

**Mount Waddington Health Network
Steering Committee Meeting
Nov 26th, 2014
Regional District Office
Port McNeill
9:00 to 12:00
Teleconference: 1 877-577-7710 ID 9496234#**

M I N U T E S

Welcome & Introductions:

Alyson Hagen Johnson (co-Chair)
Heidi Soltau
Gail Neely
Helen Gurney
Sandra Waarne
Angelika Starr (for A. Mitchell)
Barb Park (coordinator)

Val Eyford
Sara Williams
John Tidbury
Lucille Brotchie
Vicki Janse
Jeff Beselt
Kayla Serrato
Tracy Hamilton (recorder)

Regrets:
Althea Vermaas
Wendy White
Shirley Ackland

Agenda Approved by – Helen Gurney CARRIED

Minutes of October 30, 2014 Approved with corrections: Val Eford CARRIED

Corrections: Remove John Tidbury from attendance at last meeting

Guest Speakers/Presentation: Jeff Beselt and Kayla Serrato – First Nations Health Authority Kwakwaka'wakw Primary Maternal Child and Family Health Collaborative Team Overview And Input Gathering

Power point presentation to be attached to minutes

- Outlines collaborative work between Island Health and First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)
- Joint Project Board created with the aim of advancing strategic priorities, overcoming policy barriers, supporting priorities and initiatives of the regions
- Supporting integration of services and initiatives of the province and FNHA
- Proposal is focused on service improvement in Northern Vancouver Island, specifically the Mt Waddington Region
- The discussion focused on high risk transfers of pregnant women to hospitals down island plans for improved delivery rooms in the new Campbell River hospital.
- Any questions or input can be sent to Kayla Serrato

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Budget – referred to Executive
2. Forum – Feedback was positive
There were some concerns regarding mobility issues and people being able to get their lunch to the tables. It was suggested that at the next forum some volunteers be recruited to assist with this.
The presenters did a great job
Telehealth will send the results notes from the World Cafés to Barb and she will post them to the website.
There were some questions about the inclusion of youth issues in the forum. People were not clear that there is another forum in the spring to address children and youth. Clarifying the intent and scope of the forums at the beginning of the presentations was suggested.
Barb will include pictures of the forum in the newsletter.
3. Aboriginal Co-Chair Search – This has been a useful process for identifying potential candidates. Four people have been identified: Lucille Brotchie, Janet Hanuse, Arlene Clair and Diane Bell. Dec 15th is the deadline for nominations. Kingcome and other smaller bands should be contacted. The Regional District Office will have contact names for those bands.
4. Coordinators Search – Barb and Alyson will review the exit interview for Barb.
An ad will be posted in the local newspaper, NIEFS, VIHA
Alyson will write the ad for the newspaper. Barb's contract is up at the end of December and she is available to help with the transition.
5. Maladjusted Theatre Invoice – A provincial touring group that provides education around mental health and addictions issues.
The invoice is to be approved by this committee. There is a \$2000.00 budget line for the addictions committee. It is accounted for in the budget already.
The event will take place in February 2015. Volunteers are needed to help with unloading and loading the truck, a media liaison and a scribe for the event. John Tidbury will be the technical director for the event. Barb will approach Michael Winter at the Salvation Army for volunteers for unloading/loading the truck. Barb has approached Tracy Hamilton to act as a scribe for the event.
Heide Soltau / Val Eyford approved /CARRIED

New Business

1. Small Grant Approval – Youth Wellness Drop-in Group. Proposal submitted by the Children and Youth Sub-committee outlined a once per week group drop-in for youth ages 13-19 in the Port Hardy area. Purpose of the group is to provide healthy activities for high risk youth and an opportunity for relationship building with community professionals who work with this target group. The Executive met and reviewed the proposal for \$3790 and pre-approved the \$650.00 for the board games. The committee suggested the group approach the Lions Club and the Rotary for additional funds to support the program as well as grocery stores and the Credit Union. Tracy abstained from the vote as she wrote the proposal.

Angelica Starr / Helen Gurney approved \$650.00 of the proposal submitted / CARRIED

2. There was a second proposal submitted by Jamuga Cook. The Executive has reviewed this proposal and has some questions regarding scope and audience that they would like for Jamuga to clarify before approving.

Committee Reports:

1. Island Health
2. Coordinator's Report
3. Seniors/Elders Better Living Advisory Committee
4. Addictions Services Planning
5. Children & Youth
6. Executive
7. Housing & Homelessness

1 Island Health - Angelika Starr

There will be no *planned* closures of the emergency rooms over the holidays.

Cormorant Island Hospital is now fully staffed. Port McNeill nursing staff has one vacancy and Port Hardy has none.

There is a new physiotherapist candidate for Port Hardy or Port McNeill. This person is a recent graduate.

There are a few locums happening for Ultrasounds and Mt Waddington continues to recruit for this position.

There are 6 new positions coming to the North Island in January for the Intensive Case Management Team. This team will serve people with severe addictions and mental health.

There is a plan being developed for 5 new community detox beds which is up from 1 bed originally planned for. There is an additional 5 million dollars earmarked for planning for the North Island over the next 5 years. This is not operational money.

The high intensity case management team will identify high users of the emergency rooms who will then be approached to see if they want to be a part of a project that will streamline delivery of services. The ICMT will assist with those who also have substance use issues who are frequent users of the ER.

Dec 1st is the soft launch of the Inquires Helpline for Health Services in Mt Waddington. This service will provide phone and texting options for those attempting to navigate the health service tree.

Barb suggested putting an ad in the newspaper regarding appropriate use of emergency services.

2 Coordinator's Report – Barb Park

Barb has been advised by Shawn that things are going well at the Cold Weather Shelter.

John Tidbury suggested that the role of the Health Network coordinator be reviewed to consider including attending the hospital board meetings. He advised that the Health Network used to review minor and major projects on the Capital Planning list and the committee no longer gets this list. Jeff Beselt will follow up on this.

It is prime time to do some strategic planning around the coordinator's position with Barb leaving the role and someone new coming in.

He suggests reviewing the mandate of the Health Network and collaborative partnerships.

3 Seniors/ Elders Better Living Advisory – Gail Neely

Alyson has been approached by some seniors to have a group of youth come in and train them on some of the new technology, (iPad, etc.). This has been done in the past and has been successful.

4 Addictions Recovery Planning Services – Shirley Ackland

There was an Addictions Planning Meeting on Friday and the topic of housing was discussed. The Regional District needs to be involved in these discussions. Seed money for housing comes from the CMHC. Sointula is looking at increasing supportive housing and is wondering if other communities are interested in supporting them in this.

5 Children & Youth Committee – Kelly Amodeo

Kelly sends her regrets. Alyson has questions regarding the Local Action Teams and the coordinator position. The posting should be out soon and will be .2 of an FTE (Update* posting is out and is a .5 of an FTE).

6 Executive Committee – Alyson Hagen-Johnson

Discussed the small grant proposal by the Kwaqitl band – questions to be submitted to Jamuga Cook re audience and target group.
Have been finalizing job description for coordinator position.

7 Housing & Homelessness – Althea Vermaas sent her regrets – no report

Motion to Accept All Reports (1 –7) – G. Neely/ Helen Gurney CARRIED

Correspondence

Barb circulated the correspondence folder

Service Canada Rep wants to come to North Island in Feb/March to provide information regarding services offered.

The next HN Steering committee meeting is scheduled for **9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 p.m. H. Soltau / G. Neely CARRIED

7 Hamilton

(Recorder)

(HN Chair)