



Community Network Monthly Meeting & NETWORKING

Tuesday June 13, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

Minutes

Attendees: Sarah Jost (Maple Ridge Library), Brenda Hubbard (Triangle Resources), Crystal Trudeau (MRPM Community Services), Darren Watts (MRPM Community Services), Linda Szilagy (Population & Public Health), Sharolyn Wandzura (Ears Forward Coaching), Erica Ford (Ridge Meadows Recycling), Sara Christie (Ridge Meadows Recycling), Michelle Trent (Ridge Meadows Hospice), Shawn Matthewson (City of Maple Ridge), Trish Salisbury (Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre), Holly Murton (Kiwanis), Annette Morgan (Seniors Network), Dorota Michalska (Public Health), Kathleen Rainuke (Asante Centre), Jenny Earley (Family Ed), William Waterhouse (FRANAS), Benny Bloomfield (RainCity ICM Team), Dawn Slykhuis (RainCity ICM Team), Curtis Acton (Pitt Meadows Library), Caroline Echeverri (ISS of BC), Elena DiGiovanni (SD42), Brenna Ayliffe (Fraser Health), Roland Ziprick (St Pauls Lutheran Church), Darrell Pilgrim (Salvation Army Ridge Meadows), Karen McDonald (Adult Probation, Maple Ridge Community Corrections), Tony Controneo (City of Maple Ridge), Elaine Yamamoto (The Hive), Bradley Christianson-Barker (Open Door Church), Kathryn Sim (Coordinator), Colene Thompson (Chair),

Regrets: Joanne Foote, Jason Payne

1. Welcome

2. Agenda Approval – June 13, 2017 – *adopted*

3. Adoption of April 11, 2017 Minutes – *approved*

4. Toonie Tuesday: **Community Chest Week Fundraiser**

5. **Presentation:** Benny Bloomfield & Dawn Slykhuis - RainCity ICM Team

- ICM = Intensive Case Management
- Benny is a Nurse; Dawn is a Social Worker
- The ICM team is funded by Fraser Health and BC Housing
- Housing First approach, meaning client doesn't need to demonstrate readiness for housing AND gets to choose their type of housing
- The ICM team has been surprised by a few clients who weren't expected to succeed in housing
- ICM supports = minimum weekly visit to identify/work on client goals (this is self-directed)
- Since May 1, they have housed 7 people



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- Current clients are those impacted by the shelter closure
- Rental unit availability is very limited in Maple Ridge
- One participating landlord is so pleased with the relationship and the outcomes to date that he has offered additional units AND he has also offered to act as a reference for other potential landlords
- The peer specialist is making a significant difference
- ICM doesn't place clients in basement suits – the contact with landlords/families is too close and doesn't make for a successful situation
- The goal is to help clients reintegrate into their community
- Only 20% of a building can be participating in ICM, to avoid saturation
- ICM response time with landlords is 15 minutes
- To access the rent subsidy, clients must commit to and participate in a minimum once a week meeting with ICM
- Subsidies: rental max is \$800-\$900 / month for a single person, \$1500 for a 2-bedroom unit; subsidies are 2/3 of the rental rate + 1/3 income
- What can we do?
 - Talk to people “this is different”
 - Get the story out – newspapers, newsletters, social media
 - Develop key messages for members (“everybody has choice”)
 - Check out the RainCity website for messaging and videos
 - Need a TB skin test? Call 604-476-7082
- Emerging issues
 - Seniors living in extreme poverty
 - Needles in our communities
 - addiction

6. Roundtable

Darryl, Salvation Army

- ICM is changing the landscape of Maple Ridge, they have housed hard-to-house, street-entrenched individuals
- Important to work together as a community
- There is positive stuff happening, but we're not talking about it
- Harm reduction supplies are available 24/7 at the courtyard entrance of the Salvation Army
- SA needs a minibus to transport clients to the lake on alternate Tuesdays



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- Back to school supplies – trying to make the day more of a festival with “shopping” rather than a pre-stuffed bag

Shawn Matthewson, Parks, Recreation and Culture

- Tent city update
- 30 tents / 50 people
- “it is a bit of a village” – it’s tidy and orderly, there’s a makeshift kitchen, latrine, first aid trailer and tub for laundry
- June 20 is the next opportunity for the City to go forward with an injunction

Erica Ford & Sara Christie, Ridge Meadows Recycling

- RMR needs letters of support for the Repair Café funding application
- They can be emailed to summeroutreach@rmrecycling.org

Holly Murton, Kiwanis

- Canada Day event at MPP
 - Food trucks
 - Firemen and Kiwanis doing a bbq
 - Expecting 300-500 people

Annette Morgan, Seniors Network

- Seniors week was very successful
- Issue: affordability in housing, members are facing agism
- Funding is tenuous, always!
- Next meeting is July 27

Candace Gordon, Golden Ears FEAST

- Signing up people for the Farmers’ market coupon nutrition program

7. Community Network Updates and Facilitators’ Reports

- Come in September with
 - Your successes
 - Challenges
 - Collaborations
 - Plans for the coming year



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- Community Superhero appearances
 - *Want to borrow the Community Superhero capes and buttons? Call or email Kathryn at 604.818.2591 or info@resourceyourcommunity.com*

8. Correspondence – *no correspondence*

9. Next CN Meeting: September 12 @ 1 – 3 PM Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library. *MARK your calendars!*