

Sundre Interagency Meeting Summary

March 27, 2007

Community Conference Room

In Attendance:

Marita Stermann - Greenwood Neighbourhood Place

Jennifer Jacobs - Greenwood Neighbourhood Place

Verity Pickering – Community Van & United Church

Carol Bates – Healthy Families Program

Frances McKillop – Royal Purple Elks Foundation (Ladies Auxiliary)

Karen Grudeski – Family Wellness (Sundre High School)

Ingrid Mayr – GNP Webmaster, Bearberry Wapitana Society, Chamber

Cindy Shyback – Mental Health Liaison

Donna Morency – Welcome Wagon

Lisa Lough – Mental Health

Isabel Bartholow – Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

Wendy Tredger – Family Wellness (River Valley School)

Deborah Billings – Sundre Parent Link Facilitator

Annette Rose – Victim's Services/Sundre Pioneer Museum

Dorene Dick – Sundre Palliative Care Association

Audrey Hobbs – Volunteer Resources DTHR

Agenda

Introduction & updates from each representative
Communication

Greenwood Neighbourhood Place & Sundre FCSS

Marita Stermann – Program Coordinator

Marita handed out a Sundre and Area referral guide. There were some additions suggested and then it will be ready to send out to the community.

The Community Awards Night was discussed. Invitation posters were handed out and more will be distributed throughout the community. The nomination form deadline was extended to April 10, 2007.

The 'Sundre On The Go' community newsletter had great feedback from the community. People were pleased about the information on upcoming programs. As well, there was a quick response to the section on volunteers for one on one computer training.

It was discussed that the newsletter would be a great advantage to the community and it's organizations if it was published possibly monthly, to keep up with coordinating events and programs. It would be the key to success to placing volunteers with organizations that were looking for help. *Marita will send out a letter to interagency members to rally support for funding.

There will be boards placed in the foyer of the curling rink and Aquaplex. They will be used to promote events and activities in the area and will be maintained by Greenwood Neighbourhood Place. Due to the traffic to the curling rink, pool, farmer's market, etc., this should provide great coverage.

Healthy Families

Carol Bates

Healthy Families is a home visitation program. It is an in-home support program for parents of newborns who want extra assistance to create the best possible healthy start for their children, from newborns to age six.

Encourage positive parent-child interaction through age appropriate games, songs and stories and by providing strategies for guiding children's behavior.

Provide information about child development.

Assist the family to achieve their goals by connecting to community programs such as education and job training, housing, budgeting and financial supports, and counseling services.

Families with a newborn can be referred to the Healthy Families program by their Public Health Nurse or by the family themselves.

Royal Purple Elks Foundation (Ladies Auxiliary)

Frances McKillop

The Ladies Auxiliary always encourages new members and would like to raise awareness of their organization in the community.

They promote good citizenship and are a great support for women and families in the area.

Children's Therapist

Lisa Lough

Pam will be the new counselor in Olds for AADAC. Red Deer is still to be contacted first at 340-5274.

Barb will be the adult therapist in Sundre.

Mental Health Liaison

Cindy Shyback

Cindy has concerns that there is still a lack of support for women of family violence in Sundre. There is a need for information before a crisis and then a follow-up support for later. As well, substance abuse is still a huge concern for some of these women.

Mental Health First Aid Course – 12 hour course and you receive a certificate. This course applies to everyone, will be available in June and is funded by the Mental Health Board.

Mental Health Week- second week in May. Cindy would like to hear any suggestions or ideas from the community.

Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

Isabel Bartholow

A \$1,000.00 scholarship is offered to any medical student under the age of 21 years, through this organization. There are forms available as the Sundre High School office. Students don't appear to know about this great opportunity, so spread the word!

Welcome Wagon

Donna Morency

The Welcome Wagon is a great way for new-comers to learn about what our community has to offer. Please let Donna know if a family has a new baby, are newly weds or have just moved to the area.

River Valley School (Family Wellness)

Wendy Tredger

Dwaine Peace will be speaking on April 25 and 26, 2007. His topics will include bullying and other peer issues.

Sundre High School (Family Wellness)

Karen Grudeski

'Risk Taking' days for grade 9 students are coming up. They will raise awareness on such subjects as drinking and driving, dangers of quadding and many other risky situations that teens may find themselves in.

Students have been honoring each other for 'Random Acts of Kindness'. It has proven to be very positive and is great to see in the school.

Boundaries Group for parents.

Victims Services

Annette Rose

These volunteers work hard along side the RCMP. They have been trained in many areas to provide referrals, information and support in many areas of crises. Annette describes it as being both traumatic and rewarding.

Sundre Pioneer Museum

Annette Rose

The Sundre Pioneer Museum will be opening in May and will be honoring 'Ladies in the Military' this year.

They have many programs in planning for the summer such as 'A Taste of the West', a 'Walk through Art Show', 'Teddy Bear Pick-nick', and will be promoting the new 'Wild Life Exhibit'.

They have also been hosting weddings and encouraging small groups to bring a lunch and make a day of everything the museum has to offer!

Volunteer Resources DTHR

Audrey Hobbs

There are three courses coming for volunteers:

Mealtime Assistance Volunteer Training – April 3, 2007 at the Sundre Hospital

Home Visitor Training – May 5, 2007 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital

Doula Training – May 11 & 12, 2007 at the Red Deer Regional Hospital - \$40.00 fee and includes lunch.

Sundre Parent Link

Deborah Billings

Parent Link is geared towards parents or caregivers and children from age 0 -6years. This program has had a huge response in the community of Sundre in the last 5 months. Deb is very excited about the feed back from the families.

The ongoing programs include '1234 Parents', 'Walk and Talk', 'Let's Play', 'Me and My Dad' and 'Infant Playtime'. A new addition of 'Gym and Swim' has been very popular.

All of these programs are free of charge and are on a drop in basis (with the exception of Gym and Swim).

Sundre Palliative Care Association

Dorene Dick

There are resources available from the Sundre Library with no need to sign out. As well, Care Notes are available there and at Greenwood Neighbourhood Place.

Sundre United Church

Verity Pickering

The church choir has been doing very well and is a part of the festival in Olds this week.

The Sundre Interagency group will continue sharing information by email. Please send any information you want to share to GNP for distribution.

Sundre on the Go community newsletter, will be published again by the end of May so please send any submissions to Marita for inclusion.

Next Sundre Interagency Meeting:

May 29th, 9:30 am

at the Sundre Community Centre Conference Room

Following Meetings Dates:

Aug 7th, Sept 18th and Nov 13th.