

Oceanside Health and Wellness Network

Circle of Partners Minutes,
November 18, 2021, 3:00-4:30 pm on Zoom

✓ Marlys Diamond (Perfect Storm Group, FORA, SPT)	✓ Elaine Young (SD 69)
✓ Gerry Herkel (FORA, CWG)	✓ Scott Harrison (QB Council)
✓ Susanna Newton (SOS, OTFH, SPT)	✓ Sharon Welch (Forward House)
✓ Jane Osborne (CRN)	✓ Natasha Dumont, Island Health*
X Joanna Salken, Island Health	✓ Jane Vinet (OHWN Coordinator)

Welcome and Check-In and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Gerry chaired the meeting and gave the territorial acknowledgement.
- Note taker – Elaine
- Opening checking in round from all
- Guest presentation: Marcie DeWitt, Alberni Clayoquot Health Network (ACHN)

Review and approval of Agenda:

Agenda Additions - None

- Update regarding vaccination sites – reopening PCCC for vaccination clinics
- Nov. 30 for all including children. Also doing regular Grade 6 vaccinations in schools as usual.
- Update re: ORCA Job program up and running.

Review of Meeting Minutes- Accepted

Review of Open Action Items – Jane O to approach Island Soul to support health care workers

Highlights & Questions:

- CYWAG - oral report on recent CYW group. Mostly was to prepare for the upcoming presentation.
- BC CRN - struggling to meet the needs of the Queer community. Community response network funding is coming.

Alberni Clayoquot Poverty Reduction Strategy/Action Plan/Presentation:

- Social Needs Assessment implementation
- Power point Presentation available through OHWN
- Questions re: differences between communities within their network. Some coalitions already formed in the western communities that were easier. Alberni valley more difficult and continue to work on getting networks to work together. Lots of work and cross-pollination of ideas. Persistence and shared planning help to make progress. Focus where we haven't had the connections.
- Re: Engagement with Indigenous Nations – continually showing up and listening and building relationships. Go every time you are invited and go with purpose. Write an engagement plan. Go beyond tokenism!

- Re: Vital Signs – Every Community Foundation has access to funding. Usually this is contracted out as foundations are overworked. Some other funders as well.
- Re: Theory of change – more information is available through the website. www.achn.ca
- Re: Rep. from the Chamber of Commerce how active – not so much on the COP but very active at the action tables. Used as a communication tool. Leading the way in transportation and affordable housing. Helped with fundraising.
- Feedback from someone in both networks – Good work at holding people in the networks responsible, supports and fills in gaps. Recognition for the work Marcie has done.

Fall Forum Debrief: The Great Disconnect & Social Prescribing

- The Great Disconnect discussion groups notes still to come – much of it high level or very personal. Had people that we knew and some that we didn't. Then the Social Prescribing started from the Great Disconnect. Community support for social prescribing. Will be sending more information. United Way of BC had a webinar about social prescribing in Britain. It was a real-life story of how it works. Wondering how Island Health is going to move this forward. We have been invited to learn more through Island Health.
 - Issues with Eventbrite – 59 unique visitors overall. Many couldn't get access and some just didn't come forward.
 - Feedback – some of the personal stories were very impactful. Very positive comments from those attending.
 - Many people like the learning series as opposed to a one-time event.
 - Upcoming events – OSAG event is postponed due to low registration. Bringing in PQCF to incorporate neighbourhood grants which open in March. Get the date early so more people can attend.
 - CYWAG will only have one session on-line on Wednesday the 24th at 6 PM.
- **Long Range Planning Updates:**
 - Steering Committee meeting on Nov. 25 at 11.
 - Getting access to data will need some support and starting to work on the survey.
 - Survey categories will include
 - Income and social safety nets
 - Education
 - Unemployment and job insecurity
 - Working life conditions
 - Food Insecurity
 - Housing and basic amenities
 - Early childhood development
 - Youth mental wellness
 - Social inclusion and non-discrimination
 - Access to affordable health services of decent quality
 - Environment
 - Climate change
 - Transportation and transit
 - Governance – having a voice in the decisions that affect you; OHWN effectiveness

Next meeting:

- December 16 – Meeting Lead Elaine
- Note Taker – Gerry

Proposed Agenda items:

- Presentation from Sue Kurucz from Island Health (Cowichan Valley) & Carla Bortoletto from the Cowichan Division of Family Practice present to our COP about the challenges they have met and overcome (January CoP)
- Update on Nanaimo Network in December
- RDN Poverty Reduction Strategy Report (released November 23rd)
- Long range planning survey update