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**Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2022**

**1:30 pm – Zoom meeting**

**Attendees:** Amna Burki (staff), Emma Fineblit, Genny Funk-Unrau, Dr. Christopher Love, Ingrid Peters Derry (staff), Cathy Seitz, Cheri Wright Kaguah (staff), Chris Voss (staff), Fatuma Sufi, Nancy Tovell

**Regrets:** Karen Bryce,Carmen Court,Jennifer DeFehr, Gabriela Galli, Karen Howgate, Corrie Monk (staff)

**Chair:** Emma Fineblit

**Minutes:** Ingrid Peters Derry

1. **Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement**

*Respectfully acknowledging Treaty 1 Territory, Original Lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and Homeland of the Metis Nation.*

*We are committed to learning the truth in order to support reconciliation.*

1. **Agency Profile: Lifesaving Society Manitoba** – Christopher Love (PhD, MA, BA[Hons]), Water Smart & Safety Management Coordinator

**Lifesaving Society Manitoba** <https://lifesaving.mb.ca/>

* Lifesaving Society Manitoba - mission to prevent drownings and water related injuries
* EAL presentations are available for English beginners to Benchmark 12. Tailored to specific circumstances.
* Available for Special events, workshops. But they have a small staff and funding is tight.
* Create linkages with others – swim instruction, lifeguard training
* This is a public health issue – drowning and water related injuries. Estimate - for every drowning fatality there are 4 cases of permanent lifelong injury from water related episodes, and many more that are not permanent.
* See website for resources that can shared with clients. Watersmart Public Education has good information to share. Hard copies of some can also be ordered. Contact Dr. Love for this.
* Recommendations for lifeguards – there is a lifeguard shortage right now. To take a group for a beach event, the best choice would be to choose a beach that already has lifeguarding (Grand Beach, Winnipeg Beach, Birds Hill Park). If that is not possible, contact Dr. Love’s office and they will try to assist. Or contact a pool in the area you may have a relationship with to see if they can help with contacts. But it is likely to be difficult.
* Swimming lessons – Red Cross will not be doing this any longer. They are transferring this to Lifesaving Society in the future. Lessons – check with local pools. They are all still running lessons through either RC or LS. They may have reduced number of classes due to lifeguard shortage.
* If you have community members who might be interested in lifeguarding, LS can help make these connections for training. Dr. Love can explore with your agencies to see if funding for training could be accessed or subsidized.
* C4F will host a workshop presentation for – **July 13 at 10 -11:15 am**. For people who do not need interpreters.
* A fall date for ice safety workshop will be upcoming.

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**Take a deep breath with Chris**

1. **Consent Agenda**

* Approval of Agenda
* Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2022

**All approved.**

1. **Member Sharing – agency updates and/or emerging issues**

Issues for reflection: what are your plans for summer programming?

**IRCOM**

* + Green Action workshops – biking, etc.
  + Community cleanup has happened at both locations
  + Water safety workshop yesterday
  + Cooking programs
  + Bookmaking program
  + Most programs are now in person

**Bookmates**

* Workshop on **June 14** – Read, Rhyme, Sing and Play 9:30 to 11:30

**Wolseley Family Place**

* Understanding your anger group
* Circle of security
* Healing arts program – Monday afternoons
* Sharing circles for families involved with CFS - monthly
* Art programming on Fridays – with Art City
* Public Health Nurse coming every Friday afternoon to drop in
* Playroom has space
* Free Counseling
* Free Laundry facilities
* Summer – outdoor programs garden, WGM, music program, outings.
* Hiring right now

**Klinic**

* + Health services appointments – but no new clients right now
  + Drop in counseling virtually and in person – call ahead for appointments
  + AGM on June 22

1. **Staff updates**

* **C4F Workshop Showcase** – Gentle Heroes. Sharing of stories of gentle male heroes. Upcoming Gentle Heroes Workshop:

Date:  **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

Time: 9:15 am – 3:15 pm

Register [here](http://communities4families.ca/gentle-heroes-may-31-2022/)

* **Staff updates/highlights**
  + Upcoming workshops – RIRO, Gentle Heroes, TRTS before summer [Upcoming Workshops & Events – Communities 4 Families](https://communities4families.ca/upcoming-workshops/)
  + TRTS would be a good way for staff to talk about resilience and deal with stress
  + Cheri can work with summer staff to offer information about engaging children in outdoor spaces [outdoorplay@communities4families.ca](mailto:outdoorplay@communities4families.ca)
  + Mapping Winnipeg – will be sharing information about drop in programs for children 5 and under. It would be great to see our agencies’ programming on this. See more information in e-digest.
  + We can provide any of these workshops for staff from an entire agency at a time that works best for them. Contact Amna [training@communities4families.ca](mailto:training@communities4families.ca) to organize this.
  + Final reports have been submitted to the Province
  + We purchased new computers and Microsoft 365 Business, and started tech training
  + Grant applications are now being accepted until May 31. Send to [coordinator@communities4families.ca](mailto:coordinator@communities4families.ca)
  + New grant application to Literacy for Life for a parenting storytelling workshop
  + Staff are starting vacations. Ingrid will be away until August. Emails will be forwarded to Corrie.

1. **Additional Committee Updates** 
   * **Executive Committee** 
     + AGM – September 28 @ noon. Tentatively planned to be an in-person meeting
     + Executive Committee positions – members at large (2), co- or vice-chair. Resource Committee chair is also available. Names will be presented at the June meeting and voting if necessary.
     + People can still be nominated for these positions. Contact Emma [executivedirector@wfpwpg.ca](mailto:executivedirector@wfpwpg.ca) or Carmen [ccourt@wsd1.org](mailto:ccourt@wsd1.org) if you are interested.
     + Wanting to invite more agencies to attend C4F meetings

* **Resource Committee**
  + Next meeting – June 20
  + Terms of Reference are changing and will be finalized at that meeting
* **Ad Hoc Transition Committee** 
  + This committee’s work is done now. Executive will confirm final report in June and Coalition will discuss a report/recommendation at June 15 meeting
* **Ad Hoc Grants Committee**
  + Applications have been circulated. **Deadline is May 31**. Corrie will receive applications and coordinate meeting of the ad hoc committee to make decisions.

**Final Stretch/breathe with Cheri**

1. **Next C4F Meeting – June 15, 2022 @ 1:30 pm**