



## BOW VALLEY INTERAGENCY MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Tara Gilchrist at 3:06 pm.

### Childcare Subsidy

Cherri from the Canmore Community Day Care informed the group that Ingrid Kroecker would not be attending the meeting to update the group on new childcare subsidy. There have been changes to subsidy. Sweep of subsidy clients. No retro active subsidy – clients need to have subsidy in hand in order to receive services. Before and after school care subsidy available. Cost of living isn't taken into consideration.

### Pandemic Planning for the H1N1

Alison Gerrits opened the dialogue regarding how organizations were preparing for a possible flu pandemic, and reminded everyone of the link she had attached to last Friday's e-letter. Dave Bateman shared some of the preparations being done at the hospital and mentioned he is happy to do a 20 minute powerpoint presentation followed by question/answer period for organizations – he is trying to educate the community. H1N1 flu vaccine will be available in early November. Other Flu vaccine will be available mid October and free for everyone. Organizations can legally ask clients to go in for testing, but they don't have to go. 7-10 days is the length of time for flu.

### Roundtable Updates

#### Mary Weighell – Canmore FCSS

Parent Support Association (PSA) is a 28 year old Calgary based group that is new to Canmore. It's a self-help group for parents with kids aged 10-18 years. They meet every Monday evening from 7-9pm in the AADAC boardroom, and they have a speaker once per month (AADAC/RCMP are examples). They focus on problem solving, strategies, and there is no professional facilitator (facilitated by parents who have been members of the group in the past). Please contact Mary Weighell [mweighell@canmore.ca](mailto:mweighell@canmore.ca)).

#### Marion Barker – SSA Bow Valley Branch

Groups are planned until January as informal/formal evenings. Caregivers support groups will start up in October. SSC session – journey to recovery. "Recovery does not mean cure".

#### Lori Pierzchala - Banff Volunteer Centre

Hiring administrative assistant for the Volunteer Centre. November 10<sup>th</sup> is the Gala Event with a diamond giveaway. Board of directors workshop (Banff Council Chambers on September 23 from 9-12). ESL has a need for volunteers.

#### Kathy Lillace – Canmore BVPL

Parent Link in the park was a great success –special thanks to Right from the Start for their support. Raising Great Kids Workshops are coming up – please contact for more details. Heading to Lake Louise in a few weeks with Triple P. New Staff – Program Assistant Canmore Josasia Crawford; Program Assistant Banff/Canmore Michelle Brazier; Child and Family Worker Anthea Messier

### **Kate Rive – Right from the Start**

New family Potluck will be held on October 1. Mother/Daughter Circle will run for 8 weeks, beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> for ages 12-14.

### **Alison Gerrits – Banff FCSS**

E-Letter with a new format went out on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – please let her know if you need to be added to the mail out list ([fcss@banff.ca](mailto:fcss@banff.ca)). Social survey will take place between September 1 and October 31 – please go online and complete survey. 'Meet on the Street' is putting staff out in the community to answer any questions/concerns that people may have, it is going well and will be a program that we continue. Currently working with other departments for the Community Greenhouse project.

### **Jan Brychka – Canmore FCSS**

There are spots available for Go GRRLS and Home Alone Safely ;specific information is available in the continuing education book. Come out and have fun with the Community Kitchen.

### **Tara Gilchrist – Canmore FCSS**

There is a tail Gate party fundraiser for Kidsport on Friday in the arena parking lot prior to the Eagles game. Once officially launched this fall, \$500 per eligible child is available.

### **Barb Forester – Relationship Counsellor YWCA**

- 10 hours/week
- Networking with Anthea Messier
- Follows up to Men/Women group
- Feel free to call to ask questions
- October 1 – Nicola can be reached through the CRC office to book Barb's services
- 6-10 sessions FREE
- Post Partum Support Group – contact Nikki at Canmore hospital, beginning late October.

### **Jane Neil – Bow Valley College**

Free services includes a career transition program which is 22 weeks. Apply now. Income Support available. 6 weeks part-time training, 6 weeks upgrading computer skills.

### **Jeff Whitehead - CRPS**

First 2 weeks on the job.

### **Joe Screiber – SABIS (brain injury)**

There is one active family in Harvie Heights. Canmore lacks facility, but please contact Joe if you know someone who is looking for supports.

### **Barbara Nyman – YWCA Banff**

Thanks to everyone for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Men/women group starts end of September. Womens group available Monday/Men's Wednesday nights. Free relationship counselling.

### **Amanda Waters – AHS – Addictions and Mental Health**

Kids and Drugs is a 4 part program based on prevention, focus and resiliency. This will be delivered in conjunction with Right from the Start. LGMS is on Tuesdays from October 6-27 6:30-8:30, parents of grades 3-9, 25 person maximum.

### **Lyuda Krupin – AHS-Addictions**

Cynthia is back so they have a full staff compliment

The school assignments are as follows:

- Lyuda is at CCHS
- Amanda is at LGMS/Exshaw
- Fred is at Banff/OLS
- Spencer is at Elizabeth Rummel

### **Shelley Gregorash – Davar Childcare**

10 spaces available in Banff/Canmore - 4 in Banff ages 3+ and 6 in Canmore. Working with possible new providers (overnight and weekend). New brochures are available.

### **Jill Pratt – Job Resource Centre**

Employment Standards workshop. Ski Hiring Fair is on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cherri Hodgins – Canmore Community Daycare**

Daycare is now full – waitlist.

### **Tanya Wood – Right from the Start**

Evolution of collaboration and community speaker may come to the Bow Valley and wondered if people would be interested in attending, and if so at what time of day. A number of members said they would be interested in attending a daytime session.

### **Allison McLaughlan – YWCA**

October 11<sup>th</sup> is Violence Against Women week. Working in the schools in conjunction with this. Mens/Womens group held at the end of September.

## **Meeting schedule for 2009**

### **2009 Schedule Regular Meetings 3pm-4:30**

1. November 17 – Banff
2. Social (Wine & Cheese) –December 15 – Banff

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm