

**Network Minutes**

**Thursday February 12, 2015 CVRD Board Room- 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Rob Hutchins Chair, Co- chair, Denise Williams, Cindy Lise Regional Facilitator,, Gus Williams, Melie De Champlain, Amy Trippe Brophy, Grant Waldman, Robert Calnan, Laura Court, Rick Juliusson, Val Crossley, Leslie Welin, Gretchen Hartley, Robin Routledge, Valorie Masuda, Jane Hope, Jan Tatlock, Sheila Service, Jane Osborne, David Robertson, Bob Day, Tom Walker, Alison Nicholson, Aimee Sherwood,

**Regrets:** Isabel Rimmer, Rhoda Taylor, Gerry Giles, Kathleen Erickson, Lori Iannidinardo, Jenn George

**Absent:** Bonnie Thomson,

**On Leave:** Jennifer Jones, Joanna Nielson

**Guests:** Denise McKinley, Dale McMullen, Vicki Holman, Phil Lawrence, Devon MacFarlane

1. **Welcome and introductions.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda- Moved/second Approved**

* **Celebrating Our Cowichan-** Vicki Holman reported on the Cowichan Seniors Foundation which advocates and creates awareness for seniors in the Cowichan Region. It identifies emerging issues affecting seniors through dialogue with businesses, non-profits and Valley residents. It is an information, collaboration and funding resource for organizations that serve our aging population. The Cowichan Community Seniors Foundation links with other organizations to ensure critical gaps in Valley services are bridged. The Cowichan Seniors Community Foundation empowers Valley residents to age well by providing knowledge, support and services. They administer programs such as:
  + Supported Transportation Program
  + Meal on Wheels
  + Companion Helping Hand Program
  + Brain Fitness
  + Seniors Guide
  + Small grants for local projects
  + Seniors Spirit Breakfast

3. **Delegation: Dale McMullen -**Island Health – Dale provided the OCCHN with the current state of Mental Health and Substance Use resources within the region with a particular focus on Detox and Sobering services. The Cowichan Region does not have the numbers and resources to support a detox centre so clients from this area go north to Nanaimo or South to Victoria for these services. There is no sobering centre for our region. Those who are apprehended are likely to be placed in RCMP cells or in the event of any medical concerns are sent to Cowichan District Hospital. There is now a new ACT team or Assertive Community Treatment Team working out in the community to support those with the highest needs. There are a supports for those struggling with mental health and addictions via the Substance Use program. This consists of a team of 5 members including councillors. There are 4 housing spaces at Caulfield Place- 2 for men and 2 for women in addition to the services offered at Warmland.

**4. Spotlight Speaker: Phil Lawrence, Devon McFarlane and Melie De Champlain-** presented a draft power point outlining the new direction in Community Focussed Health Care. Members of Our Cowichan provided feedback on the slides from a community perspective and made recommendations regarding the use of language and ease of the presentation to understand. Phil, Devon and Melie will take those recommendations back to their working group.

1. **Minutes of December 11, 2014 Approved**
2. **Correspondence**: None
3. **Business arising from minutes** –
   1. None
4. **CCHN Committee Reports:**
5. **Admin Committee-** 
   1. **Budget-** January financials **Approved**

***Motion-*** That OCCHN endorse the draft budget for 2015 as presented. The budget will be revised when the new funding has been received.

***Carried***

* 1. **Business Arising from Admin Committee-**
  2. **Granting:**
  3. **Membership:** 
     + **Welcome to** Tom Walker, Bob Day, Alison Nicholson, Dave Ehle, Aimee Sherwood, Jane Osborne

1. **Asset Mapping / Data Collection-**
2. **Communications:** No report
3. **Website**-no report
4. **OCCHN Liaisons**
   1. **Collaborative Services Committee** – no report
   2. **Attachment and Integration Committee-** Melie reported that The attachment and integration working group that consists of partners from Island Health, The Division of Family Practice, Our Cowichan, Patient Voices and First Nations Health will be focussing on Mental Health across the spectrum of services with the vision of identifying gaps and improving services across the spectrum with a focus on moderate to mild mental health.The larger body of service providers and agencies will be engaged as the initiative moves forward and a Collective Impact Framework will be used to guide the process of improving mental health outcomes across the region.
5. **New Business:**
   1. **Coroner’s inquest for Detox and Sobering Task Force-** The CVRD and Municipality were approached by the BC Chief Coroner to work to set up a joint review committee to determine the viability of a sobering centre and detox services for the Duncan Cowichan Region. This request follows the death of a young man who appeared under the influence of alcohol and was placed under arrest. Shortly after his incarceration it was discovered that he was in distress and was transported to the hospital. The young man died as a result of acute combined methadone and ethanol intoxication one day later. It was recommended by the CVRD and Municipality of North Cowichan that Our Cowichan might be able to take create the task force as we were linked to many service providers and local governments in the region.Our goal would be to determine along with our community partners the extent of mental health and substance use issues and the need for such a facility. It was agreed by the OCCHN members that Our Cowichan was a good fit for this task.
   2. **I Clickers-** When Our Cowichan was first established 200 I clickers were purchased as a tool for community consultations. These clickers have been housed at the CVRD. These tools belong to Our Cowichan and are a resource that is available to all OCCHN members and the CVRD. It was noted that there was no formal structure in place for the distribution or requests to use them. In addition they are all battery operated which requires updating. It was recommended that a rental policy be developed and a process for accessing them be established. The rental policy would include a nominal fee to replace batteries and on occasion I clickers that go missing. A draft rental policy was presented.
      1. **Recommendations included-** attaching an OCCHN Sticker to all clickers,including a paragraph explaining the OCCHN ownership and community access, Information on where to access I clickers and internal document for CVRD
   3. **Collective Impact-** OCCHN is the recipient of a Capacity Building workshop on Collective Impact. More information regarding the workshop will be coming soon
   4. **Hospice Palliative Care Community Forums –** OCCHN members are invited to attend community conversations regarding Hospice and Palliative Care. Posters were distributed. More information can be found in the weekly Check Up Newsletter
   5. **Contractor Funding-** It has been reported that Island Health has approved $80,000.00 for the contractor portion of the 2015 funding.

**It was recommended that $80,000.00 for contractor funding be added to the OCCHN 2015 draft budget. Carried**

* 1. **Deferred to March Meeting**
     1. **Small Group Presentations**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM**

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY March 12, 2015 CVRD BOARD ROOM – 6:00 PM- Dinner served at 5:30**

Minutes taken by Cindy Lise