



Community Network Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 11, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

ATTENDEES:

Aman Atwal – Kid Smart	Kim Dumore – DPAC/ CAT
August Belanger - MCFD	Kathleen Rainville – Asante Centre
Brenna Ayliffe – Fraser Health	Leah Plouffe – Through an Aboriginal Lens (TAL)
Colene Thompson – Chair, CN	Liza Morris – Maple Ridge Library
Courtney Fraser – NCCABC	Nikki Nevison – Family Ed
Darrell Pilgrim – Salvation Army	Petra Frederick – City of Maple Ridge
Dorata Michalska – Fraser Health	Roberta O'Brien – RMCCT / LIPS
Dorri Mahdaviani – Fraser Health	Roy Leathem – Triangle Community Resources
Fran McDougall – ACT 2	Sarah Kothlow – AgedOut.com
Heather McBride – Woman Care Pregnancy Centre	Sunny Schiller – Coordinator, CN
Holly Wingert - Asante Centre	Trish Salisbury – RMCDC
Jeannie Harnett – SD42	Wilf Leung – PLEA
Julie Anne Ponting – TAL	

1. WELCOME

Chair Colene Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$18.50

Sunny Schiller shared that \$1,240 was raised for the Chest at the Community Foundation Golf FORE Charity fundraiser over the summer.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL – September 11, 2018 – The agenda was approved.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - June 12, 2018 – The minutes were adopted.

5. PRESENTATIONS

August Belanger – MFCF – Foster Parent Recruitment

August Belanger discussed the need for foster families in the community. MFCF strives to support biological family members to raise children, however when that is not possible the Ministry looks to be able to provide foster homes in children's home communities. There is an especially high need for foster parents able to support kids under five and teenagers, and people with skills related to special needs. Monthly information sessions on becoming a foster parent are available. Printed materials were provided to help communicate the program.

Sarah Kothlow – AgedOut.com

Sarah Kothlow demonstrated the www.agedout.com website which is a resource for youth who have aged out of government care. The interactive website provides information on education, financial management, health and more, with new categories being added soon. Users aged 13 – 24 can earn badges by using the site and can redeem badges for gift cards. Sarah answered questions about the site and provided printed materials for reference.

6. *** NETWORKING BREAK ***

7. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES

7.1 CN Working Table and Affiliate Group Updates

Ridge Meadows Community Children's Table / Local Immigration Partnerships

Roberta O'Brien shared details of the upcoming LIPS training session on October 3. RMCCT is hosting workshops on the topic of kids and technology in November. One workshop is designed for parents and a second workshop is designed for service providers. Roberta provided an update on impacts to RMCCT as a result of the changed provincial funding model.

Housing / SA Update

Darrell Pilgrim provided an update on the modular housing development on Royal Crescent. Applications for units are currently being processed. It's anticipated the units will be available this fall. Plans for Homelessness Action Week were shared. The SA Back to School Fair was reviewed. Darrell shared details of the bagged lunch programs in the community.

STORM / CAT Update

Kim Dumore shared that the Opioid Overdose Response Task Force Community Action Team received \$100K in funding to support six community based harm reduction initiatives. One of those initiatives was the recent event to Celebrate Lives Lost. At the event memorial lanterns were created, and stories and memories of those lost were shared. The successful event wrapped up with music and songs at the wharf. Another initiative is Ridge Meadows Hospital's Compassion Campaign. An open house to promote the Compassion Campaign is coming up. The campaign aims to promote compassionate health care practices and provide resources to those affected by opioid use. A conference is being planned for the spring to increase resiliency in the community by bringing together drug users groups and other stake holders to build up resources. The Humans of Maple Ridge photo project is looking for a location for a popup exhibition. Kim also shared details of the community coffee van and Naloxone popup training projects.

Senior's Network

Brenna Ayliffe reported the Seniors Network is busy as usual. The Age Friendly Community implementation plan has been confirmed and strategies are being rolled out. The group is also working on a Dementia Friendly Community designation. Brenna shared an update on the co-op bus transportation project.

6.2 CN Coordinators Update

Network Development

- Along with Annika Polegato and Brenda Garcia from Alouette Addictions represented the CN at the Maple Ridge Foundation Golf FORE Charity Fundraiser – June 2018
- Along with Chair Colene Thompson represented CN Superheroes at the Salvation Army Back to School Fair – August 2018

Network Structure Support

- Community Chest Initiative – participated in July review of an application for funding, created a quick one page reference sheet for Community Chest Referrals
- CN Communications Plan has been finalized
- A website designer has been engaged to update the CN website

Network Project Support

- Attended the Opioid Overdose Response Task Group meeting – 13-JUL
- Attended the Ridge Meadows Division of Family Practice meeting – 18-JUL
- Met with Kim Dumore re: CAT Coordinator role – 24-JUL

8. **CORRESPONDENCE - Nil**

9. **ADJOURNMENT - 2:52 p.m.**