



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE ACHN COMMITTEE HELD ON Thursday September 26, 2013

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

PRESENT: Penny Cote, Chairperson, ACRD
Cindy Solda, Vice Chairperson, ACRD
Tanis Dagert, ACHN Coordinator
Adriane Schroeder, Island Health
Marcie DeWitt, Coastal Family Resource Coalition
Devon MacFarlane, Island Health
Cindy Lise, Cowichan Communities Health Network
Esther Pace, Island Health
Peter Klaver, SD70
Helene Dufour, Island Health
Patty Edwards, MLA Scott Fraser's Constituency Office
Lenore Benedict, AV Hospice Society
Josie Osborne, Mayor of Tofino
Adrienne Mason, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
Sandra Gentelman, Island Health
Kathryn Marsilio, Island Health
Wes Hewitt, PA Shelter
Russell Dyson, ACRD
Wendy Thompson, ACRD
Shelli Lyle, ACRD Admin Assistant

1. Call To Order

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
Introductions were conducted around the table.

2. Member Updates

H. Dufour reported the family farm day was a great success.
Dr. Hasselback reported VIHA is now called Island Health. With the new chief executive officer there will be minor shifts in direction with a much greater emphasis being placed on moving into the community and working with community partners. The national household survey which is completed every 5 years is being released.

3. Coordinator Update

- i. The e-news was distributed to members and posted on the Website.
- ii. The Art of Hosting - Capacity Building Workshop was held July 24-26. The ACHN teamed up with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation - Community Relations Branch and the Office for Community Partnerships in Health at

Vancouver Island University. A total of 22 participants from diverse organizations such as VIHA, School District #70, Pacific Rim Hospice, Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, early years tables, local First Nations, AV Community Stakeholders Initiative to End Homelessness, Service Canada, youth initiatives, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, VI Crisis Line and the ACRD participated in the workshop.

- iii. Huu-ay-aht / Bamfield Community Accord. The ACHN Coordinators met with Huu-ay-aht Council and ACRD Director Eric Geall in July. Next steps are to review the document, fine tune it and then take it to the community and key stakeholders to review, revise and hopefully sign at a Community Forum next Spring.
- iv. The ACHN obtained a BC Healthy Communities grant to host a forum in the region to enhance local government skills, abilities and knowledge related to leadership for action towards building healthier communities. Forum to be held next spring.
- v. ACHN sponsored forums / commitments/ approaches were discussed.

4. ACHN Refresher

T. Dagert reviewed the mission statement and the purpose of the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network. The Administrative Committee will meet to discuss governance, reporting structure, etc. with the goal of making recommendations to the larger Planning Committee, through the formation of a 'working group'.

5. Health Network Priorities

a. Transportation

A baseline study of current transportation realities throughout the ACRD will be conducted with the help of the Chair of VIU's BC regional Innovation in Tourism & Sustainable Rural Development at the Department of Recreation and Tourism. Representatives from the ACRD met with the Honourable Todd Stone, BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure at the UBCM convention to bring his attention to the issues. A comprehensive study of current realities and possibilities for partnerships, improvements and solutions is being undertaken for all of Vancouver Island.

b. Early Years

M. DeWitt reviewed the June CFRC meeting. Meeting with the coalition to formalize, and drive forward the work with regards to Transportation, housing, birth and food security over the next year. Increasing parenting skills, successful 6, ways to help bring more resources, ongoing services integration, youth working group, working with the NTC staff.

J. Rushton sent an update via email, attended the West Coast Coalitions planning sessions; attended a series of workshops (Helping Children and Families thrive) hosted by H.E.L.P. participating in three workshops 1) Better Beginnings, Brighter Futures, 2) Effectively Engaging First Nation Communities, 3) Building Leadership from the Ground Up; attending the HELP Fall Research Exposition: The Differences that Make a Difference for Children; planning our Community forum which will include Guest speaker, Paul Kershaw and a large PALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters) event that engages families,

families will be given free activity coupons to swimming, skating, bowling etc.; working with the MDI (Middle years Developmental Indicators) results to plan for a middle years table that would focus on supporting children aged 6-12 and their families and introducing the Dalai Lama centre for Peace and Educations Heart and Mind Index. The index measures our community's children's social and emotional health and is modeled after the EDI and MDI.

c. Affordable Housing

P. Edwards reviewed the AVSTEH spreadsheet. The next meeting is October 18 at the ACRD Board Room @ 9:00 am. The top priority of the committee currently is the replacement of the shelter. Funding is always an issue. Currently there is no national housing strategy in the country. The maximum shelter rate for single people on social assistance is \$375/month including hydro and Port Alberni has seen losses in low-income housing due to fires etc.

W. Hewitt explained the way the federal and provincial funding models the only projects that will be funded are ones that would carry a mortgage or are self sufficient.

M. DeWitt explained that the west coast is building a case for affordable housing in the area.

J. Osborne reported Tofino is forming an Economic Development Committee this fall and homelessness will be one of the issues they take on.

C. Solda reported that the City of Port Alberni is changing their bylaws regarding secondary suites as well as standards & maintenance bylaws for empty buildings. As well, official community planning processes are underway in the region.

d. Health Literacy & Comprehensive School Health

Peter Klaver and Helene Dufour reported that a 'comprehensive school health' committee was formed last spring that includes members from Island Health, Ministries etc. and that they have established 3 priority areas for action: healthy relationships, anxiety & healthy food. Helene said that an article in the Alberni Times focused on the 'Raising the Reader' campaign reported that 40% of adults in Port Alberni are functionally illiterate. There is a conference coming up in November 21/22nd in Richmond BC: Decoda's first provincial literacy conference will bring together literacy outreach coordinators, literacy practitioners and others working in and interested in the field of literacy.

<http://decoda.ca/adults/literacy-conference/>

6. Financial Report

Review of the ACHN Budget spending to date.

7. Other Business

ACHN Administrative Committee will meet October 2 to review and discuss the Protocol Agreement, Terms of Reference regarding governance and reporting structure.

A. Schroeder reported the Island Health senior executives are launching the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan and will be attending the networks November meetings.

C. Lise from the Cowichan Communities Health Network invited members of the health network to attend a day session that is health network lead. Agenda will be simple who are we, what are our successes, what are we struggling with.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Next Meeting is Thursday November 21, 2013- 9:00 am to Noon.