



Peace River Aboriginal Interagency Committee Meeting
Sagitawa Friendship Centre
October 18, 2016
Minutes



Attendance:

Channing Stenhouse	Sagitawa Friendship Centre
Cheryl Anderson	County of Northern Lights
Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
Hanna Buruma	Good Shepherd School
Holly Crumpton	PRSD #10
Jessica Roy	RCMP
Joanna Gladue	Duncan First Nation
Laura Kiepal	Peace River Women's Shelter
Laura Love	Peace River Museum & Archives
Maxine Elter	Rupertsland Institute
Michelle Grant	NWCFS, Human Services
Randy Baker	OCYA
Serinda Galbraith	Peace Region Women's Shelter
Stefanie Moccia	Peace Region Women's Shelter
Tanys Oxman	Glenmary School
Trinity Schmidt	County of Northern Lights
Walter Brertton	OCYA
Wendy Goulet	Aboriginal Services, NWCFS
Winita Zaichkowsky	AB Works

1.0 Call to Order/Opening Prayer

- 1.1 Tobacco presented to Maxine Elter for prayer
- 1.2 Call to order at 10:01 am by Co-Chair Cheryl Anderson
- 1.3 Round Table of Introductions –Name and organization representing.

2.0 Agenda

- 2.1 *Motion to approve Agenda with additions, moved by Elaine Manzer. Carried.*

3.0 Minutes

- 3.1 *Motion to approve Minutes from September 20, 2016 with corrections, moved by Channing Stenhouse. Carried.*

4.0 Review of Action items.

- 4.1 No action items.

5.0 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta, Randy Baker & Walter Brertton

- The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate (OCYA) is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, mandated to work with vulnerable young people.
- The OCYA provides individual and systemic advocacy for children and youth receiving “designated services” as defined under the Child and Youth Advocate Act. This includes young people receiving or attempting to access services under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act and the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act, as well as youth involved with the youth justice system. The OCYA also provides access to legal representation for children and youth receiving child intervention services, provides public education, and conducts investigations into systemic issues in the event of the serious injury or death of a young person receiving designated services.



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- The Child and Youth Advocate has approximately 60 staff including his Executive Assistant and Executive Director along with 40 staff delivering services to young people and 18 staff who provide support services to the office. The OCYA has offices in Edmonton and Calgary and provides services province-wide.
- How do we turn the talk into action? How do we see the action plan from Human Services in response to the Auditor General's report on Human Services – Systems to Deliver Child and Family Services to Indigenous Children in Alberta & OCYA Report-Voices of Change. Randy will find out if action plan can be shared publically.
- How is the actions measured? How can we support the reports to see changes?
- The Premier of Alberta Rachel Notely publically accepted the reports.
- Jordon's Principal is being implemented within the Province of Alberta.
- Advocacy 101 is available for community contact Walter.Bretton@ocya.alberta.ca for more information. Possibility of train the trainer of Advocacy 101.

6.0 Aboriginal Strategic Plan, NWCFS

- Michelle Grant shared with the reorganization of Human Services the implication of the Aboriginal Strategic plan work was put on hold until the reorganization is finalized which will be October 30 ,2016.

7.0 NW CFS Elders Referral Program - Cultural Connection Project

- Is to enhance and expand the existing Elder Program. We want to: build respectful connections between Elders, cultural teachers, Child & Family Services Staff and families that CFS serves. Strengthen the Elders Program so that more children, families, caregivers, foster parents and staff are involved with Elders and other cultural teachers more often. Expand the cultural resources available so that children and families have access to the cultural support that is appropriate. We are interested to hear about your experiences with connecting the children in your care with cultural resources, teachers and Elders. Your wisdom will help bring better services and connections to the children and families. For more information or to contact the project call Dawna at 780-926-5462 dawna.cardinal@gov.ab.ca
- NWCFS Elders Gathering & Mentors November 21 & 22, 2016 in Peace River at the Sawridge Inn & Conference. Invited guests are welcome. Please contact Michelle Grant or Dawna Cardinal for more information. Wisdom will be gathered to bring better services and connections to children and families.

8.0 Blanket Exercise Northwest Alberta Tour to AIC's

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Recommendation #57 reads:
We call upon "federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to provide education to public servants of history of Aboriginal peoples, including history and



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legacy of Residential Schools the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal Right.

- We look forward to providing you with a learning opportunity to facilitate the Blanket Exercise; a simple, yet highly impactful experiential and innovative training. November 2, 2016 meeting time 9:00am-12:00pm. Please sign up with Bev Cameron at Bev.Cameron@gov.ab.ca (780)538-5426 by October 14, 2016. This is free training available for PRAIC members.
- The Peace River AIC will host the Blanket Exercise at the November 15, 2016 meeting. Lunch will be provided and the event will start at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Please expect the November meeting to be a quick meeting from 12:00 pm -1:30 pm working lunch.
- *Motion to start the PRAIC meeting after the blanket exercise at 12:00 pm, moved by Winita Zaichkowsky. Carried.*
- *Motion to cancel the PRAIC meeting in December, moved by Maxine Elter. Carried.*

1.0 Walking Together – Advisory Group

- Holly Crumpton has been appointed to the Walking Together *Joint* Advisory Group.
- Alberta Teachers Association has hired a consultant to explore what PD is needed for Teachers in Northwest Alberta this is in partnership with Northwest Regional Learning Consortium for TRC (*implementation*) implantation.
- One of the needs is (*to ensure local history is addressed in the blanket exercise so it is a local community perspective*) from local history for things like blanket exercises so it is local community perspective.
- This meeting will be (*at 2:30pm*) on November 24, 2016. Please contact Holly Crumpton for more information at CrumptoH@prsd.ab.ca

2.0 Review Correspondence

- 2.1 Andrew Loosley, Baytex, donation to PRPW Calendar \$225.

3.0 Standing Committee Updates

3.1 Financial Update

- ATB PRAIC ACCOUNT Balance \$34 587.83

Moved by Trinity Schmidt to accept the balance. Carried. Abstention Jessica Roy.

11.2 Sisters in Spirit

- Peace River Sagitawa & Peace River Museum partnered to Exhibit “Silent Dreams” this is a crowd sourced display. Anyone is invited to make a dream catcher to hang in memory of Missing and Murdered. You will receive it back at end of exhibit March 24, 2016. Please support exhibit and have a visit. Opening night was October 13, 2016 at Peace River Museum with Elder Dave Matilpi. There will be three speakers brought in for MMIW during the exhibit.



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- “Finding Dawn” Screening on October 27, 2016 at the Peace River Library. Viewing of photographs of Arsen Buffin’s REDress Project inspired by Jamie Black. Finished with a sharing circle. This will start at 7:00pm.
- Sister in Spirit Walk on October 4, 2016 was well attended with 100+ people. It was very chilly. Our local MLA Debbie Jabour was in attendance. Keynote speaker was Brenda Brochu. The Peace River Record Gazette has a nice write up of the event. Suggestion of putting explanation of what the Traditional Drummers are and Jingle Dress Dancers in the program and explained during the event. The youth from Peace River High School were very involved with the event from assisting in making tobacco ties, fire keepers, providing smudging to attendee’s, clean-up , it was greatly appreciated.
- <http://www.prrecordgazette.com/2016/10/12/sisters-in-spirit-walk-honours-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women>

11.3 Soup Kitchen

- Volunteers for October 7, 2016 were Fern Gray, Laura Gloor, Eunice Cardinal and Wendy Goulet. <http://www.prsoupkitchen.org/> for schedule on where to pick up soup. Visit our website <http://www.peacriveraia.com> for schedule of volunteers.
- Wendy will inquire if the Soup Kitchen is open on November 11, 2016.
- Sign-up sheet will be passed around for 2016-17

11.4 Education Committee

- **Aboriginal Youth Career Workshop November 16, 2016**

11.5 HUB – Hope Unity and Belonging for all – Tabled

11.6 Peace River Annual Aboriginal Art Show -Tabled

- **Show will be from June 21, 2016-July 29, 2016**

11.7 Peace River Pow Wow

- **Calendars 2017. Letter is in package for donations.**
- **AHS Complaint for treatment of volunteer.**
- **Thank you letters for support of Peace River Pow Wow 2016**

12.0 Other Items

12.1 Terms of Reference

- Terms of Reference updated November 19,2013
- Subcommittee formed to go over TOR with Larry Stewart. Wendy Goulet, Cheryl Anderson, Laura Love and Laura Kiepal.
- Last Co-chair elections were in October 2014.
Elections: To occur bi-annually in October.



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- Moved by Michelle Grant to wait for Co-Chairs elections until Terms of Reference are updated. Carried.

12.2 Strong Communities make strong children, Judy Gillespie

- Present at November meeting through lunch. What is the impact of multi-sector collaborations such as PRAIC on the community? How might we work together to examine this? Judy is working with Jason Albert at First Nations University to examine what is currently known about how to study the impacts of multi-sector collaboration on community change and they are interested in our perspective. Judy will let us know at what point they would like to share their information with us and gain our perspective on it.
- Moved by Tanys Oxman to work with Judy Gillespie & Jason Albert on the Strong Communities project. Carried.

13.0 Sharing Circle (Agency Updates)

14.0 Next Meeting

Date: November 15, 2016

Location: Sagitawa Friendship Centre

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

No meeting in December.