

Report to Provincial Steering Committee
June 21st, 2007 meeting
Interior Region I.D.P. of B.C.

Whole Region

- **John Bergman**, Regional Finance Officer, continues to chair the process that will lead to a **standard contract** for all IDP within the Interior. We spent the morning of Wednesday April 25 [prior to the Interior Spring ECD Conference] working through various ideas.
- The **Spring Conference** for all Early Childhood Development sectors took place April 25-27 in Kelowna. The evaluations were very positive especially from disciplines that had never participated in regional conferences before.

Dr. **Dana Brynelsen** and other provincial leaders participated in a panel presentation...several colleagues made a point to take me aside and tell me how much they appreciated her words. The new **IDP display** and the **FAS** 'partnership-like' program displays were well received.

Our **IDP Evaluations** noted much learning from both our time in our 'sector group' and from the Infant Mental Health workshop. The DC-03-R was described including the Relationship Problems Checklist, the Parent-Infant Relationship Global Assessment Scale and the Psychosocial & environmental Stressor Checklist. I have made copies of all these handouts for the other Regional Advisors.
- I meet with **Marcia Julian**, Manager ECD and CYSN for the Interior and **Barry Fulton**, Manager Child & Youth Mental Health on June 28th to discuss next steps around IDP and IMH clinicians working collaboratively within the Interior. Dana's latest revision of the IDP and IMH services document will be one of the guiding documents in our discussions as will how the ASQ-Social Emotional screening tool [and other IDP tools] fit with the IMH clinicians tools.
- **PT advisor to the IDP** – this position is being filled by **Kathy Ferguson** from OSNS in Penticton. She & I have had preliminary chats; we have a call scheduled for June 19th.
- **Regional Therapy Rep** – this position began with planning for the Spring Conference at which the therapists during their sector group meetings decided to continue the position. This is a 'rep' position not an 'advisor' one. **Melissa Hogan**, O.T. from Williams Lake holds this position. We spent time together by phone on June 13th [she had been ill when I

visited Williams Lake in May]. How these two positions above coordinate with the Rep to the Therapy Council is another question that is being explored.

- **Conference Calls** – continue to be a valuable way to keep connected. The next one is scheduled for Monday June 25th at 1:30pm
- I continue to update Marcia Julian about any **service provision** issues within the communities of the Interior.
- John Bergman [RFO] and Marcia Julian [Manager ECD & CYSN] have asked about the **funding of the RA position**, thinking that the Interior Region could possibly help with the reduced amounts due to the change to 5 regions.

My work within the Region

- I attended the Grand Opening of the new **Creston** Infant Development Program on April 30th. *Lana Smallwood* is the consultant filling this position. I'm hoping to have photos of this even posted in the Regional portion of the IDP website shortly. You'll be able to put a face to a name as there is a great picture of the **MCFD** folks who helped this community to gain their own program.
- I provided *ASQ training* and an orientation to the *ASQ-SE* to Aboriginal staff in **Williams Lake** on May 17th. The staff of daycare and Headstart programs, some traveling over 300 km from their communities, now have a tool to screen the youngsters in their care. They also gained an increased understanding of the supports available to families and how those supports link with one another.
- On June 4 I trained the **Kelowna IDP** staff on the use of the AEPS [Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System] tool.

This linked assessment and curriculum was introduced to us by Dr. Suzanne Yockelson during a *Summer Institute at UBC* a few years ago. Again, the value of the Summer Institutes is demonstrated as the vast majority of IDP programs in the Interior have been trained and are using this tool to plan activities and monitor the development of the infants we serve.

Upcoming Training I will be training daycare and IDP staff in **Lilloett** on the *ASQ* September 14th.

Requests for training for ECD staff [see above] continue to be received and responded to. However the RA budgets cannot absorb these costs so they have been passed on to the agencies involved.

RA provincial work

- Provincial *Gesell training* took place May 22 & 23. The Regional Advisors continued to work to revise the Gesell training in response to comments provided by participants. Mary & I will spend the day Friday June 22 reviewing this material
- All the RAs will be working Mon-Wed June 25-27 on developing the Home Visiting training package.

Respectfully submitted

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