

Abbotsford Child and Youth Committee Minutes

**November 26, 2015, 1 to 3pm
Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre, Board Room**

Chair: Eric Van Egmond, MCFD

Minutes: Louise Smith, ACYC Coordinator

Attending:

Carrie Yargeau	Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Andrea Senft	School District 34
Denise Thandi	Abbotsford Early Childhood Committee/Success by Six
Bev Olfert	Abbotsford Youth Commission
Pierre Welbedagt	West Abbotsford Community School Society
Kimberley Laing	Sumas First Nation – Education and Community Development Coordinator
Irene Wesenberg	MCFD – Youth Justice/Restorative Justice East Fraser
Brian Gross	IMPACT/YPER
Kim Riddell	ARJAA
Simone Maassen	Child, Youth and Family Services, ACS
Susan Federspiel	City of Abbotsford
Heidi Enns	City of Abbotsford
Cheryl Unger	Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Carrie Yargeau	Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Carla Webb	Empowered by Horses
Terri-Lynn Simpson	FVACFSS
Teressa James	FVACFSS
Chris Hyslop	Youth Unlimited
Lindsey Dyck	Youth Unlimited
Joyce McElhoses	Cyrus Centre

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm.

1. Introduction - Eric

Two changes in meeting format – time guidelines on agenda segments and an introduction activity that links to the intention of Every Door is the Right Door:

2. Introduction activity (15 minutes)

- Participants broke into groups of 3 or 4 and shared:
 - name and the name of the organization represented at CYC
 - main reason people use organization's service
 - something that isn't well known that the organization or, how long someone typically needs or uses your service
- Participants switched groups and repeated sharing.

3. Updates from ACYC Committees

Abbotsford Early Childhood Ctte – Denise Thandi

- Early Years Centre at SNC is going well; brochure outlining Centre's services is now available.

- Next meeting Tuesday, Dec 8th – 9 to 11am at SNC

Middle Years Committee –Pierre Welbedagt

- Spring Fair scheduled for Abbotsford Middle School
- Will be supporting the Shared Learning event on Feb 18th for parents
- Working on increasing engagement with South Asian community
- Wanting to increase the capacities of staff in programming and facilitation roles to incorporate social-emotional learning – training being planned
- Next meeting Wednesday, Dec 9th – 9 to 11am

Youth Networkers – Bev Olfert

- There wasn't a meeting in November, but October meeting focussed on youth housing needs
- Next meeting Wednesday, Dec 9th – 9 to 11am; January meeting will be on drug awareness with presentation by APD.

Special Needs Advisory Committee

- No one available to report

Community of Practice Table – Denise Thandi

- Continue to have well-attended meetings.
- Next meeting Tuesday, Dec 1st. No meeting January. Next meeting is Feb. 2nd.

Presentation – Duty to Report - Eric Van Egmond, MCFD and Terri-Lynn Simpson, FVACFSS

- Presentation reviewed service provider and community member responsibilities to report suspected or witnessed child abuse – which includes physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Abuse also includes parental neglect.
- Better to report a concern versus not reporting. MCFD will investigate all reports and determine whether there is a need for child protection.
- Outline of PP presentation and a resource document was provided – Louise has additional copies.

Presentation – Every Door is the Right Door for Abbotsford – Louise Smith

- Louise reviewed the overview document sent out in advance of meeting that outlines the history of Every Door is the Right Door and the activities being used by Chilliwack for the past 3 years.
- Each activity was reviewed in an Abbotsford context and CYC members invited to join a task group. By the end of the meeting, Carrie Yargeau and Cheryl Unger had offered to contribute to *Agencies Update New Employees on Other Community Agencies*, Kimberley Laing offered to assist with *ERDR workshop for Community Portals* and Brian Gross offered to assist with *Link our Website*.
- Louise said she'd follow up with these people, and put out a further call out for assistance.

Next ACYC meeting will be held Thursday, January 28th, 1-3pm, Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre