

Oceanside Health and Wellness Network

Circle of Partners Minutes,
May 20, 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)	X Natasha Dumont, Island Health*
✓ Joanna Salken, Island Health	✓ Jane Vinet (OHWN Coordinator)

Welcome and Introductions

Elaine chaired the meeting. Jane O gave the traditional acknowledgment that she drafted for the CoP. Joanna Salken has a conflict and will join later. Natasha is unable to attend today.

“We acknowledge that we work, live and play on the traditional unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples and are grateful to our local First Nations, Snaw-naw-As and Qualicum for their careful stewardship of these precious lands and waters. We respect and acknowledge all Metis, Inuit and other Indigenous residents of Oceanside for their many contributions to the health of our community.”

Check-in

Review and approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved with the addition of a space request from the CYWAG
- Forward House update deferred to July meeting.

Review of Minutes

The Minutes were approved without change.

Action Item: Marly will forward the Transitional Land Acknowledgement Workshop report to the CoP.

Review of Open Action Items from April Meeting

- Report from Traditional Acknowledgement Workshop to Governance Working Group – closed.

Action Groups/Standing Report:

- Before this meeting, the reports from OSAG were circulated along with the April Coordinator Report.

Island Health Covid 19 Update – no report.

BC CRN

- Reminder that June is Pride Month.
- **Action Item** : Jane O will distribute a clip called Reaching Out, part of the broader Nanaimo work.
- June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Child & Youth Wellness Action Group (CYWAG) – CYWAG took place May 18th. Meeting minutes are not available yet. Scott shared the RDN shared a very thorough report on Child Care Needs.

Action Item: Scott will forward a link to the ELCO report.

OSAG -Chair, Deanna Smith is taking a break from the table. OSAG will not be applying for the PlanH grant this year.

Indigenous Ways of Knowing - SOS wanted to remind us that June 21st is the Indigenous Peoples Day. SOS is trying to find a way to acknowledge the day, even without being able to hold an event. CoP may look at doing a blanket exercise. SOS is planning to host a Village Workshop at SOS once restrictions are lifted. Jane O said she would like to see OHWN host a Village Workshop again for the community.

Joanna Salcken joins the meeting.

Perfect Storm – No report

Affordable Housing Update: Community housing decisions will be announced in the next couple of weeks and which affordable housing projects will be approved.

Coordinator Updates:

Report was sent out to CoP members prior to this meeting.

There were no requests for funding over \$200 and no questions regarding the report.

Jane shared an update from the RDN Senior Planner – Jamai Schile. Jane will share any updates from the RDN via email prior to the CoP meetings in future.

The Social Needs Assessment is progressing; the sharing circles were held in Apr-May. The Steering Committee will meet next on May 27th to provide guidance on the 2nd phase of engagement. Key activities include two upcoming workshops. **June 3 – Game Changers Workshop** will convene key stakeholders and community partners to collectively map out strategic and specific “game change” initiatives and actions to address social needs gaps in reducing poverty across the region. You or a representative from your organization may have received the invite that went out on Friday, May 14th. If so, please RSVP as soon as possible to assist with planning. Building from this, the **Elected Official Workshop** will be held June 9 and 15, where members will have the opportunity to learn of the preliminary findings and provide their input. At the completion of the workshops, the input received will be used to inform the development of the Strategy. More project details can be found on the RDN webpage: www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/social-needs-strategy. Any questions/comments about the project, please contact Jamai Schile, RDN

Summer Convening Update:

- The Summer Convening Working Group met today for the first time. Jane O, Jenn, Gerry, Scott and Dr. Sandra Allison, Oceanside Medical Health Officer. We will meet weekly until the convening to set the agenda and plan the event.
- Jenn Meilleur has been hired as the facilitator for the June 25th convening.
- Goals of Summer Forum
 - o Taking the pulse on community wellness and resiliency through Data (MHO data) & Stories (Breakouts and Panels)
 - o Promoting OHWN with the goal of broadening the network and adding new members.

- Highlighting the needs of the community for COVID 19 Recovery Planning
- Using the information to inform our strategic planning session in the late summer.
- Dr. Allison felt the meeting should spark a call to action for community
- We will be taking a strengths-based approach to community wellness. Jenn felt it was important to acknowledge community grief in our convening. The issue of social prescribing was brought up to as a way for community to recover from COVID 19, and also to look at post traumatic growth.
- Save the date information was shared in our spring E-newsletter
- CYWAG would like to promote their Every Door card at the convening and OSAG discussed having the EMO lead discuss improvements to emergency planning and neighbourhood planning
- **Action Item:** Jane to send Invitation list to CoP to review and add organizations and names
- Invitation will come through EVITE and meeting over Zoom.
- Gerry shared that Dr. Allison shared the health ministry is here for health, but community is here for wellness. "Step Up and Step In". We are focusing on upstream preventative work.
- Vaccines as a possible topic? Supporting people who have vaccine hesitancy – to get answers.
- Elaine asked that the Working Group send out reports from our weekly meetings to the CoP.
- Joanna brought the social prescribing to the Collaborative Services Committee in Nanaimo as well. Community Health Services can support social prescribing as well, something the whole community could collaborate on.
- **Action Item:** Jane O to share a resource on social prescribing through Jane V.
- Elaine shared the upcoming meeting to the District Parent Advisory Committee about the convening in the hopes that we will see some parents there as well as the DPAC Chair.
- Jane V asked for names of groups who are doing resiliency work to be part of the panel of folks doing community work with the different target populations. Elaine suggested talking to Gill Wilson

OHWN Structure Update

- Added Elaine Young to the Admin Committee, we are now four members (Joanna, Jamai and Gerry), OHWN structure will be updated with the policy that two of the four Admin Committee signatures, including the RDN authorization are required to approve invoices. This will help move things along when someone is away.
- We are going to document and add a process document to our project library to better understand timeline requirements to guide the coordinator and develop a more detailed work plan.

Values Review Exercise

- Jane V shared a short presentation on core values – OHWN is going to review their values, mission, and purpose over the next few months to see if there are any updates required.
- The CoP went into four groups of two to look at their core values and a definition statement for each value. Each group will send their values and definition to Jane who will put them together and share with the group before the next meeting.
Gerry and Susanna finished – Gerry will send notes
- Joanna and Sharon finished – Sharon will send notes
- Jane and Scott finished – Jane will send notes
- Marlys and Elaine will meet up later to finalize.

CYWAG Request – space from PASS Woodwinds – looking for a central downtown space to provide

services. Looking in Parksville – City of Parksville has confirmed they got money for the Boys and Girls Club – 80 to 100 children who are unhoused and looking for ways to integrate those children.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 17th. Gerry will lead the discussion
There will be no CoP meeting in August.

Suggested Agenda items:

- Update from Forward House
- Territorial Acknowledgements
- Values and Guiding Principles
- Spring/Summer Convening Update
- Strategic Planning for fall
- Working group to discuss increase in IH funding beginning with next contract.

Check Out – consensus that the new chairing process went very well, the meeting was productive, collaborative and relationship building is happening. Homework from Elaine, start going deeper on Indigenous process do a “Show and Tell” and share some resources or insights as they relate to Indigenous people with everyone for the next meeting. Jane V will send a revised profile in the next e-newsletter.