

Coastal Family Resource Coalition

MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

Coastal Family Place, Tofino, BC

PRESENT:

Marcie DeWitt, Community Developer, CFRC; **Sheila White**, Aboriginal Recruitment, VIHA; **Nora Martin**, Health Director, TFN; **Simon Tom**, Councilor, TFN; **Kathryn Kilpatrick**, Rural Health and Hospital Manager, VIHA; **Trevor Wickham**, Health Manager, YFN; **Margaret Morrison**, ED WCRS; **Alisha Trees**, Public Health Nurse, VIHA; **Kyla Emery**, Recreation Assistant, District of Tofino; **Sally Mole**, Councilor, District of Ucluelet; **Chantel Gemmel**, Tofino Air; **Melody Charlie**, Wellness Worker, NTC; **David Peterson**, Manager, Ministry of Social Development; **Dr. Paul Hasselback**, Medical health Officer, VIHA; **Joanna Oda**, Intern VIHA; **Penny Cote**, Chairperson ACRD; **Cindy Solda**, Vice Chairperson, ACRD; **Tanis Dagert**, ACHN Coordinator; **Adriane Schroeder**, Integrated Health Community Developer, VIHA; **Russell Dyson**, ACRD; **Shelli Lyle**, ACRD Admin Assistant; **Dave Christe**, Diversified Transportation; **Gail Hayes**, Early Years Educator, TFN; **Carol Martin**, Early Years Program Manager, TFN; **Helene Dufour**, Community Nutritionist, VIHA

Opening

Marcie opened the meeting by acknowledging it was held on traditional Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations territory. Simon Tom from Tla-o-qui-aht offered a welcome.

Introductions

Marcie explained the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network was joining the Coastal Family Resource Coalition Meeting and would be discussing transportation at the end of the agenda.

Updates and Upcoming Workshops

Melody Charlie - Health Fair in Ahousaht June 17th and 18th

Marcie DeWitt reported a Capacity Building workshop –grant writing and RLife Resiliency Tool Kit Workshops- will be held June 25 for youth workers

Tanis Dagert reported the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network will be holding an Art of Hosting Capacity Building Workshop July 25-27 at Vancouver Island University and received a grant from the BC Healthy Communities Society to deliver a community forum to enhance local government skills and abilities related to building a healthier community.

Margaret Morrison - as of June 21st the Resource Society is now renting a 500 square foot space in Tofino on Campbell Street, this space can be used for client meetings, counseling, outreach etc.

Nora Martin reported a workshop will be offered to the community on June 14, topics will include violence and bullying.

Marcie DeWitt reported that the Community Development Coalition will have the tech and balance messages running on the our town tv programming from June to September

Helene Dufour reported on her participation in the SD#70's Comprehensive School Health model which is part of a provincial initiative for the health and wellbeing of families.

Dr. Hasselback reported VIHA will be looking for a couple Nuuchahnulth schools to participate in this program.

Shelia White reported they will be delivering workshops on resume building, focusing on careers in health care. The workshop will be offered in Didadat with a target audience of high school children in the morning and an adult workshop in the afternoon.

Review Past Meetings and Minutes

Any revisions can be brought to Marcie's attention via email

Hesquiaht First Nation Priorities

The isolation pay is being cut which will affect our transportation needs, food distribution and social services. With these cuts different ideas were brought forward, training and education for members, social enterprise, community gardens, teaching young men to go fishing and hunting. Transportation is an issue as there is currently no boat available, the boat needs repair. Tofino air currently runs supplies in but costs are high.

Trevor Wickham will email the link to the federal government website to get information on what the isolation dollar amounts were and will be. He explained that basically its affecting the non treaty nations, ANSI has decided that policy is null and void, hence the cuts to the isolation. N. Martin stated there has been an increase in suicide attempts due to the cutbacks and can see there being a backlash of violence, staff members were not prepared so we decided we needed to do something for our community to get prepared

Literacy Update

M. DeWitt reported on behalf of Marika. The Literacy Outreach contract is complete for the summer. Marika will hold over some hours until September to follow up with ongoing projects and load collected resources to the website. Marika provided a summary of her activities over the year.

Supported Ivy Martin in developing four funding proposals and creating community partnerships for the Nuuchahnulth Language App.

Worked with Gisele Martin to develop a community radio project that will involve several Nuuchahnulth dialects

Supported 6 car loads of people to attend the Language Conference in Port Alberni

Participated in

The Coming Together Forum
Here We Come - Ahousaht and Wick Elem

2 UES family fun evenings supported through literacy funds

Met with the Ucluelet Language group -
Met with the Toquaht Language group - collected Henry Kemmlar materials
Met with Hesquiaht Dictionary Coordinator

Various language resources collected through meetings that will be added to the website over the summer

In September I will meet with Gisele to gather all the audio clips from her radio projects and package them for the website.

Community Developer

Marcie spoke to CFRC Community Developer activities.

- Finalize Tech In Balance messages for distribution and display with R-Town Cable, will be featured from June to September
- Finalized and distributing web cards
- Trips to Ahousaht and Hot Springs for planning, connections and information exchange
- Comprehensive School Health meetings – just the start, stay tuned for updates
- Success By Six Central and North Island meeting – big changes for next year, updates to follow
- Participated in some great community events with TFN, AFN, West Coast Doulas and also attended the VIHA Board dinner

Brought attention to group around the completed DRAFT Coming Together Forum report – feedback can be sent on to Marcie to finalize the document and begin preparing the Evaluations Framework.

Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network

T. Dagert gave a brief overview of activities, highlights and accomplishments for the first year of her contract. A Strategic Planning session was held and 5 priorities were developed; Network Development; Healthy Children and Youth (0-18); Affordable & Accessible Regional Transportation; Affordable Housing; Improve Health Literacy. We sponsored the Coastal Family Resource Coalition Forum held in April, we will be hosting an Art of Hosting Capacity Building Workshop in July, a workshop sponsored by BC Healthy Communities Society for local government to skills and abilities related to building a healthier community, a Health Literacy Food Security Forum and Parenting in the Alberni Valley Forum. Currently working on an Accord with Bamfield and the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and continue the focus on Transportation.

Transportation

R. Dyson explained there are complexities, challenges and opportunities within the region, transportation is a limiting factor in terms of health and safety, especially for rural remote residents. These concerns relate to the inability of many residents to get to health and community services in a safe and affordable manner. This hinders their ability to fully participate in economic and social opportunities (e.g. job and recreation opportunities). The Pacific Western Transportation study will look at the broad range of transportation options different communities across the province, reliance on boat, plane, buses the whole gamete and a variety of funding sources.

D. Christie gave an overview of what Pacific Western Transport offers. They have partnerships with ground transportation, via rail, airlines etc. the purpose of this study is to look at all opportunities find potential strategies, identify funding providers, etc.

A. Schroeder explained we need to be innovative and find partnerships in urban setting transportation is taken for granted, in rural areas we need to close or fill the gap and find solutions we have different transportation providers. Log practical issues

The group then discussed the Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Supported health care - lack of services, transport to providers, hospital daily basis
- No shelter for boat/air transport
- \$40 return to Ahousaht, \$20 return to Opitsaht \$10 for residents
- Hitchhiking poses a safety risk
- Taxi return is \$80 from Ucluelet to Ittatsoo
- Bureaucracy around taxi, bus, water transport
- Transparency around licensing
- School District transport cuts
- Youth programs – access
- Bus with workers from Port Alberni to Fish Plant

Opportunities

- Tofino Airport can research potential ways of streamlining, look at scheduling so it is cost effective for all parties. 2 planes one has capacity for 6 passengers and the other has capacity for 3 passengers. 4 scheduled flights a day in the summer and 3 in the winter, \$280 to charter a plane, frequent flyer cards are purchased can offer a 10% discount. Need to coordinate passengers to ensure the plane is flying at capacity, look at grocery runs on the opposite side of flights, a booking website. Look at lining up with the bus system.
- ACRD can consider offering a reduced cost if Tofino Air can offer cheaper flights - Mark, Chantel and Russell to discuss
- Ride share provides opportunities to travel back and forth between the communities, use facebook page to find out who is going when and where to meet
- Volunteer Drivers Program
- Licensing that works for the region
- Active transportation safety – educate, lights, clothes, helmets
- Multi-use paths linking communities
- 75% of NTC health budget goes to transportation costs, coordinate the five Nations
- Bring the service providers to the communities
- More integration of Telehealth
- Shuttle between Ucluelet and Tofino
- Ittatsoo to Ucluelet water taxi eliminate school bus, partner w School District, licensed providers
- Partner with businesses
- Covered waiting areas at docks
- Chamber of commerce
- Approach the government regarding licensing for the region,

Next Meeting: September 4th, 2013, TBA