

Report to Provincial Steering Committee
November 30, 2006 meeting
Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.

Mother Nature and Highways crews willing, I will be attending this PSC meeting in person, and am truly looking forward to connecting with you all. The technology that has allowed me to attend by phone is amazing and I am very grateful that it is available as an option.

This fall has, characteristically, been full:

September 20-23 Infant Massage Instructor training sponsored by Nicola Valley IDP; held in Merritt; including 13 service providers from the Nicola valley and 9 others from Kamloops, Clearwater, Kelowna, Williams Lake and 100 Mile House.

September 25 AIDP Regional training in Vernon. AIDP staff, Regional Advisor [Connie Deane] and Provincial AIDP advisor [Diana Elliot] along with her new assistant made me very welcome throughout the afternoon. I facilitated a review of the Ages and Stages system screening tool and the AEPS programming system.

Later that afternoon I met with Sue Rossi, Interior Region ECD coordinator to begin to get to know each other and to brainstorm about the upcoming network meeting.

September 26 Training in Kamloops by Diane Benoit on her Modified Interaction Guidance method of working with families showing behaviours that lead to disorganized attachment.

October 3 Interior Regional ECD network initial meeting in Kelowna. This was a valuable day to become acquainted with each other and to begin defining a Regional perspective on the early years.

October 14 ASQ training for daycare providers in Kamloops arranged by Child Care Resource and Referral and funded by Children First.

October 16 Regional Conference Call hosted by Marcia Julian, Regional Manager for ECD and CYSN [Children & Youth with Special Needs]. These calls continue to provide wonderful links between MCFD staff including ECD/CYSN consultants Meg Lee and Rita Carlson, Marcia and John Bergman, Regional Finance Officer and the IDP consultants. Familiarity provides opportunity for trust to grow; this is one key to providing families with focused & coordinated services.

October 23-27 Provincial Inservice. A jam-packed week as always. I was particularly impressed with this 'batch' of new consultants at the Gesell training...and continue to be grateful for the expertise brought by Michaela Wooldridge [Adaptive], Lynn Rogers [Motor], and Ann Reiner [Module 4 -advanced training for experienced consultants].

November 3 White Buffalo Aboriginal Health Society- Aboriginal Early Childhood Development "Shaping Our Futures Gathering" I was honoured to be invited to present one of the workshops at this event when Kelly Terbasket, [APFA ECD coordinator] was unable to attend. A bonus for me was that this conference took place at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt so I could walk the few blocks from my home ☺

November 8 IDP Reportables Conference Call. Thanks to MCFD headquarters [Victoria] staff for the opportunity to dialogue about this crucial report.

November 10 100 Mile House – Kjerstin Dunk initiated this community partners meeting. The purpose was to share information and begin developing a strategy to coordinate infant mental health services at all levels within the community.

November 14 Lilloett – time spent with IDP staff [Laura Rhodes, Lorrinda Casper, Jack Narcisse and Executive Director Kama Steliga at the end of their regular team meeting. Lilloett is unique in that the Friendship center holds this IDP contract. The majority of the day was spent in reviewing topics raised by the consultants including distribution of caseload and maintenance of files.

This program has asked about storage of files: how long? Where?

Lytton - met for an hour with Michele Swan, AIDP consultant. We networked and shared resources.

Telephone contact over the past 6 weeks has been made with South Okanagan, 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Lilloett, Splatins AIDP, Vernon, Salmon Arm, West Kootenay, Boundary, Clearwater.

Telephone training sessions have taken place with Williams Lake [Janet Verbeeck], South Okanagan [Karen Brough] and Clearwater [Hethar Garecki].

Staff changes [retirement] are imminent in Revelstoke and Kelowna.

Most of my contact with consultants continues to be via email either for individual quick questions or whole region announcements and information sharing.

It has been an exceptionally busy fall however this is necessary since in-person visits to the programs is often not possible during the winter months.

I wish all members of the PSC an Advent of anticipation [Dec 3-24] and a joyous 12 days of Christmas [Dec 25-Jan 5] {thanks for tolerating my 'rant' about this season ☺}.

Respectfully submitted,

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