

**February 21, 2008 meeting**  
**Provincial Steering Committee**  
*Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.*

Whole Region

- **INFANT MENTAL HEALTH:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 a committee [see Nov '07 report for committee members] began work on a Regional framework for providing IMH services. We were pleased to have **Annie Wolverton's** input into that meeting. We developed the following:

**Project Scope**  
**Definition and Scope of Infant Mental Health Services**  
**Infant Mental Health Service Vision**  
**Service Delivery Principles**  
**Glossary of Terms**

February 19, 2008 I participated in a subcommittee that met by conference call to coordinate additions to the first draft of "**The Existing Continuum of Services.**"

- **Regional Conference Calls** – January 14<sup>th</sup> was our most recent call; next one scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mitchell Scale** – In response to a request from **Marcia Julian** [Manager ECD and CYSN] we are working on this evaluation tool. **Dana Brynelsen, Mary Stewart** and I met January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to update the Mitchell, having been given the green light by David Mitchell via email. I have completed the Parent Questionnaire and work is in progress on the Staff/Management Committee Questionnaire. **Dana** has produced a power point that will be a terrific way to introduce the Mitchell in communities.

**CO\$T** could be a factor for some programs so I will be discussing this with **Marcia Julian and John Bergman** [RFO].

- **Spring Meeting & Inservice** – April 17 and 18 at NONA in Vernon. The agenda is in the final draft stage with out time being spent with **physiotherapy:** training from Lynn Rogers, orientation to Partnerships by Edie Watt [NONA PT] and update by Kathy Davidson [PT advisor]. The clinic coordinator for **IHCAN** [Interior Health Child Assessment Network] will attend; **Dyan Spear** will illustrate how she is working with two communities around Early Hearing diagnosis; **IDP consultants** will share strategies around providing appropriate and varied Playgroup experiences and **Dana** will update us on various topics. I will be providing training on **Responsive Teaching**, the subject of 2007 UBC summer institute.

My work within the Region

- A day was spent in **Revelstoke** training **Kelly Silzer** [covering during maternity leave], **Amanda MacIntosh** [about to go on maternity leave], and **Kristal Bradshaw** [coordinator of early years programs]. We covered the ASQ, ASQ-

SE ; discussed specific points re: the Gesell; used the AEPS and brainstormed about a few clinical cases. I was delighted to have time to meet with the **Gayle Morgan**, executive director and **Deborah Anderson**, executive administrator. In response to their questions I provided information about inservice training, the UBC certificate and diploma program and current IDP practice.

- January 10, 2008 I presented an orientation to Responsive Teaching to **Public and Community Health nurses and staff** in the **Nicola Valley**. RT is a paradigm shift in working with families so NVIDP's major referral source appreciated this information.
- I provided training on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire to **Merritt** daycare and Supported Child Development staff on February 16<sup>th</sup>. This also included an orientation to the ASQ-SE.
- I have regularly scheduled phone contact for clinical and other practical questions with **Janet Verbeeck [Williams Lake]**, **Lana Smallwood [Creston]** and **Kelly Silzer & Kristal Bradshaw [Revelstoke]**. For small rural communities this collegial contact is invaluable.
- IDP staff from **Kamloops [Crystal Hegarty]**, **Lilloett [Laura Rhodes]** and **South Okanagan [Karen Brough]** attended the **B.C. Early Hearing Program** two day training last week. This training alongside our community partners will certainly benefit families of newborns identified through the BCEHP screening program.

#### RA provincial work

- **Connie Deane** [RA for AIDP Interior] and I met in December to plan a regional tour of communities that have both IDP and AIDP services. We will encourage the scheduling of a meeting of both programs in order to celebrate successes and examine any areas of difficulty.
- I participated in two 3 day **B.C. Early Hearing Program SKI-HI** trainings in Vancouver. I think it will be very helpful to staff in our regions to know that the RAs are trained in the same interventions as those providing this service to families of newly diagnosed babies.
- Many of the staff from the Interior met for dinner one evening during the **Early Years conference**. Over half of our region were able to participate!

Respectfully submitted

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