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**Table of Partners Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 9:30 am**

Via Zoom on-line meeting

**Participants:** Penny Cote (Chairperson), Marcie DeWitt (Coordinator), Anna Lewis, Bill Collette, Christine Washington, Curt Smecher, Deb Haggard, Debra Hamilton, Edward Johnson, Ellen Frood, Mollie Law, Alisha Pauling, Sally Mole, Julia Martin, Jane Osborne (joined at 10:55)

**Regrets:** Lynne MacFadgen, Margaret Morrison, Natasha Dumont, Tom Stere

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

The Chair recognized the meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

The Coordinator conducted a round of introductions.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

The Agenda for the January 20, 2021 meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **ACHN REPORTS**
   1. **Coordinator Update -** Marcie DeWitt reported on activities that she was involved in since our previous meeting including:
      * Poverty Reduction follow up and initial data analysis
      * ACHN budget draft for upcoming year
      * Annual Report draft
      * Networking, supporting local tables
   2. **ACHN Annual Report 2020**

Reviewed the annual report as presented in the agenda package. Please review and we will move it forward at the next meeting.

* 1. **ACHN 2021-2023 Budget**

Reviewed the budget as presented in the agenda package. Budget will need to go to the ACRD Board for approval.

* 1. **Decolonizing Community Networks Webinar Series** – Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 8 from 3-5 pm; looking for people to attend would are available for all 3 dates (Ellen Frood, Edward Johnson & Christine Washington all expressed interest in attending).

1. **ACHN UPDATES**
   1. **Poverty Reduction Plan updates** 
      * Survey closed Dec. 15th
      * Survey draw recipients were identified and offered a $100 gift certificate each
      * Connecting with outreach organizations to gather responses and begin inputting data into an excel spreadsheet
      * Noticeable trends are already appearing
   2. **Coordinator Contract**
      * Contract is due to be renewed
      * Wendy Thomson will attend the February meeting in an in-camera session to discuss and evaluate
   3. **Participation request Coastal Agricultural Roundtable**
      * The Table of Partners approved Marcie Dewitt participating at the Coastal Agricultural Roundtable.
   4. **Request for letters of support**
      * **West Coast Local Labour Market Information Project**
        + - Reviewed the request – Marcie to draft a letter
      * **Better at Home program on the West Coast**
        + - Reviewed the request – Marcie to draft a letter
2. **ACHN REVIEW**

Marcie reviewed the ACHN website. Check out [www.achn.ca](http://www.achn.ca)

1. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bill Collette

* Visitor centre remains open with most visitors being new residents

Alisha Pauling

* Vaccinations have started in long term care facilities then will be moving to assisted living facilities
* Continue to do wellness checks with community members
* Recruited another nurse practitioners to the community

Molly Law

* community struggling with a small tax base
* switched to court on-line and by phone during COVID or transporting to Port Alberni

Sally Mole

* COVID has hit the school hard, damaging to programs as only students and teachers are allowed into the building

Debra Hamilton

* Innovative ways of adapting to bring services to families, including a customized wellness and safety plan – Be Safe App
* Six new youth substance beds on the island

Penny Cote

* ACRD Emergency Operation is looking at recovery still
* Grant-in-aid submissions are due by January 29th

Ellen Frood

* Domestic violence has continued to climb throughout the pandemic
* Shelter has been over capacity with women and kids
* Continuing to offer services remotely
* Recruiting volunteers for sexual assault program

Anna Lewis

* Agriculture: in Feb will be co-facilitating Garden Champions of the Coastal Communities – looking at upcoming growing seasons
* Air Quality: setting up purple sensors around the area

Jane Osborne

* Aging & Technology Committee: launching a grant program targeted to “older adults”, info session on Feb 2nd (will send out information)

Christine Washington

* AW Neill name change is moving forward again
* Supporting teachers returning to work

Deb Haggard

* City has started budget talks for this year

Marcie Dewitt

* Point-in-Time Homeless Count has been reinitiated for this spring (April) & will be negotiating an extended count

Edward Johnson

* Pushing for aboriginal mothers centre in the Alberni Valley, looking for funding to assist with housing costs from BC Housing
* Anacala received their COVID vaccines

1. **MEETING ADJORNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. The next meeting of the Table of Partners will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:30 am.