

Oceanside Health and Wellness Network

Circle of Partners Minutes,
October 21, 2021, 3:00-4:30 pm on Zoom

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

Welcome and Check-In and Territorial Acknowledgement

- Elaine chaired the meeting and gave the territorial acknowledgement.
- Note taker – Jane V
- Gratitude check in round

Review and approval of Agenda:

- Two agenda items added
- 1) CYWAG – Dr. Bigelow’s letter – put under Reports. - Gerry
- 2) Ending Working Poverty in BC – to follow Contract updates and Workplan. - Elaine

Review of Minutes

- September 16th Minutes accepted as presented.
- Marlys queried what will we do to address the housing strategy or poverty reduction strategy that Scott raised in the September round table updates?

Action Items

- No open items

Action Groups/Standing Reports – Highlights & Questions

- At the CWAG meeting on October 16th Gerry raised the concern of the impacts of lack of access to doctors and nurse practitioners on children coming into the community - see [letter from PQB news](#). Joanna shared that the CIDFP has brought three more family practitioners to the community and the health link BC wait list is coming down. A provisional Nurse Practitioner (NP) added to Flower Stone, but she cannot put people on her panel until her results come in at the end of December. There are four NPs in Oceanside and filled one position with a provisional NP and helping Snaw-Naw-As hire a fulltime NP there as well. Trying to get Oceanside Health Centre designated as an Emergency Department.
- Jane O BC CRN updates this is for community organizations and agencies – we are restarting a series including and affirming LGBTGQ folks in all our health services
- Elaine - Open House Forward House Sunday 1 to 5 in Parksville, \$10K collected from grocery stores for recovery programs
- Jane V shared the update from Jamai Schile re: [Social Needs Assessment Strategy](#)

Long Range Planning (LRP) Update

- Upcoming Steering Committee on October 28th to walk through proposed strategy
- First planned activity is membership survey and report
- Planned end date now for LRP is end of February

Fall Forum Planning Update

- Advertising and invitation updates by Jane V. Links to register are on OHWN website – register for each event individually.
- All six events are on Eventbrite and registration is open, we will start with The Great Disconnect film and a community conversation October 29th at 10am.
- We will make the link available to all OHWN members. Tamer Soliman, the moderator will attend.
- Movie and moderator cost is \$350.00.
- Social Prescribing on November 5th with Dr. Sandra Allison – group suggested planning questions in advance
- CYWAG and OSAG will each do one in person and one online event as well – more info to come.
- Elaine will cohost the opening event on the 29th
- Action Item: Jane V needs to update her signature line.
- CoP shares include School District and Parent Advisory Committees, Forward House Board Chartwell Residents Association, Rotary Groups, Arrowsmith Naturalists, Eagle Quest residents, Oceanside Homelessness Task Force, PQF and SOS.
- VIU Community Planning Students are taking part as breakout room facilitators for the first event.

Contract update and work plan until December

- Funding and contract updates are in the hands of the RDN and Island Health. We may not see anything until the end of December.
- OHWN streamlined coordinator work plan – we are looking for rotating notetakers for all action tables. CoP has been directing Jane's workplan to be more streamlined and manageable. Jane shared an updated plan to the end of December for CoP approval. Gerry appreciated the more streamlined Coordinator's Report. Gerry shared that the OHWN coordinator contract and job description are overwhelming. Jane hopes to focus more on recruitment of key partners and stewarding work to get the community members to the table in the new year.
- New condensed workplan passed unanimously by the CoP.

Ending Working Poverty in British Columbia

- Elaine reported out on the Ending Working Poverty in British Columbia event.
- Province is looking for 25% reduction in poverty by 2024 and a 50% reduction in child poverty – they say they have met that goal, but this may not be true due to Covid 19.
- Adam Walker is looking for change to the gig economy and he is leading a commission to the employment standards act that folks may be interested in
- Link to the Ending Working Poverty is available [here](#).
- Action Item: Jane V to invite Marcie Dewitt to share their poverty reduction strategy with us.

Supporting Health Care Workers

- CoP asked if we could do an appreciation activity for our health care workers at our in-person event - poster with post it notes – pictures. Jane to plan something into both in-person events.
- Action Item: Jane O to approach Island Soul to see if they can do something to support Oceanside Health Care workers.

- To share kudos and compliments you can visit <https://www.islandhealth.ca/patients-visitors/patient-care-quality-office>. Do not forget to include Life Labs, Long Term Care facilities.

Next meeting:

- November 18th – meetings to continue over Zoom for CoP for the next few meetings and re-evaluate depending on the situation.
- Action Item: Jane V to inquire about space and facilities requirements for LRP
- Lead – Gerry
- Note Taker – Elaine

Suggested Agenda items:

- Alberni Clayoquot Poverty Reduction Strategy with Marcie DeWitt
- Review, recap, and evaluation of completed events
- Long Range Planning – next steps