

Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee Minutes

**January 28, 2016, 1 to 3pm
Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre, Board Room**

Chair: Simone Maassen, ACS

Minutes: Louise Smith, ACYC Coordinator

Attending:

Denise Thandi	Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee/Success by Six
Bev Olfert	Abbotsford Youth Commission
Kimberley Laing	Sumas First Nation – Education and Community Development Coordinator
Irene Wesenberg	MCFD – Youth Justice/Restorative Justice East Fraser
Kim Riddell	ARJAA
Simone Maassen	Child, Youth and Family Services, ACS
Teressa James	FVACFSS
Joyce McElhoes	Cyrus Centre
Maria Cargnelli	New Beginnings, ACS
Sharon Crowley	Literacy Matters
Stacy Wood	VYPER
Sarah Jo	VYPER
Alissa Sponchia	Pivot Point
Crystal Thompson	Pivot Point
Maple Melder Crozier	UFV

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm.

1. November 26, 2015 minutes reviewed and approved - Simone

2. Introduction activity (15 minutes) - Louise

Participants brainstormed names of committees in Fraser Valley related to child and youth services. Committees that were unfamiliar to others were given a brief description.

Early Years

Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee (AECC)
Fraser Region Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Network
Triple P (parenting for 0 to 12 years)
Special Needs Advisory Committee (0 to 18 yrs)
Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team (0-18 yrs)
Success by Six (Regional Table)
Literacy Matters (0 to adult)

Middle Years

Middle Years Table
Special Needs Advisory Committee (0 to 18 yrs)
Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team (0-18 yrs)
Literacy Matters (0 to adult)
SD 34 Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Youth Years

Youth Networkers Table
FV Community Action Team (FVCAT) – preventing sexual exploitation of youth
High Risk Youth (check-ins on specific clients)
Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team (0-18 yrs)
Literacy Matters (0 to adult)
SD 34 Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Youth Addiction Knowledge Exchange

Family-Related Issues

Vibrant Abbotsford
Healthy Abbotsford
Abbotsford Employment Roundtable
FV Human Dignity Coalition

Practice Related

Trauma Informed Practice

3. Updates from ACYC Committees**Abbotsford Early Childhood Ctte – Denise Thandi**

- Meets second Tuesday of each month from 9 to 11am at SNC
- This year focussing on perinatal services and parental mental health
- Early Years Centre at SNC is now fully programmed from Monday to Saturday

Middle Years Committee – Bev Olfert

- Brian Gross recently worked with group to define a mission/vision statement and to determine focus of Committee.
- Committee will be involved in upcoming School District Shared Learning session

Youth Networkers – Bev Olfert

- Jason Scott, APD spoke about teen drug use at January meeting
- Meet 2nd Wed of the month – next meeting Wed, Feb 10th at 845am at the Abbotsford Youth Commission - all welcome
- Feb 24th – Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying campaign

Special Needs Advisory Committee – Maple Melder-Crozier

- March 5th – Bridging the Gap event to be held at Abbotsford Middle School. It is an information fair for families anticipating their school aged, special needs child transitioning to adult services.

Community of Practice Table – Denise Thandi

- Meet 1st Tuesday of month. First meeting of 2016 is Feb 2nd.
- Denise provided 2016 meeting schedule and topics

VYPER – Sarah Jo/Stacey Wood

- Miscellaneous Productions is offering a screening of a documentary on how youth can be transformed by the arts.
 - Miscellaneous Productions requires a venue, support to bring youth to event etc
 - Need event completed by March 31st
 - Sarah Jo is contact – sarah@vyper.ca
- VYPER has been contacted by UFV – Criminal Justice program about working on a youth-led conference. Looking for organizations to partner youth with.
 - Possible date of conference would be during Youth Week in May
 - Suggested that Every Door is the Right Door could be a theme
 - A VYPER grant to pay someone to work with youth for the conference is possible, but an organization has to apply for it.

4. Feedback on Regional CYC Action Plan – Simone/Louise

- The draft Regional CYC Action Plan developed on January 15th was shared.
- Feedback raised concerns of the lack of consultation in developing the plan – concern that the plan felt imposed on local CYCs
 - Simone and Louise explained that the exercise of developing the plan was to bring focus to the work of the Regional CYC and that the activity of bringing the drafted plan to the local CYCs was incorporated to seek feedback
- Feedback requested a regular exchange and update regarding the implementation of the regional plan.
 - Simone and Louise said they would propose that updates from the Regional CYC would be a standing item on the ACYC agenda.

Presentation – Update on Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative – the Abbotsford Local Action Team – Louise Smith

- Louise provided a Powerpoint presentation (attached)

Every Door is the Right Door – working groups started

Community Workshop working group – Sarah, Stacey, Simone, Teresa and Sharon

- Sarah Jo – VYPER – contact at sarah@vyper.ca

New Employee Orientation working group – Denise, Bev, Maria, Kimberley, Irene

- Denise Thandi – Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee – contact at Denise@uwfv.bc.ca

Next ACYC meeting will be held Thursday, March 31st, 1:30-3:30pm, Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre