

December 4, 2018

Neighbourhood Learning Centre; Alumni Hall

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1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Review of November Minutes.

3. Patient Medical Homes and Primary Care – Katrina Beppe, Chilliwack Division of Family Practice

A new directive from the Ministry of Health since 15% of people in BC are not connected to a doctor. Wanting to know how to provide better services for patients. Looking at a model similar to the Youth Health Centre. Doctors would continue to work in their practice as well as giving time in a centre similar to the Youth Health Centre where a variety of services would be available; a proactive wellness system. Want to put teams around family practices as one way to avoid ER visits. Create care plans with the patient and family to ensure more success in the community. In Chilliwack, 15,000-20,000 are unattached to a doctor. Wanting to ensure vulnerable patients have access to care outside of the emergency room. Looking how to care those who are street entrenched. [Powerpoint](#).

4. Youth Health Centre – Dr. Rob Lees

Chilliwack Youth Health Centre provides mental and physical health services for youth ages 12-26. Have a facebook and Instagram account. Shared the list of multiple partners that contribute; “stone soup” approach. Now a society and working towards gaining charitable status. The impetus behind creating the centre came from McCreary survey results that indicated 12% of youth in Chilliwack who thought they needed care but were not able to access it. Growing number of young adults are now accessing the Youth Centre services. Screening at the Centre enables clients to be referred to other services as needed. GW Graham has requested that counselling services be available on site. Currently doing a soft pilot and looking for grants to expand. Downside of the current model is that it relies on interns to provide services. Extra funding would help to employ counsellors over the summer months.

5. Jordan’s Principle – Deanna Rabeneck

Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them. It can help with a wide range of health, social and educational needs.

Jordan's Principle is named in memory of Jordan River Anderson. He was a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba.

From July 2016 to October 31, 2018, **more than 171,000 requests were approved** under Jordan's Principle. These included:

- respite care
- speech therapy
- schooling supports

- medical equipment
- mental health services
- and more

Funding is available for group programs that serve Indigenous youth. Agencies are encouraged to access these funds before the end of this fiscal year. [Powerpoint](#).

6. Agency Updates

YMCA – Will be opening in January. Currently training new staff. Eligibility requirements for Youth Works has changed; participants can now be on unemployment. Looking to offer YMinds for teens.

Chilliwack Community Services – People can register for the Christmas Sharing program in order to receive a Christmas hampers. Have have id and proof of income. Dec.13 Young Parents Christmas Dinner, December 14 Youth Christmas Dinner.

Youth Unlimited – Truck is in the shop and will hopefully be up and running in community by Spring 2019.

School Board – Were given a presentation on the school District’s Mental Health Literacy plan and the Outdoor Education program running out of GW Graham.

Sardis Library – Sunita provided handouts of upcoming Christmas activities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Enjoyed Christmas party with families. Numbers are strong; currently have the highest amount of in school mentoring.

7. Early Years Restructuring

Karen provided information on the provincial office of MCFD’s restructuring of Early Years funding and service delivery. Will result in some changes in community. One contract will be awarded to an agency to provide early years programming and navigation. RFP’s opened November 21 and will be accepted until January 16, 2019.

Next meeting, January 8, 2019