

<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>		
<b>Location:</b> Zoom	<b>Date:</b> July 8, 2021	<b>Time:</b> 1:00 pm
<b>Purpose:</b> Steering Committee Meeting 2021 Q2	<b>Version:</b> Final	
<b>Attendees:</b> See attached	<b>Issue date:</b> December 23, 2021	

### **Welcome – Anita**

Called meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and did territorial acknowledgement.

### **Safety Share – Sharon**

During the heat wave some people have been leaving windows and doors open with just screens. That can leave you susceptible to crime/robberies.

### **Review of Agenda**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

### **Representative Updates**

#### Community Safety – Scott

Wildfires: They have been busy in south country. Two ditch fires from cigarettes. Machinery like ATVs and tractors generate a lot of heat and they can contribute to wildfires. Be careful with machinery.

Swift water calls: Four calls in the last week. Be careful on the rivers. Two were false alarms where people were worried. If you fall out call 911 and let them know even if you are safe. Swift water is one of the most dangerous environments because it is relentless. There have also been calls from mountain bikers and hikers.

Sharon (C) – surprised to hear people shooting off fireworks in this extreme heat

Scott (C) – was happy to know fireworks were not being sold

#### Education – Anita

Some retirements at COTR Fernie campus: Brian Bell is retiring and the Mountain Adventure Skills Training program has gone through quality assurance process that will be wrapped up before he leaves. Great to hear that we are meeting students' needs and Brian is a big part of that. Sarah Osberg from Kamloops has been hired to replace Brian. She is very highly qualified and starts on July 19. Holly, in admin is also retiring and moving away.

Programs: Offering Health Care and Community Program. Students get hired in the homes on the job while doing studies (cohort of 12 people). Institution overall is planning to return to normal September 7. Looking forward to normalcy and not having a locked door.

#### Interior Health – Kerri

Interior Health Healthy Communities program has been called to help with many different things: understanding why some areas are not getting vaccinated; helping to share info about community dynamics and community champions and pulled into some wildfire items, helping with knowledge sharing and communications. Have been supporting overdose and poverty reduction. The coordinator for the poverty reduction plan is presenting to Fernie council on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Interior Health came out with new vision and mission. Vision: Health and Wellbeing for all. Mission: Working together to improve quality of life for individuals and communities inspired by innovation and partnership.

## Social Programs – Kim

Elkford announced partnership with Columbia Basin Trust. They will be creating new childcare spaces (28 spaces) in old municipal office hopefully by September 2022. Two other daycares opening in Elkford. One will do overnight; one will cater to 4X4 shifts and the municipal one will cater to M-F. Senior housing project has had some challenges but it is moving forward. Land transfer is happening. Currently about 3 million short for funding but BC housing has taken that back and will work through that. It is coming but the timeline is uncertain at this point. It will be 25 one-bedroom units.

## **Old Business**

Action Items Review – postponed the three old action items due to COVID-19

## **New Business**

Teck Feedback Received –

Teck Announcements –

## **Closing Remarks**

Anita closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

## **Next Meetings:**

Steering Committee – September 2021  
Partners – August 4, 2021

## **Attendance**

Name	Representing	Role	
Bauer, Kim	Social Services/Elkford		
Palmer, Anita	Education/RDEKA	Chair	
Strom, Sharon	Teck Communities/Sparwood	Secretary	
Robinson, Scott	Community Safety/Fernie		
Tomlinson, Leala	Healthcare/Sparwood		
Wall, Kerri	Healthcare/Fernie		

## **Unable to attend:**

	Representing	Role	
Anonson, Terry	Metis/Elkford		
Bertrand, Denise	Recreation Users/Elkford		
Drain, Joanne	Seniors/CNP		
Glober, Creighton	Teck HR		
Howse, Simon	Housing/Business/Fernie		
Wedderburn, Shelley	MCR and GNR Residents/Sparwood		
Wilfong, Marie	ENGOS (ERA)/Fernie		

**Action Items**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
<b>OLD</b>		
Arrange a time for COIAI Partners to receive Culture 101 training from KNC representative	SS	Done then cancelled due to COVID
Arrange for tour of EVWQP/treatment plant update for SC	SS	Postponed until safe to do so
Healthcare Task Force meeting (Mental Health focus)	SS	Was set for December but postponed for now
<b>NEW</b>		
Select date for virtual Partners meeting	SS	Done
Determine guest speakers	All	Done
Invite guest speakers	SS	Done
Secure Zoom with VHO	SS	Done