**RMCCT Regular Committee Minutes**

**September 18th, 2019 - 1 to 3 pm**

**Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living**

**In attendance:**

Jenny Earley Silvia Savignano Susan Foster Anita Galvin Liza Morris Nikki Nevison

Cherie Martens Melanie Scarcella Wendy Blaine Kerry Lawson Donna Klutz Annette Greaves

Coordinator: Roberta O’Brien

Regrets: Linda Szilagyi, Sunny Schiller

Meeting was opened at 1:10 pm

* Welcome & Introductions: Welcome Kerry Lawson
* Additions to Agenda: Roberta approved as Coordinator till March 2020
* Adoption of June Regular Minutes: Adopted

**Committee Updates:**

**Wendy Blaine:** lots of staff changes over the summer. RMACL is looking for a CYSN navigator position. Lots of new referrals in both programs. Trying to increase training for child care workers. CDC is doing a different approach by seeing kids first a bit and then seeing them later; has a new speech therapist still have significant waitlists; feeding is still a huge issue; starting up a physio movement group, language groups. IDP will be doing infant massage and waitlists are kids really need it then will see them but kids that need less will wait longer. SDC no waitlist for consultant but 40 on waitlist for extra support. Hosting a children’s yoga course on November 2nd and 3rd , maybe the 2nd weekend and discount for the course for ECE’s.

**Nikki Nevison:** handed out Family Ed brochures with posters for some of the courses and programs in it. See brochure.

**Cherie Martens:** National Big Brothers Big Sisters Day, September is officially the month. BBBS have a new logo. Is also 50th year in Fraser Valley. Starting all in school mentoring programs…there is a mentor represented in every single school in MR. Going into more elementary schools this! Have 2 new big brothers coming in.

**Liza Morris:** Brought posters from the library – had 72 people at baby time. World Breast Feeding week in Canada poster. Spaces in both the weekend and pajama story times. Book and Puzzle sale fundraiser October 3rd to the 5th. And fall program guide.

**Melanie Scarcella:** last week the early learning framework came out for up to grade 3, so 0 to 8 ages, for k to 3 teachers. Will be offered but not mandated. Kinder Spark will be having a meeting with SS and K teachers to see how it might look. Will send out K Transition meeting invite. Will be doing Reggio online story workshops. It is an EDI year in February.

**Annette Greaves & Donna Klutz**: Status quo; walk in clinic seeing more 3 to 5 years and waitlist is growing. Can be flexible to see parents. Thinking about running a Circle of Security group next year.

**Kerry Lawson:** Brought brochures for the Family Institute of BC. Promoting the program that is free with volunteer families supporting other families requiring extra support needs.

**Anita Galvin:** Annishnaabe program poster and a mindfulness support group poster that has lots of space for young moms and dads that are struggling. Public announcement on housing project was yesterday. CCRR has had a lot of opportunities, will be at ISS job fair, also got funded for a MG. Did pop ups in the park and doing gym times in PM gym for child care workers costs $2 for all kids and workers in one centre.

**Jenny Earley:** Early Years program the Family Leaf program is filling up. Will be starting at the EYC in Webster’s in October, first week. The Family Navigator has just been hired, Natalie Binns. Mental Wellness Parenting program is full starting in October, but will be offering again in the New Year. The SPARK program will be offering in the fall programs for parents and children in each year from 0 to 4 …workshops will happen 3 times a year and each will build upon the previous, community partners will also attend – food and transportation included. Now has an agreement for continued use of the HIVE and will have one for the EYC shortly after. Not sure what is going to happen with the contents of the EYC that includes all the toys, and children’s furniture.

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| Agenda Item | **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS** | Recommendations |
| **Financial Update:** **Funding for Table Coordinator** | Funding will be made available for RMCCT Coordinator for up to 5 hours per month until March 31st, 2020. Coordination will include administration, social media and community development. |  |
| **Strategic Plan & TOR: Susan & Roberta** | Susan explained we will host a committee strategic planning session at our next meeting in October in the Fraser Room at the Maple Ridge Library. There will be half an hour for updates and networking included in the session. The TOR session will happen in November after the MCFD lunch session from noon to 1pm with Cassie McCaffery.  |  |
| **Other: Roberta as paid Coordinator** | Jenny explained that all committee members were in favour of adopting Roberta as a paid coordinator for the table until March 31st, 2020 for 5 hours a month. |  |
| **STRATEGIC PLAN DELIVERABLES** |
| **Terms of Reference** | To be continued in November |  |

**Next Meeting:**

\*Next regular RMCCT meeting is in the Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library on October 16th from 1 – 3:30pm.

Minutes taken by Roberta O’Brien & Meeting adjourned at 3pm