

Report to Provincial Steering Committee
June 19th, 2008 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. The latest meeting was June 11th.
- **Marcia Julian**, Manager ECD and CYSN for the Interior and **Barry Fulton**, Manager Child & Youth Mental Health continue to work with a committee to write a *Framework for Infant Mental Health* services in the Interior. We met May 27th and June 6th; our next meeting is July 15th.
- **Kathy Davidson** from OSNS in Penticton has written the job description for the PT advisors. *PT & IDP* – now loving known as *PIPPN* – Conference call took place Tuesday June 17th.
- *Conference Calls* – continue to be a valuable way to keep connected. The next one is schedule for Monday June 23rd at 1:30pm
- I continue to update **Marcia Julian** about any *service provision* issues within the communities of the Interior; latest info was provided last week.
- **Mitchell Scale** – the revised version is almost complete. **Marcia Julian** has indicated that there may be funds to help with the cost of having a Mitchell evaluation performed. The tentative plan would be to have 3 of the small programs that are not required to use COA or CARF accreditation evaluated each year within a 3-year cycle.
- **Nelson MCFD ECD/CYSN planning meeting** – This meeting provided an opportunity for us to reflect on the work we've done over the past few years and to make plans for the future. A bonus for me was that I traveled to & from this meeting with **Kelly Terbasket** [Aboriginal People's Family Accord ECD manager] and **Linnette Farmer** [MCFD FASD coordinator]. Over the hours we had a chance to get to know each other, discuss our work within many communities and establish a sense of team. At the meeting itself, I enjoyed meeting & working with **Nancy McComb** [Director of Operations, Interior Region] who hosted us as Nelson is her home community.

My work within the Region

- I continue to provide much of my support to programs through **emails and phone conversations**...both spontaneous and regularly scheduled.
- I worked with staff in Revelstoke on June 9th and 10th, covering a wide variety of clinical topics and actually completing the whole

agenda that **Kristal Bradshaw** and **Kelly Silzer** had generated. Because of their keen interest and insightful comments the hours flew by!

I was pleased to be invited to spend some time with **Gayle Morgan**, Executive Director and **Deb Anderson**, Executive Administrator. They have asked me to return in the fall/winter to provide current information to the community table regarding Infant Mental Health and IDP.

- Staff from the West Kootenays [**Linda Hunter, Jerri Schmidt, Julia Stockhausen**] and East Kootenays [**Korri Maloney, Jackalin Lightfoot, Charlene Stropky**] traveled to Creston [**Lana Smallwood**] for a full day together on June 12th. The staff developed an agenda while I met with **Serena Naeve**, Executive Director. We discussed accreditation and the Mitchell Scale as well as the success of the new Creston IDP program.

The focus of the work for the rest of the day was Responsive Teaching – review and implementation strategies. We also covered training...specifically ideas for videoconferencing as a possibility for Gesell training etc. I thoroughly enjoyed the dynamic interactions with these dedicated folks...the great snacks and a birthday to celebrate just added to our day!

- Then next day [June 13] I participated in a meeting in Castlegar of IDP, AIPD, SCD and ASCD staff from the West Kootenays. **Connie Deane** [RA for AIDP] and **Sue Sterling** [RA for ASCD] flew in for the meeting. The sense of collegiality provided fertile ground for this important early work in the life of AIDP and ASCD. We accomplished all that we had set out to do...thanks to West Kootenay IDP and their agency for hosting this event...the salads were terrific and fresh baked bread yummy!

After the meeting, Connie and I drove together back to Kelowna airport...dinner in Midway [situated midway between the Rockies and the Pacific Ocean]. Links continue to be created.

- Another meeting of IDP and AIDP for the purposes of creating positive collaborative practice early on was held Monday June 16th in Kamloops. Staff from Interior Metis AIDP, Urban AIDP and Kamloops Infant Development [**Diane Henry**] met with Connie and me. Again, the determination to provide best possible services for the families and babies was evident throughout our morning's work. Thanks to Interior Metis Child & Family Services for hosting this event...and, of course, for the coffee and muffins,

RA provincial work

- I participated in **Gesell training** at UBC May 28th. The Regional Advisors are changing around who teaches which area in order to add to our skills. It is my understanding that this was successful.
- See note above re: **Mitchell Scale**
- I was thrilled to be in Vancouver on the very day of Dana Brynelsen's **35-year anniversary** of involvement with the Infant Development Program. Our wee dinner party was full of laughter, reminiscences and comradery!

Respectfully submitted

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