

Sundre Interagency Meeting

Summary

January 17, 2006

- The meeting was attended by about **30 people**.
- Info was given on the **intend** of Interagency Meetings:
 - inform about community events, groups, activities,
 - exchange new contacts, new programs and services
 - meet other service groups and organizers in the community
 - raise awareness about community issues
- For 2006 all meeting **dates are set** and are as follows:
January 17, March 21, May 16, July 18, September 19, November 21
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the McDougal Chapel basement.
- Greenwood Neighbourhood Place is initiating a **community calendar** and is asking every organization to provide information to them as soon as possible. **All events will be listed free of charges** on the www.sundrepeople.com webpage. It is also in the planning to develop a monthly/quarterly calendar. Information on events can be submitted by fax, 638-1012 or emailed to gnplace@telus.net.
- The background for the proposed **Sundre Needs Assessment**:
 - a small group of program providers met in the fall of 2005 to talk about program priorities in 2006
 - it was acknowledged that more information is needed to develop an accurate picture of the community needs
 - all known existing program elements were listed to identify obvious gaps
 - it was decided to use the Sundre Interagency meetings for input to priorities community needs
- Three groups were formed at the meeting to **list needs and issues** of specific age groups. (Children and Youth, Adults and Family, Seniors)
- Everyone was invited to **mark their priorities** on all issues and needs that were presented (Six votes for everyone)
- The information will be added to **develop a needs assessment** for the community.
- The survey will be **presented at the next Interagency** meeting March 21, or earlier if done.
- More information will be collected to identify priorities in each age category. This information will be used to work on an action plan and create new programs and initiatives.

Thank you all for improving the communication through email. If you do not like to receive emails and prefer regular mail please let us know.

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Identified Needs

Question: What *issues* and *needs* do you see inside your organization or in the community as a whole?

Children and Youth	The number of votes this issue received at the meeting
Substance Abuse	9
Family Violence	5
Community Involvement	1
Fitness and Recreation	1
Youth Facility	13
Role model/ parenting support	2
Knowledge of what is available	1
Barrier free programs	5
Sense of ownership, responsibility	2
Independent youth resources	1
Flexible Program hours	2
Communication	5
Retreat and short term respite for at risk youth	8
Positive mentoring	3

Adults and Family	The number of votes this issue received at the meeting
Parent support for FASD parents	0
Accessible community calendar with all activities	7
Scheduled family activities	0
Community guide/ directory	3
Friendly Neighbours Service	6
Availability of resources	1
Literacy	0
Use the Olds radio station	3
Make use of the resources of churches	0
Promote family events without alcohol	12
Drug and alcohol	2
Family and children's forum to speak out	1
Promotion of events	2
Program coordination	0
Adult volunteers	4
Family stability	9

Identified Needs

Question: What issues and needs do you see inside your organization or in the community as a whole?

Seniors	The number of votes this issue received at the meeting
Community event calendar quarterly	8
Home visitation program for seniors	7
Respite for caregivers	4
Friendly Neighbours Service (odd jobs)	1
Invite public into Lodge for activities	0
Transportation in/out of town	10
Cost of transportation	1
More recreation (Bowling)	0
Seniors oriented activities (ex. seniors swim)	0
More programs at the seniors center	1
More long term care spaces	3
Quicker and easier access	9
More use from the community van	8
Information consolidation of resources for seniors	2
To many community groups	0

Summary:

The list is incomplete and does not represent all possible issues in our community.

The above information is corresponding to the opinion of 27 interagency members with 6 votes each to mark their priorities.

More information will be collected in the community to identify priorities in each age category. This information will be used to work on an action plan and create new programs and initiatives.

Thank you all for your input.

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