters – Kristy Jones from PCRS will be the new co-chair along with Collette. Natalie will remain on the committee.

Coordinator’s Report –

Community Engagement – I participate in the CHC Community Connections, currently working on restructuring info. Chilliwack. I also participate on the Mental Health task group and working with this group to bring a workshop focused on children with parents with mental illness.

Early Years – working with community partners on the Early Years Resource Centre grant. Worked on EY response to the provincial office EY Review. Did a presentation on the EDI for CCS Strong Start, daycare, and preschool staff. Working with SD #33 to see how the Early Years table can partner for October Pro-D Day.

CYC – Did 3 CYC orientations during the summer. Updated documents and worked on updates to CYC website.

New Business

Sabine gave an update of the work and focus of Chilliwack Healthier Community. Members were told of the upcoming workshop, November 18, which is part of a provincial initiative from Family Centred Family Health Care.

**Next Meeting, October 6
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