



Minutes for CFP Meeting – Wednesday, October 23

Location: Kamloops Alliance Church, Kamloops, B.C.

Time: 12:00pm

Attendance:

Elizabeth Fry Society –Erik Nelson, Janelle Mann
Kamloops Brain Injury Association – Gillian Doan
The Salvation Army - Tracey Thacker
Phoenix Centre- Sian Lewis, Kim Govett
Kamloops Boys and Girls Club- Traci Anderson

1. Introductions & Announcements

Phoenix Centre – The second phase of the Sensemaker will be Dec 4 – More details and information to follow

2. Land Acknowledgements

3. Poverty and Family Law Corner

There are more Welfare legislation changes to come. These are not finalized but a draft of some of the changes proposed are:

1. Elimination of 2yr financial independence test
2. Definition of “Spouse”. To change co- habitation period from 3 months to 1 yr to align with CRA definition
3. Requirement that welfare recipients apply for CPP early retirement benefits upon ministry request to be eliminated
4. Improvements to supplements: i.e. Hardship Assistance
5. Limit of number of security deposits to be removed and a pet deposit supplement to be introduced
6. Crisis- supplements for housing related costs to be increased.

4. CFP Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee

The poverty reduction committee is a sub group formed from CFP to work on 3 areas of focus Employment, Transportation and Childcare. The committee have completed the projects set out to do. The Adhoc committee will still be available for any individuals from CFP who wish to form a committee to work on a particular project, anyone can join the committee for the duration of the project.

5. CFP Survey Results

- The majority of people attend for the information sharing and networking. They want to see the table continue to offer this in the community because they see people at it that they don't see at other tables.
- 60% prefer monthly meetings
- Those willing to co-facilitate: (sometimes but not always)
 - Tracy – BG Club
 - Ted and Sarah at TRU legal clinic
 - Diane – Kamloops United Church
- In summary it looks like the group would like to continue and mainly offer information sharing with sub committees to break off to do the work identified at CFP

6. Other issues, developments, updates

A Community meal list will be sent out with the minutes in a separate attachment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

NEXT MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 28, 2019 12pm