

## SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WILLIAMS LAKE & AREA COMMUNITY MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA - DRAFT

**Date:** January 25, 2021      **Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm      **Location:** [Zoom](#)

**Chair:** Larry Stranberg      **Minutes:** Bree Odd

**Present:** Anne Burrill, Karen Irvine, Larry Stranberg, Carla Bullinger, Marnie Brenner, Dylan McGuire, Eileen Alberton, Reta Langlands Sulpher, Deana Conde Garza, Shannon Thom, Barb Jones, Sheila Boehm, Rossana McGregor, Laurie Walters, Craig Glover, Nancy Colton, Pratyush Dhawan, Jodie Boyle, Janice Breck, Christa Smith, Walt Cobb

**Regrets:** Jessica Dunn

**Review & Approve Agenda for:** January 25, 2021

**Motion 1:** Carla Bullinger

**Motion 2:** Rossana McGregor

**Review & Approve Minutes for:** October 26, 2020 and November 23, 2020

**October 26, 2020**

**Motion 1:** Karen Irvine

**Motion 2:** Shannon Thom

**November 23, 2020**

**Motion 1:** Carla Bullinger

**Motion 2:** Shannon Thom

**Guest Speaker(s):**

**Carla Bullinger - Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy (CCPL)**

- 45 % of British Columbians aged 16-65 may have difficulty with literacy, 52% difficulty with financial literacy and 20% report no computer experience.
- 12% of children under 15 have below grade level literacy skills. 27% kids start grade 1 with out early development skills, 25% of children can't reach at grade level by grade 3
- Verbal skills in children by age 5 associated with better mental health, social, cognitive and self regulation, family literacy happens naturally during daily routines – important to stretch moments to engage with children to develop literacy skills – story walks, street signs, murals, etc.
- Contact Bree [socialplanninginfo@gmail.com](mailto:socialplanninginfo@gmail.com) for a copy of the PPT

## **Judy Ventry - Community Integration Specialist, Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (MSDPR)**

- Integration Specialists support partner agencies who assist clients, often in high need, to find needed resources and community supports
- Supports clients, who may be living with a physical/cognitive disability, mental illness, and/or substance use disorders, who are homeless or don't have access to necessary technology for PWD/IA or other online applications
- Assists clients in developing skills to work themselves back into a positive lifestyle; success story shared
- Provides application training for agency staff who also assist clients with various support applications and escalate intakes for emergency situations through the Ministry of Health. Trying to make the ministry more accessible for everyone
- Her office is mobile, providing services at WorkBC offices in Williams Lake & 100 Mile House, at the Salvation Army, and at the Situation Table – for more info contact [judy.ventry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:judy.ventry@gov.bc.ca) or call 250-302-3508 or 250-392-0935

### **Questions and Answers:**

**Carla** - Can you provide training to staff at CCPL?

**Judy:** Absolutely

**Lightning Round Organizational Updates:** Remember you only have 2 minutes :)

**Anne Burrill – Social Planning Council & Thrive Project Lead:** Provided a brief overview of the Thrive Poverty Reduction Strategy. Email Bree or Anne for a copy of report or download from [website](#)

- It will take whole community collaboration, coordination and leveraging of resources to support existing and new actions in the strategy,
- Important for community partners to endorse the strategy
- Anne will send an email to connect with organizations and provide strategy presentations to board members and partners and will give a full presentation next month

**Walt Cobb – City of Williams Lake:** Everything is focused on COVID right now; however, the year is going relatively smoothly. Cold weather is impacting the community, especially the homeless population, this is being worked on.

**Sheila Boehm – City of Williams Lake:** COVID focus, differences in COVID data reports between City and First Nations are due to Federal land policies. The City is working hard to increase COVID data, meeting every two weeks to discuss what's happening in the community, how it's impacting the hospital, etc.

**Shannon Thom – Horton Ventures (d.ba. WorkBC Centre Williams Lake):** Thank you Judy. Still open for job search activities, by appointment or walk-in. Employers can still post job openings, WorkBC can provide internal surveys to match employers to potential job searchers

**Rosanna McGregor – Cariboo Friendship Society (CFS):** Scrambling to stay on top of things with COVID impacting Day Care – Little Moccasins and Pregnancy Outreach. Looking at how tech use during COVID is impacting us, especially those with no access to online telehealth and application processes. Continuing to be connected to opioid crisis response, still overblown. Connect with CFS for 310 posters to share out widely. Busy helping people cope with grief and loss, 3 losses within close network of families, gathering at the harbour for Wycott family – really aware of importance of supporting people where they are

**Reta Langlands Sulphur – Thompson Rivers University (TRU):** New continuing role as Manager of Student Services. Providing support to students during online/in-person classes, a struggle for many in our area. Planning 2021 courses for online training. The library is still open for all students, regardless of school attending call 250-392-8000 for times. Enrollment is up, the Health Care Assistant program is full, trades and other programs doing well

**Pratyush Dhawan – Red Cross:** Still providing community grants post large disasters, continuing wildfire partnerships support

**Jodie Boyle – Red Cross:** Safety & Wellbeing Manager, continued work on post wildfire projects, 48 partnerships still active. Communities continue to be in response mode especially with the impacts from COVID-19. Interested in the mental health and wellness component of the Thrive Poverty Reduction Strategy

**Laurie Walters – Cariboo Memorial Hospital/Division of Family Practice:** Project Manager of Facility Engagement and new to SPC Board Director. Hospital has a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Health. It's important for staff to be healthy, it's drilling down to deeply rooted values with processes. Working to ensure physicians and nurses "play nice in the sandbox." Hospital has not recovered from the wildfires, now COVID. She also works with Community Futures helping ensure businesses are on the right path with succession planning, providing mentorship, coaching and help through these processes.

**Karen – Cariboo Chilcotin Child Development Centre (CCDC):** CCCDC provides assessments, education and assistance to children and their families who require extra support in areas of physical, socio-emotional, communication and cognitive development. We work with children ages 0-24 years and their families with professional supports including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, infant development, supported child development, preschool, prenatal classes, breastfeeding support, youth support and family/parenting programs, youth navigation, forensics, and intensive supervision and support. Provide Family Counselling and continue to work with clients through the COVID-19 w/restrictions, either online or in person when necessary.

We are excited to share our new logo and website [ccchild.org](http://ccchild.org) ! If you have clients that need support, or have any developmental questions, please have them check out our website or give us a call at (250)-394-4481 so we can get them the support and answers they need.

**Eileen Alberton – Women’s Contact Society (WSC):** Community Liaison, hard to work through COVID with lots of changes in staffing positions. Eva Navrot will be working on the Regional Rent Bank. Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) providing online/outside meetings with kids. A First Aid course for childcare workers is coming up and best gift to give yourself on Valentin’s Day a special presentation at the SD 27. Next Lunch & Learn, Wednesday, Feb 27 Karen Robbins and David Johnson of Esk’etemc will present on Healing Circles, Restorative Justice and More.

**Dylan McGuire – Boys and Girls Club (BGC):** New outreach worker, here to network and learn about the community. Lots of work dealing with COVID difficulties

**Deana Conde Garza – Boys and Girls Club (BGC):** BGC open for essential services and Pro-D days from 9am-4pm. Registration is required for Canada Learning Bond and ProD day Basic Needs Brighter Future programs offered. Youth can pick up supplies (toiletries, clothing, harm reduction supplies, etc.). Staff working from home/office, donations still accepted, and continued support for student practicum/credits.

**Craig Glover – Williams Lake & District Credit Union (WL&DCU):** Lots of great info being provided here and getting to know people. Represents the WL&DCU, still open with adjusted hours, provide Each One, Teach One Financial workshops. Contacted by CCPL to provide workshop and may be able to provide

**Barb Jones – Communities That Care (CTC), AXIS, Restorative Justice:** CTC Project Lead Long term care worker and certified family mediator, registering with Mediate BC. 3<sup>rd</sup> Preventative Needs Assessment for grades 7-12 students completed, awaiting results for analysis and report. Successful \$5000 City Grant and Aid from City for survey and Red Cross funding for youth engagement initiative, presenting students with data & strategies to take back to peers.

**Reverend Nancy Colton – St. Andrews United Church:** New to the church & community. Wanting to create connections, learn about community resources and supports on a personal and church community level.

**Carla Bullinger – Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy (CCPL): Story Walks –** We have a Story Walk set up in the windows of the Cariboo Regional District Library in Williams Lake. You’ll find a new story posted there every two weeks. Brown Bag of Books (previously Bright Red Bookshelf) – CCPL will put together a selection of 5 books for families to pick up and take home to keep for children aged 0-12 years). Call 250-392-7833 or email Suzanne [suzanne@caribooliteracy.com](mailto:suzanne@caribooliteracy.com) Let her know your child’s age and interests, and she will pull together a Brown Bag of Books for you.

**Bree Odd – Social Planning Council & BC Schizophrenia Society (BCSS):** Currently working on website, updates, Facebook page, appreciates your patience in getting things out in a timely fashion, lots to learn. Project Lead on the Regional Rent Bank in partnership with the Women’s Contact Society, still looking for funding and referral partners. Hoping to be up and operating by April 1. With BCSS hat provides support for families/friends of those living with serious mental illness (not limited to Schizophrenia), Family Support Groups and Zoom &

Learn sessions (replacing Strengthening Families Together during COVID). Contact [cariboo@bcss.org](mailto:cariboo@bcss.org) for more info.

**Question:**

**Sheila:** Laurie, do you have info on patients/homeless population for those self isolating at the hospital?

**Laurie:** Provided Eric update and still working to have BC Housing pay for upper level of Hamilton Hotel. All hotels and long house at capacity now.

**Larry Stranberg – Community Futures:** Open regular business hours, very busy, prefer people make appointments.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:55 pm Sheila Boehm, Carla Bullinger