



Community Network Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 10, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

ATTENDEES:

Anna Kim – SD 42
Brenna Ayliffe – FH / CN Chair
Carolina Echeverri – FESC
Charlotte Rechkemmer – PCRS
Curtis Pendleton – ACT Arts Centre
Danica Isherwood – Work BC
Don Wells – FRIS
Dorata Michalska – Fraser Health
Dorri Mahdavian – FH
Elaine Yamamoto – CLC
Ginna Berg – FRIS
Gunja Malla – ISS of BC

Heather McBride – WomanCare
Jeannie Harnett – SD 42
Jennifer Riley – FH Public Health
Jenny Earley – Family Ed
Jen Rumley – Min of Social Dev
Kim Abram – ISS of BC
Liza Morris – FVRL
Maria Perretta – RMSS
Michelle Picard – WFC
Naomi Evans – ACT Arts Centre
Nikki Nevison – Family Ed
Sunny Schiller – CN Coordinator

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1. **WELCOME**
Chair Brenna Ayliffe called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and introductions were made.
 2. **TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$34.65**
 3. **AGENDA APPROVAL – September 10, 2019** – The agenda was amended to add Item 5.2 - Family Ed Announcement. The agenda was approved as amended.
 4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – June 11, 2019** – The minutes were adopted.
 5. **NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 **Ridge Meadows Community Blood Drive**
Michelle encouraged organizations to support the Ridge Meadows Community Blood Drive on September 20, specifically for a local child that has been diagnosed with leukemia.
 - 5.2 **Family Ed Announcement**
Jenny shared a Childcare Centre Grant announcement and provided details of a new program that will be administered by Family Ed to provide day care as well as before and after school at three locations in the community. The locations will provide programming in addition to child care. There will be an outreach worker associated with the centres. Jenny provided information on the subsidies that will be offered, as well as the compensation offered to staff. Family Ed is currently seeking the locations for the Centres and staff are very excited to provide this level of support to families in the community.
Jenny also reported that funding has been secured to support five hours per month of Coordinator work for the Community Children’s Table.

6. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES

6.1 CN Working Table Updates

Seniors Network – Heather reported updated Seniors Resource Guides are now available. Heather can drop off guides to organizations. The Seniors Network will be participating at GETIFest – allowing attendees to try out scooters and mobility devices as part of the event. Room with a View is an upcoming film screening that examines stigma faced by the elderly. Room with a View is screening at the ACT on Oct 13.

Community Action Table / STORM – Brenna provided information on the work of the committee. The Us and Them screening and community dinner is coming up on Thursday, September 12.

Note: Curtis entered at 1:32 p.m.

Ridge Meadows Community Children's Table - the Terms of Reference will be updated this fall. A new work plan will need to be developed to reflect the decrease in Coordinators hours.

Community Literacy Committee – Elaine reported that funding for the adult literacy program has been confirmed. Janice will be the facilitator for this program and is currently recruiting volunteers. The ESL Womens group is starting up again this week in the library. Elaine brought some examples of the inventory of young adult books she has on hand as part of the First Books Canada program. A number of books about Canadian women Olympians are available.

HIVE Neighbourhood Centre – Elaine shared that organizers are hosting the 20th Freecycle this fall at the HIVE. This program provides used clothing and shoes for families in the community. Organizers are seeking donations from mid-October to mid-November. The event is on Nov 16.

Local Immigration Partnerships – Carolina shared information on LIPS. The group has secured funding for five years (the amount is still to be negotiated). LIPS is happy to be able to continue providing support to immigrants in the community.

Building Interfaith Bridges – Carolina also provided an update on upcoming dialogue sessions. Planning a Thanksgiving lunch for newcomers to the community – this will be a potluck event and all are welcome to attend.

Teen Resource Network / Youth Planning Table – Charlotte reported this group is starting to gear back up, and recently met. Charlotte also provided information on the Youth Planning Table – a subcommittee has been struck to move the Youth Safe House project forward. Nikki reported the Youth Planning Table Fundraising committee will be meeting soon. The Youth Strategy Implementation Plan will be presented to Council at an upcoming Workshop meeting.

Social Policy Advisory Committee – next meeting coming up on Oct 2.

6.2 Coordinator Update

Sunny provided a brief update on her activities since the beginning of the month. The grant application previously submitted to the Climate Action Fund was not successful. Sunny will follow up with MP Dan Ruimy's office to see if any information is available that may benefit a future application. There is a high amount of interest in Food Security and new ideas to support local action on this issue are needed.

Registration for the Us & Them screening is completely full, with close to 200 spots taken. Representatives from municipal, provincial and federal government and the school board will be participating.

Roundtable of Upcoming Events

ACT Arts Centre – Culture Days are coming up in early October. Eric Langton is hosting an event with arts and crafts, Indigenous games, and the three artists in residence. The ACT Arts Centre, the Library and Haney House will be all be offering free programming for Culture Days.

Fraser River Indigenous Society – reminder about the upcoming GETIFest event on September 21. Information on programs and sessions offered by FRIS was shared. The Mobile Rental Resource sessions are drop in sessions that are open to the whole community, with computers as well as support provided to those seeking rental accommodations. Fraser River Indigenous Society offers many sessions that are open to the whole community, not just those of Indigenous.

Family Education and Support Centre – shared posters for upcoming programming including Brave New You, Anger Management for Men, Keeping the Change. Details on the different programs were shared. Happily Divorced is a new offering which will be facilitated by Nikki.

ISS of BC is offering a new online program for temporary foreign workers that allows individuals to participate from any location.

LIPS and ISS of BC are offering a workshop to help individuals to prepare for a career as child minders on Oct 23.

Group discussion around standing agenda items for CN meetings. Most attendees indicated they preferred to have both a time for verbal updates to the whole group and a networking break. This will be reflected in future CN agendas.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

8. * NETWORKING BREAK *****

9. PRESENTATION: VAPING INFO SESSION – DORRI MAHDAVIANI, FRASER HEALTH

Brenna introduced Dorri Mahdaviani, the Pitt Meadows Community Health Specialist for Fraser Health. After an acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on the traditional territories of the Kwantlen and Katzie First Nations Dorri explained that Fraser Health has been gathering information about vaping for the last couple of years. Fraser Health recognizes that there is a lot of interest in this topic, however Dorri reminded attendees this is an emerging health issue, and evidence will be coming forward over the next few years.

The latest research has identified over 400 separate health concerns that can result from vaping. 2003 was the beginning of the production of e-cigarettes, originally developed to help cigarette users quit smoking. Over the years vaping devices have evolved to be more of a lifestyle item, with different appearances and features. In vaping a liquid is heated and delivers a vapor to the environment. The vapor doesn't contain tobacco. All vapes include a battery and a container to hold the e-juice.

Vaping devices are not regulated and although some brands claim their vaping liquid does not contain nicotine, it's not possible to know for sure. Different products contain various levels of nicotine and other ingredients. Dorri debunked a number of myths around vaping and provided examples of different vaping devices. Currently most vaping devices / supplies are provided by tobacco companies. Dorri reviewed health effects as well as costs and provided information on relevant provincial and federal legislation.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 2:53 p.m.