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**Network Minutes**

**Thursday May 8, 2014CVRD Board Room- 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Jennifer Jones Chair, Robert Calnan, Denise Williams, Amrik Prihar, Gus Williams, Georg Stratemeyer, Sheila Service, Joanna Nielson, Val Crossley, Laura Court, Jenn George, Anita McLeod, Gerry Giles, Jane Hope, Isabel Rimmer, Grant Waldman, Jan Tatlock, Regional Facilitator Cindy Lise,

**Regrets:** Gretchen Hartley, Rob Hutchins co-chair, Candace Spilsbury, Robin Routledge,

**Absent:** Linda Roseneck, Pat Weaver, Bonnie Thompson, John Koury

**Guests:** Leslie Welin, Pam Alcorn, Dominic Rockal – BC Association of Community Response

**On Leave:** Amy Brophy

1. **Welcome and introductions.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda- Moved/second Approved**
3. **Delegation-** Leslie Welin, Pam Alcorn, Dominic Rockal – BC Association of Community Response Networks have been created to support adults in the community from experiencing abuse and neglect. Their role is to raise awareness, educate, and build relationships and protocol so communities can know who can help, work towards prevention and to keep track of how a community is doing. The BCCRN does not provide services but is a resource to improve service delivery and communication in the community. There is going to be a kick off meeting at Clements Centre on May 15th from 1 to 3 pm where interested community members can come together to talk about the integration of community resources within the region. Those interested can contact Pam Alcorn or Dominic Rockal at Clements Centre Society.
	1. Isabel asked if this initiative would provide the Emergency Room staff with contacts in the event of abuse cases- She shared that it is important to have simple one step protocols in place. Pam replied that at this time the network is under development but that this is something that could be addressed in the future.

**Spotlight Speakers: Leslie Welin-** Leslie shared background information on what Board Voice is and what it is doing throughout the province of British Columbia. In the Cowichan Valley Board Voice has been active through an initiative called Board meets Boards. Board meets Boards brings together board members/ governors from non profit agencies to find ways to work to develop relationships; engage in dialogue and work collectively so organizations can be more effective than working alone. Leslie also shared background information on the Social Policy Framework. The Social Policy Framework and the Healthy Communities Approach promotes intersectoral, interdepartmental and inter ministerial communication and planning. Board meets boards has hosted 9 community conversations and will soon be holding a 10th with Dr Paul Hasselback on May 13th from 7-9pm at the New Life Baptist Church. Our Cowichan Members have been sent the invitation through the Health Matters News Letter with details regarding registering for this conversation. Leslie encouraged Our Cowichan to explore the Social Policy Framework and consider using it as a lens for decision making.

1. **Minutes of April 16 as amended– Moved/second Approved Amendments include**
	1. Correction in numbering – starting with 8
	2. Ensuring that we are consistent with OCCHN replacing CCHN
2. **Correspondence**: Healthy Communities Grant Award- OCCHN received news that we have been successful in receiving a Stream Two Grant from Healthy Communities. The amount has been confirmed to be $20,000.00
3. **Business arising from minutes** –
	1. A letter has been sent to Island Health reiterating the interest in Cowichan Lodge.
4. **CCHN Committee Reports:**
5. **Admin Committee-**
	1. **Budget-** the financial statement was approved as presented- The budget is on target in all areas.
	2. **Business Arising from Admin Committee**
6. **Granting:** OCCHN is ready to move into calling for proposals for the next round of small grants. Three more committee members are required for the Grant Committee in order to proceed. Jane, Sheila and Gus stepped forward to join this committee. All members will be contacted shortly to attend the next planning meeting.
7. **Membership:** no report
8. **Asset Mapping / Data Collection- update**- The survey closed with over 650 responses from across communities and ages. The data is currently being tabulated. The project is now in its final weeks and a draft will be presented to the Asset Mapping Committee in early June. Then the draft will be presented to the Network on June 12. Due to the amount of information being presented in June there will be fewer business items on the OCCHN agenda.
9. **Communications:** Members received copies of the new brochure to distribute. The communications committee will be meeting on May 14 to discuss the next steps in rolling out the new brand.

**Website**- The new look is almost done- final touches are being reviewed and it should be launched within a week or so.

**Collaborative Services Committee** –No report

 **Choose Cowichan Lake Update:** A meet and greet is going to be held on May 15 to bring together all of the new Doctors, the Nurse Practitioner and the Primary Health Care Team. Laura Court and Rob Calnan have offered to attend as representatives for OCCHN in Cindy’s absence.

 **Cowichan Lake Multi Disciplinary Team**-no report

1. **New Business:**
	1. **Healthy Communities Grant-** All members were provided with a copy of the application and the intent for the grant. These funds will aid OCCHN in moving into the “so what” or next steps phase of the Asset Mapping project and will assist with community engagement and collaborative planning to address identified priorities. Only 11 communities in BC received this grant and we are fortunate to be one of them.
	2. **Island Health Gathering**- On April 3rd, 2014 representatives from Health Networks from across Vancouver Island and Saltspring Island along with members from Island Health gathered for a day in Courtney to collaborate on the great work done by Health Networks. We had the honour of meeting colleagues from Sooke, Saltspring Island, Our Cowichan, Oceanside, Port Alberni Clayquot and Mount Waddington. We were also grateful that Jan Tatlock, Devon Macfarlane, Adriane Schroeder, Emma Isaac and Karen Berezon were able to join us and to help us understand the important role that Island Health plays with the networks and their community outreach. This day was very well received by all and it is hoped that more opportunities to get together in the future will be possible.A letter was sent to Island Health thanking them for their support with the day.
		1. Denise shared that the day was very beneficial and also highlighted that not all communities are in the same place in regards to the stages where networks are functioning as well as how they are funded.
		2. Jan’s response to the Island Gathering that it was beneficial, collaborative and empowering. Jan also reported that not all communities have the same needs some are faring better than others and at this time the networks have been established based on identified poor health outcomes. She reported that Island Health is looking at communities and the role that Health Networks play. Jan has shared an article on “Million Dollar Murray” that will be posted in the Health Matters News Letter that gives a great example of why we need to do things differently.
	3. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM**

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY June 12, 2014 CVRD BOARD ROOM – 6:00 PM- Dinner served at 5:30**

Minutes taken by Cindy Lise