**West Coast Communities Transportation Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 8th, 2016**

**NETP Office, Ucluelet BC**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Marcie DeWitt, ACHN; Jesse Rach-Sharpe, LVI; Jenna Miller, LVI; Marylin Touchie, LVI; Marilyn McEwan, DOU; Don Buchner, W4W; Aaron Rodgers, DOT; Abbie MacPherson, Division of Family Practice; Tony Bennet, ACRD.

**WHEELS FOR WELLNESS**

Group reviewed program numbers and heard recommendations from Don Buchner.

**Program usage**

Jan Trips

Uclulet to Port Alberni   - 6 trips

Uclulet to Parksville        - 2 trips

Uclulet to Victoia              - 1 trips

Tofino to Port Alberni    - 5 trips

Tofino to Nanaimo          - 4 trips

Uclulet to Nanaimo         - 6trips

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TOTAL TRIPS                           24                       ( 12 of these trips paid for either by First Nation Bands or MHSD)

Feb Trips

Uclulet to Port Alberni   - 10

Uclulet to Nanaimo         - 10

Uclulet to Victoria            - 5

Tofino to Port Alberni    - 6

Tofino to Nanaimo          - 10

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TOTAL TRIPS                          41      (20 trips paid for either by First Nation Bands or MHSD)

**Overview**

* Looking for two additional volunteers
* Double in usage since launch recommendation from Don that the program is viable and is worth continuation
* Community partners will only need to worry about the capital purchase of the van, W4W has grant applications and fundraising in place to accommodate operating costs.
* An initial $10 000 was allocated by the W4W Org for the pilot project, under $4000 has been spent to date.
* Community partners require additional communication tools to increase knowledge of the program.

**Decision**

Based on the numbers presented and recommendations of operating organization the working group made the decision to move forward with next steps towards capital purchase of the van and moving the program from pilot to service.

**Next steps**

* Funding for capital purchase of van through municipal and community support – Total amount $35 000
* **Confirmed sources**
* District of Tofino - $5000
* District of Ucluelet - $5000
* Area C - $2000
* **Unconfirmed sources/leads**
* Coastal Community Credit Union seed funding grant
* Local business community
* CFRC
* Hospital Foundation
* Small amounts from local community will go a long way to meet this goal, please see action items for follow up fundraising activities discussed
* Communications tools required
* Division of Family Practice tear away pads with W4W info listed
* Don to distribute posters and other resource material
* Health Access FAQ card development which includes Telehealth and W4W

**Action Items**

NOTE: To ensure consistency for information flow and roles please direct questions to the following key contacts:

Fundraising and communications – Marcie DeWitt, Coordinator ACHN, 250-726-5019, [achn@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:achn@acrd.bc.ca)

Program info and volunteer opportunities – Don Buchner, ED W4W, [jdbuchner@shaw.ca](mailto:jdbuchner@shaw.ca)

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* Funding
* Marcie to update W4W one pager to reflect numbers and adoption of service to be distributed by early next week
* Aaron to follow up with Hospital Foundation
* Marcie to investigate CCU grant application
* Marcie to follow up with businesses who have expressed interest
* Marilyn to present Chamber of Commerce (Tofino and Ucluelet) with updated one pager
* Aaron to connect with Andrew Bailey with the Westerly for newspaper story
* **Communications**
* Marcie to update one pager and look into Health Access FAQ card
* Abbie to update Division tear away pad to reflect W4W service

**Updates and New Opportunities**

**Presentation from Chuu**

Chuu is a group of five Leadership Vancouver Island students who want to provide a means of transportation between Ucluelet and Tofino. They are investigating doing a feasibility study and potential pilot in order to gain insight into transportation needs and opportunities in the region.

Group discussion on background information available, contacts and ways forward.

Working group offered resources and connections, would be happy to receive data and recommendations to carry forward after LVI program wraps up.

LVI participants will be added to transport working group list and invited to present at next meeting

**Identify items to review for next meeting**

Celebration!

Wheels for Wellness review

LVI Data and update

Other data review

Info from Dylan on feasibility

Next Steps Brainstorm

**NExt meeting May 2016**