

Minutes
Inuvik Interagency Committee
January 20, 2010
1:15 PM
Aurora College – Board Room

Attendance:

Eugene Rees	ITI
Paul Grech	ITI
Cliff McKay	RCMP
Shirley Kisoun	NWT Housing
Mabel Brown	Inuvik Justice Committee
Francene Ross	Aurora College
Beth Oehler	BDHSS
Marc Arseneau	Healthy Foods North
Silvia Koso	Inuvik Interagency Committee (IIC)
Sue McNeil	IDC, IYC
Tony Devlin	TOI, Community Services
Rose Constantineau	TOI, Recreation Department
Wendy Wood	GNWT, Department of Executive
Alfred Moses	MACA
Billie Lennie	GNAF
Leah Ipana	Robert McLeod's Office
Claudine Wells	BDEC
Barb Lennie	BDHSS
Patricia Davison	

Regrets:

Mary Ann Ross	GTC
Alana Mero	Aurora Research Centre
Crystal Navratil	Public Health
Mike Millen	Youth Centre
Jeff Amos	IRC, AHF
Nancy	Department Justice
Sarah	Justice Committee
Ruth	Inuvik Counseling Services

1) Call to Order @ 1:15pm by acting Chair, Eugene Rees

2) Introduction of members

- Round Table self introductions

3) Approval of Agenda

With addition of "Up Add Upcoming Events" ie Building Bridges:
Linking Woman abuse, Substance Use and Mental ill Health.

4) Review of Minutes – none available, should have Decembers for next month

5) Business Arising from Minutes

a) *integrated health promotion strategy research*

Introduce Co-op student Silvia Koso, coming from the U of Alberta
Here to complete a practicum placement with the Interagency
Will be helping to develop a new strategic Plan focusing on Health
Promotion
Over the next couple of weeks will be interviewing people
Gathering information on existing services, identifying gaps
Then using the information to develop a strategic plan

Silvia Koso, MD
Masters of Public Health Candidate
Centre for Health Promotion, School of Public Health
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My background

- Combining health promotion and treatment/medical background, and believe that it is better to prevent than to have to treat
- Methodologies: community based research/policy and programming/monitoring and evaluation
- Health and Wellness issues: youth health/women's health/violence prevention and management/built environment and healthy living
- Populations: youth, marginalized groups, elderly, stroke survivors

My Task in Inuvik: To support the IICW by:

- Inquiring with the IICW and community members about:
 - The work of the IICW so far
 - Coordination and collaboration among member organizations
 - Health and Wellness issues in the community
 - Existing services, strengths and weaknesses, good practice examples and gaps
- Reviewing existing research, studies and reports in health and social policy regarding service delivery and identifying gaps
- Providing suggestions for the Committee future directions in terms or strategies, methodologies and content
- Participating in the wellness related local initiatives or events that I can be of use in during my stay

6) New Business

a) *Transience and social cohesion in an arctic community research*

Interagency wrote a letter of support for this research proposal. The proposed project will examine the impact of transience on the social cohesion of Arctic communities. Using Inuvik Northwest Territories as a case study the researchers, in partnership with community

groups, will investigate 1) the extent of mobility in the community, 2) determine what the major negative impacts of his mobility are on community organizations, and 3) discuss what can be done to mitigate these negative impacts. The proposal went in to Arcticnet from Lakehead University Jan 18th.

b) Canadian Public Health Service Co-Op student opportunity

Student would be here from May – August

Application due by 5pm today

Ideas for Co-Op Student:

- look at services to youth and whether or not the community is effectively addressing the issues the youth have identified, what the youth would like to see as outcomes and what could be done on a community level to identify and achieve goals with respect to youth issues
- Services to those with disabilities.
- barriers to child care in Inuvik
- Could follow up on work Silvia Starts

Discussion

All in favour of a student to follow up on the work Silvia starts, which may include the other topics.

Action:

Patricia will submit the application after the meeting today.

- c) **Amrick at “Computers for Schools”** has about 100 Pentium 4 computers to give away, each with Windows XP installed (but not Microsoft Office). Can be donated to schools or nonprofit organizations. If anyone would like computers

Suggestions:

- Youth Centre
- Ingamo Hall

If any others can benefit from these computers call the interagency office, 777-3370

Action: Patricia will help Sue and Shirley follow up

- d) **Community Wellness Proposal to Department of Health and Social Services** was approved with conditions of proof of insurance and in good standing with corporate registries.

Eugene Read the letter of approval from Allison St. Amand,
Funding last until March 31 2010. \$24,885.

e) IIC Coordinator

Patricia Davison was hired in the interim to get the office and projects up to date after being closed for a few weeks.

- o Inuvik Interagency Board made a special motion

Special Motion 19/01/10 – 1

“Larry Peckford be removed from the general bank account signing authority”

Moved by Eugene Rees

Seconded by Alfred Moses

Carried

Special Motion 19/01/10 – 2

“Patricia Davison be added to the general bank account inquiry and signing authority”

Moved by Eugene Rees

Seconded by Alfred Moses

All in Favour

Carried

f) Anti-Poverty Strategy – Alternatives North

Eugene Rees, read letter from Alternatives North seeking a resolution statement from the Inuvik, Interagency Committee.

Suggested language for a resolution:

That [name of your organization] urges the GNWT to proceed to create an integrated, fully resourced and cross-government strategy for eliminating poverty in the NWT, on the basis of full public consultations.

Request for direction from the membership:

Vote 3 in favour 1 against rest abstained

Discussion,

- how will this help our region or communities,
- concerns that any funds should be put directly into programs,
- high cost of consultations are not justified,
- groups are Yellowknife based, not much representation from regions
- -trickle down effect may have some positive impact for us
- How was partnership list developed?

Revote:

7 in favour 3 against 4 abstain

7) Upcoming Events

a) Building Bridges: Linking Woman abuse, Substance Use and Mental ill Health Training Available in Inuvik in the afternoon of Tuesday (March 16) or all day Wednesday (March 17). We do not require any training fees and all training materials are offered free of charge

Alexxa Abi-Jaoude, the Program Coordinator for the Woman Abuse Response Program at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre in Vancouver, BC. Our mandate is to provide training to service providers throughout BC on the dynamics and health impacts of violence against women and to help promote coordination and partnerships between health services and community-based violence intervention services.

<http://www.bcwomens.ca/Services/HealthServices/WomanAbuseResponse/default.htm>

Contact for Alexxa Abi-Jaoude

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b) Healthy Eating Let's Talk about it

The Department of Health and Social Services has contracted Outcrop Communications to ask the public about healthier eating issues that matter to NWT residents. A number of open house sessions are being held in regions across the territory. Your ideas will be used to help develop plans and strategies to encourage healthier eating. Please come and talk with us.

Monday Feb 1, 2010 @ 7:00pm -8:30pm

Inuvik Centennial Library Vicki Billingsley Community Room

8) Agency Updates

Wendy Wood, Department of the Executive, updating regional Services Directory contact her if you have any thing to add or change. Also working on one for Sathu and outlying communities. Project based position until the end of February.

Paul Grech, ITI Coming up to fiscal year end, couple of thousand left, a few projects on the table, if any one (entrepreneur) has ideas particularly traditional economy ideas, arts and crafts contact office.

Rose Constantineau, TOI, Recreation Department Kinder gym has started back up, water polo lessons for youth and water polo league for adults has also started. Community Garage sale Saturday Jan 23, noon – 5:00 at MSRC.

Constable Cliff McKay, RCMP starting an initiative for repeat offenders take up a lot of resources, 7 top offenders, dealt with 500 times a year, looking for ways to get this people back on track. Starting a process to get help if individual has a number of occurrences that happen. Looking for help and suggestions from community. Also will start annual performance plan, after April identify new initiatives, Youth is an objective/priority, so if you have a project members can assist with let Cliff know. Detachment helping with investigation of fire last week, if any one in the community hears anything, let the detachment know.

Shirley Kisoun, NWT Housing, Northern Housing Forum March to be held in Inuvik March 22-25, Experts from Finland, Alaska, and Canada will challenge delegates to envision new ways to approach housing design and delivery in northern climates. To register or for more information go to the website <http://www.nhf2010.ca/>

Mabel Brown, Inuvik Justice Committee Starting on the land programs back up, some will be going out this weekend. Alana back on the 29, January.

Beth Oehler BDHSS, Nutrition Busy with community travel, Open House Friday Jan 22, Joan Harris and Val Jeffard, working with Diabetes intervention/prevention. Also working with John Ritchie from IRC.

Francene Ross, Aurora College brought forward issue of sexual assault incidents. Group brainstormed some ideas:

- Whistles/flashlights for students
- Self defence courses
- Approach town about lighting, so many dark areas especially around college
- Removal of willows from key areas,
- Safe walk program among students
- Safety training for students

Anyone who may be able to help can call Francene

Claudine Wells, BDEC, increased resources are being put towards E-Learning, offering in Inuvik and communities. E-Learning uses technology (internet) to be able to offer upper level courses in all communities.

Healthy bodies is another key initiative, ie: Breakfast program ensure students have access to healthy foods in the morning,

Kinderstart is back up and running.

Skills Canada Regionals will take place in Inuvik Feb 12 contact SHSS to help with the event.

Using Tele-health for Tele-speech to allow speech therapy initiatives directly in the schools

Question was asked regarding:

Literacy and ability for students to achieve, Stats are being collected and will be compiled after January. Review will be completed by the end of June.

Attendance, gap in whose job is it to ensure kids attend, it becomes a family issue, policy in place children up to 16 need to be in school, but no one to enforce the issue.

Afred Moses, MACA, Youth initiative funds depleted for this fiscal year.

Aboriginal Sports Circle taking place in early Feb to include things like: Fun on Ice, growing pains, right to dream.

Youth workshop was held last month, report out next week.

Youth Conference in Ft. Providence 3 youth from here to attend, hunting/camping start of mentorship programs in school.

Youth conference in March, date and details next months meeting.

Nominations are open for Volunteers Award,

Looking for suggestion of people for role model tours, names from down south to come up for clinics and talks.

National Non-smoking week, today is weed-less Wednesday, Inuit Tobacco Working Group is in Town, lots of creative ideas from Eastern arctic.

Billie Lennie, GNAF, Just getting to know the office, in need of a file cabinet.

Leah Ipana, Robert McLeod's Office, Robert in Session from Jan 27-March 4th

Barb Lennie, BDHSS, Public Health, 2700 H1N1 vaccines were given. In planning to re-focus on programs, the topics are to be identified. Seasonal flu vaccine available. High number of head lice cases in town, giving out shampoo to families; this may become one of the focuses for the next programs.

Marc Arseneau, HFN, Collection of data completed, now analyzing the data, Lindsey Beck will be back to help with some work, travel to Tuktoyaktuk and Ulukhaktok to follow up on projects.

Sue McNeil, IDC, IYC, IDC heavily involved in Olympics, Feb. 22 Inuit Day, promote businesses and market youth projects. Partnering with Iqualuit summer canoe trip. 2011 super youth conference with GTC. Include skills such as CPR certification. More to come at future meetings.

Sue McNeil, Inuvik Youth Centre, Mike Millen is acting director until the position is filled, he is away right now.

Patricia Davison, Santa's Elves over 135 families served a food hamper and presents. Budget and volunteers were tight this year. Could use more of both for this years project.

Patricia Davison, Children First, Fundraising the big focus right now. Can use more volunteers and help. Meetings First Tuesday of the month 7:00pm, centennial library.

Patricia Davison, Inuvik Outreach Office NWT Council Of Persons with Disabilities.

Developed a partnership with Acute care ward at hospital, helping them acquire needed things to support families and patients.

Developed Partnership with SHSS, Brain Gain program, assisted with funds for physical activity equipment students could utilize to help them focus on academics.

Feb 25 or 26 community input meetings to be held to help direct local committee, more information to come.

Annual fundraiser this year will be May 22.

9) Date of Next Meeting Feb 17, location TBA as College is not available.

10) Adjourn @ 3:15