# Ridge Meadows Community Children’s Table

# Meeting Notes

## May 6, 2020

## 1:00 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Via Zoom

*20 participants*

Meeting Facilitator: Jenny Earley

Notes: Susan Foster

1. **Check-in (round)**

* **Christina/CN:** looking for items for ‘what’s happening’; things are settling down a bit
* **Jo-Anne/CCRR:** working on second round of busy bags; have given out about 100 so far; May is Child Care month – gift and thank-you in works for the providers; did a workshop on zoom with providers; staff are connecting virtually with clients
* **Kristy/Community Services:** waiting for PHO announcements; seeing some clients on driveways
* **Drea/SD:** sent out busy bag and SOP program info; got more registrations; opened up to the whole District (not just the 4 targeted schools); karate, skin care, make-up tutorial online; online app from red fox; lepp technologies has put together 5 sessions on coding; after school flyer coming out; United Way staff has reached out
* **Helen/Healthy Babies:** carrying on with Zoom groups – 3 per week; dropping off vouchers; this week dropping off Mother’s Day bags; troubleshooting new referrals in terms of paperwork etc.
* **Nikki/Family Ed:** parenting resilience workshop – 4 parents came; home alone and conflict resolution coming up; 2 schools going into via zoom – empathy, optimism; afterschool program – is now doing 45 bags for families; there is a waitlist
* **Natalie/Family Ed:** put together Mother’s Day self-care kits – in the process of distributing
* **Massie/FamilyEd:** Family leaf – virtual circle times; facebook posts; farsi mother goose; collecting resources
* **Jenny/Family Ed**: successful in obtaining schools out funding for the next 3 years; plexi glass around the front desk at Family Ed; planning for in person programming with more vulnerable families
* **John/RMACL:** have been able to respond to requests for those needing to go to work; trying to support centres who are struggling to stay open and staffed; providing some direct service in child care worker program (using social distancing strategies); respite has had some adjustments from MCFD – additional money going to about 50 families; families with multiple children with extra needs are struggling the most; rolling out several groups online; planning for summer programs
* **Wendy/RMACL:** waiting for PHO announcement and see what needs to change/adjust
* **Kerry/FSIBC:** reducing Zoom calls as some parents feeling overwhelmed (especially those with school-aged); survey done recently – will share results in the future
* **Cherie/Big Brothers-Big Sisters**: busy; doing everything virtually; still accepting applications for volunteers; looking at policies and procedures so they can do virtual matches; no groups running at this time
* **Melanie/SD:** lots going on and lots of uncertainty; waiting for announcements; vulnerable students starting to come back (7 schools – different from ESW hubs); lots of support teachers/EAs involved; for Early Learning – welcome to K being pushed out quickly – getting bags out to families – K teachers will visit families from afar; Melanie will connect with families as well; schools will personalize; sending out a weekly newsletter to the incoming K families
* **Linda/Fraser Health:** really busy with contact tracing and monitoring; 3 hubs across Fraser; doing lots of immunizing; waiting for PHO announcements; still working with prenatal and postnatal Moms; starting to re-connect
* **Susan/MCFD:** MCFD planning for re-entry: survey update – sub-group met and drafts are complete; will run from May 19-29; will send links for review with the notes
* **Afton / Pitt Meadows Library:** working on virtual programming, posted on facebook
* **Liza/Maple Ridge Library** – glad to have Afton on board to represent Pitt Meadows; ecards are going well; storytimes going really well – lots of views; looking at summer reading club – there will be an online version (provincial announcement); library being asked to participate in virtual special events/celebrations
* **Ginna/FRIS:** family strengthening program for Indigenous families has come online (was transferred from Community Services); open for referrals – please connect if you have any families; if your organization would like a “Zoom and Learn” about the program and meet the staff – please contact Ginna
* **Joanne W/Community Services(CCRR):** virtual make and take workshop; busy bags for Dads, Moms etc.; nutrition bags coming soon – meals to go – cooking class to accompany it

1. **Business Arising**
   1. **Food Security:** SD42 applied for funding from United Way to support food programs – has received it!
   2. **Facebook/Website:** Family Ed has login information credentials; now that there is no co-ordinator – is it OK to share the credentials with those who have volunteered (Natalie, Joanne, Susan) – send Jenny an email by the end of May 7, if you have any concerns; those present indicated it was OK
2. **New Business (defer to next meeting)**
   1. Return to work
   2. Work Plan Areas to Review
      * Communication strategies for promoting programs, workshops, training etc.
      * Messaging regarding resiliency
      * Promoting play
      * Children’s Charter
3. Next Meeting – May 13th @ 1:00 p.m.