

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** May 27, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm    **Location:** [Zoom](#)

**Chair:** Carla Bullinger

**Minutes:** Liane Nunn

**Present:** Shannon Thom, Eva Navrot, Chris Vandermark, Carla Bullinger, Michael Moses, Derek Godin, Jean Oke, Hannah Diether, Marnie Brenner, Larry Stranberg, Silvia Seibert-Dubray, Stacey Miranda, Brianna van de Wijngaard

### Land Acknowledgement

The Social Planning Council of Williams Lake and Area would like to acknowledge this meeting is taking place on the traditional unceded territory of the Secwepemc Nation and the T'exelcemc people.

### Review & Approve Agenda for May 27, 2024

**Motion** Larry Stranberg                      **Seconded by** Shannon Thom      **Carried**

### Review & Approve Minutes for April 22, 2024

**Motion** Shannon Thom                      **Seconded by** Silvia Seibert-Dubray      **Carried**

**Member Introductions:** Share your name and the organization you represent.

**Guest Speaker(s):** Silvia Dubray, Situation Table Cariboo Chilcotin Acute Response Table (CCART) Functions

- CCART Table – harvests the expertise of existing local service providers to implement collaborative multi-sector intervention plans.
- 1 of 19 tables in our province. It was the third table, and one of the longest running.
- Partner agencies bring situations to the table and work together to address the needs of the individual. Acknowledging that complex social issues cannot be resolved by one agency/organization alone.
- CCART works on a four-filter approach.
  - o First – an agency brings an individual who they feels is an acute risk to the table and presents only the risk factors (alcohol abuse, criminal involvement, potential suicide). No names are used.
  - o Second - The table decides if that individual is an acute risk (harm to self or others within a 48-hour period/significant interest at stake).
  - o Third – if voted yes, the agency will present age, name and gender so that other agencies can take a look at what they have on their records and if they can provide support.

- Four – agencies that can support the individual will form a team and will meet in breakout groups to set out a plan for the individual.
- Questions
  - Shannon Thom – what does consent look like for the person in the situation?
  - Silvia – the individual does not need to consent. In relation to the fourth rule approved by the Privacy Act, when involving harm to self/others, the individual does not have to consent to have their name brought forward.
- Benefits include individuals in need are quickly connected to resources, vulnerable individuals gain access to resources, increased interagency communication and collaboration.
- Challenges include information sharing, must have ‘buy in’ from all agencies as they provide the time and pay the individuals to be around the table, participation in treatment is voluntary, resources and funding affect level of partner agency participation.
- Four main risk factors in Williams Lake:
  - Drug abuse and alcohol misuse.
  - Housing
  - Mental health concerns
  - Criminal involvement

## Questions

- Marnie Brenner – Is this a line item in the budget for the City? If it’s not, is there a way this group could advocate for this to be in the budget?
  - The position has been solely funding on grants from the beginning. CCART is in a position where grant money is running out.
- Larry Stranberg – Is there an average age demographic for those getting help?
  - 57% is ages 34- 41.
  - Have seen clients a young as nine, and as old as 81.

## Lightning Round

### Eva Navrot, BC CRN

- Really busy at the Seniors Activity Center – over 600 members.
- Looking for volunteers for the Better at Home program. People need help mowing lawns and light housekeeping.

- June 15<sup>th</sup> is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. An event at the Seniors Center will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:30. It will be on food security, addressing the challenges people living on fixed income are experiencing, not having enough resources to get adequate food. Will showcase different programs and resources in the community.

### **Shannon Thom, Work BC Williams Lake**

- Attended Williams Lake job fair.
- Two new staff in Williams Lake office.

### **Chris Vandermark, SD 27**

- Monique Gray Smith books signing/a small gather and talk at the WLFN Arbour last week.
- Indigenous role model celebration at WL. Lots of candidates and a nice evening and celebration.
- Shout out to Dave Corbett who is retiring this year, and he has been leading the trades department. Just finished up Heavy Metal Rocks these years, big thanks to our partners and Dave and his team.
- Daycare project for the fall remains a go, a little behind schedule due to supply chain issues. Recruiting hard for staff.
- Graduation is coming up, wishing all upcoming grads all the best. Graduation ceremony: Skyline is June 6<sup>th</sup> at Marie Sharpe. WL is June 7<sup>th</sup>. PSO (100 mile) is June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Challenges continue to be on social media.

### **Derek Godin, Boys and Girls Club**

- Just had 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday. Lots of people came to the club to celebrate.
- Some programming coming up during the summer holidays for the kids.
  - o Blue Jays program
  - o Day camps

### **Marnie Brenner, Community Health Facilitator**

- Doing extreme heat conversation and meetings in smaller communities.

### **Silvia Seibert-Dubray, Community Well-Being and Safety Plan Coordinator**

- Looking for agencies that can provide space, looking for cooling centers in the community for the summer months.

### **Larry Stranberg, Community Futures**

- Loans are picking up the next month. We notice people are asking for less than they normally would.
- A lot of drop ins wanting to start a business.

- Did a presentation at the Credit Union AGM.
- Workshops are going strong on the Community Futures website.

### **Hannah Diether, Local Division of Family Practice**

- WL Primary Care Hub opened in the beginning of April above the Atwood clinic (old Yorston building). In partnership with Interior Health.
- The clinic has expanded staff in the clinic. Additional Medical Office Admin support and hired an RN to help with triage. There is space for future GP's or nurse practitioners.
- Currently no GP in the clinic but working on setting up virtual services with family doctors and nurse practitioners for patients. Coming in the next couple of weeks.
- Referrals for the clinic are from a primary care provider (emergency department or other health care provider).
- Not operating as a walk-in clinic, however people can drop by to book an appointment with the Allied Health or virtual clinics that are coming.
- Recruiting for doctors in Whistler past week.

### **Stacey Miranda, Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex**

- Last two weeks of golden buckle hunt. Clues are on Facebook and our website.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Magic Marsh event at Scout Island.
- June Participaction daily events throughout the month to get people active.

### **Brianna van de Wijngaard, Food Hud**

- Planning meeting tomorrow morning (May 28<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 in the Community Futures boardroom. Invited organizations that have or want to have emergency food programming in place. To determine how to best allocate the funding to emergency food programming and to fill gaps.

### **Jean Oke, Scout Island Nature House**

- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Magic Marsh
- School programs are running now, and summer programs are coming up. The staff is in place and planning is happening.
- Challenges right now is the bridge to Otter Point needs to be replaced – will be looking at grants for that.

### **Michael Moses, City Councillor**

- Attended the downtown Spring Festival and Monique Gray Smith book signing event.
- Participated in a walk to raise awareness of brain injury with BC Royal Purple Association.
- Thanks to Silvia's presentation that the work she is doing.

- Marnie Brenner – what is the best way forward for this group to support the CCART and Silvia’s position.
  - Michael Moses - Some thought will have to be put into the approach.
  - Carla Bullinger – Noticed there were quite a few folks around the table of CCART, maybe we could get a template to make it easier for folks to write a letter.
  - Marnie Brenner – is there a deadline for when this needs to be approached?
  - Michael Moses – not sure when the next budget meeting is, so not sure.
- Partnering with Orange Shirt society to bring some orange crosswalks to our community.
  - Planning committees for Orange Shirt Day and National Indigenous Peoples Day are in the works.
  - Yeqox Nilin opioid conference this week. Please register in advance, link in the chat.
  - Attended the opening for the Revive Thrive video – so proud of the video and the team. It was very thoughtful and caring. If we can get that video in front of people, we can open up their eyes on the situation.
  - This September, the City of WL will have meetings at Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) with several ministers to discuss the Marie Sharpe upgrade or replace.

### **Liane Nunn, Social Planning Council**

- We completed the Revive Thrive Poverty Awareness video and held an in person launch event with some key stakeholders of the project. Followed that with a soft virtual launch to our community members that participate in this group, and then launched it onto Social Media and our website.
- Our Facebook post has reached over 1700 people, and we’re seeing some engagement with the post, including over 30 shares. In addition, over 50 people have followed the link from the video to our website, and so we’ve seen a 76% increase of new visitors to the website in the past 30 days, 50% going directly to the video housing site.
- Our goal is to further engage around the video and hopefully engage some people to reach out to the SPC for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned: 12:51**

**Motion:** Shannon Thom