

November 29, 2007 meeting
Provincial Steering Committee
Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.

Whole Region

- **INFANT MENTAL HEALTH:** January 24th, 2008 is the date of our next meeting. A facilitator [*Bobbi Noble*] will work with us to develop a written process to move this ahead. Present will be *Marcia Julian* [Manager ECD and CYSN for the Interior], *Barry Fulton* [Manager Child & Youth Mental Health], a representative from Aboriginal People's Family Accord [*Sue Sterling?*], *Manon Leblanc* [CYMH Team Leader associate -Infant mental health] *Nadine Johnson* [Interior Health] and *Annie Wolverton* [BCCH Infant Psychiatry fellow] We will look at how screening could roll out; referral process; how IDP tools and strategies fit with the IMH clinicians tools etc.
 - The **Fall Symposium** for CYMH clinicians provided an opportunity for Marcia Julian, Isabelle Majarnic, Manon Leblanc and me to present the IDP/IMH recommended practices description alongside the Infant Mental Health Promotion Project levels of intervention/competencies information
 - I've emailed Deborah Weatherston's "**The Infant Mental Health Specialists**" article from Zero to Three to Kamloops IMH clinicians and all IDP programs in the Interior. We continue to work at making linkages between the IDP and IMH.
 - A **chart of all IMH trained/in training clinicians** has been circulated [thanks to *Meg Lee*] including a revised copy to Barry Fulton noting the communities in our region who do not yet have access to IMH services.
- **Conference Calls** – continue to be a valuable way to keep connected. Most of the items included in this report have been discussed during these calls; the IDP consultants regularly express their appreciation for this opportunity to be involved in these discussions. Thanks to *Penny Ogasawara* from Salmon Arm for taking notes for us.
- **Mitchell Scale** – This scale for evaluating Early Intervention Programs was used quite extensively in the province before COA and CARF were introduced for accreditation purposes. Many of the IDP programs in the Interior [9 of 17] fall under the MCFD mandated funding level so I have been approached by *Marcia Julian* to pursue the re-introduction of this evaluation tool.

Dana Brynelsen and I met to discuss process, cost, revisions [it was originally written in 1989]. I have been in touch with Dr. David Mitchell, the author, through staff at the University of Waikato [Hamilton, NZ] inquiring about a revised version. We are now awaiting a response to a request for permission to revise this tool after which we will be able to begin using it. **COST** could be a factor for some programs.

- **Course Grid** – I have emailed a survey to all programs within the Interior about what courses, workshops, trainings they have attended, what they would like to see offered, and whether they are using the particular skills/program. Once all have responded, I will compile the results and pass them on to Dana's office for future planning. Thanks to **Mary Stewart** for this idea!
- **AEPS sketches** – thanks to **Myrna Bailey** of the East Kootenay IDP for arranging these sketches into age group documents. Staff will be able to use them to illustrate development within their Gesell reports and as part of program planning with families.
- **Spring Meeting & Inservice** – planning is underway; most likely at NONA in Vernon the middle of April.

My work within the Region

I trained **Kamloops** IDP staff on *Responsive Teaching* September 28th; Headstart and daycare staff in **Lilloett** on the *Ages and Stages Questionnaire* November 9th; **Merritt** daycare and Supported Child Development staff on *Responsive Teaching* November 21st.

I was present at the North Okanagan Neurological Association [NONA] in **Vernon** when Executive Directors conference participants were touring the new facility on September 28th.

The **majority of my time** is spent on **email** or **phone** with individual consultants from around the region.

RA provincial work

- I participated in the 3 day *B.C. Early Hearing Program* training in Vancouver Oct 1-3. Other Interior IDP staff more experienced in working with the deaf and hard of hearing population will attend the follow up training in January and February 2008.
- **AIDP/IDP** – The meeting of Nov 22nd provided a useful forum for highlighting the various strengths and challenges of our two

'sister' programs working together within communities. Within the Interior we have 5 AIDP programs currently working with IDP; MCFD has identified 14 AIDP programs being funded and/or in the planning stages. **Connie Deane** [RA for AIDP Interior] and I look forward to meeting in December.

- **Make the Connection** – **Judith Oldfield** and I met with the MTC trainers during Provincial In-service last month. A summary document with adjusted costs was developed for review at this PSC meeting.
- Revision of Provincial *Gesell training* continues. This time round the RAs delivered the Gross and Finer Motor module for the first time. The idea of multiple 'streams' continues to be suggested; the time involved in writing and delivering this training is significant. It would be advisable to set aside a block of time to re-write the Gesell training to bring it up to 'professional' grade.
- All the RAs continue to work on developing the *Home Visiting* training package. The challenge, as with Gesell, is to find a block of time to write it.

Respectfully submitted

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