



Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014 @ 9:30 am

ACRD Board Room, 3008 5th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

Attendees: Penny Cote, Tanis Dagert, Peter Klaver, Marcie DeWitt, Adriane Schroeder, Devon McFarlane, Shelli Lyle, David Peterson, Eunice Joe, Patty Edwards, Paul Hasselback, Stan Mathews, Sharon Anderson, Julie Rushton, Cindy Solda.

Regrets: Esther Pace, Ellen Brown, Helene Dufour, Catherine Gislason, Rebecca Hurwitz, Kathy Waddell

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

1. Welcome

The Chairperson acknowledged we are on the traditional territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations.

Stan Matthews delivered a prayer to the working group.

Eunice Joe welcomed the working group.

2. Agenda/ Outcomes for Today

What is the structure?

What are the elements?

What happens in those elements?

How do these elements connect?

Next actions for moving forward.

What next meeting addresses.

In-camera conversations re: staff roles.

3. We reviewed decisions made to date:

- consensus style decision making (thumbs up thumbs down, sideways: can live with it)
- the ACHN 2014/15 Budget
- that the ACHN will be a '**Production Network**' whilst recognizing the importance of alignment and connectivity activities. (View the 10 minute video 'Thinking Like a Network' here: <http://vimeo.com/11831614>)
- that our Production choices will be informed by:
 - Stories, opportunities, planning, and evidence (anyone can bring anything forward, network goes out to community so that it is easy to bring things forward).
 - Consultation collaborative conversations that surface emerging issues.
 - Responsiveness

4. We discussed some of the Network successes so far:

First Nations connection; Comprehensive School Health, Anacala/ Bamfield Accord, Walk in Clinic, Division of Family Practice, Transportation Study & helping local governments understand their role in health. These successes have all happened because there are

conversations happening throughout the region that are not necessarily just happening around this table.

5. Report on the April 3rd Island Networks Meeting.

The Chairperson reported on the April 3rd meeting that was held with the Health Networks from all over the island including Sooke, Saltspring, Cowichan, Alberni-Clayoquot and Mt. Waddington. Each network explained their history and stories. Notes are attached from the meeting.

6. ACHN Values and Principles Discussion:

- We agreed that critical to the success of the network are the values of Transparency and Inclusiveness, as well as Hishuk ish Tswalk.
- Stan Matthews discussed the idea of organizing a cultural cleansing with members of the network at the Tseshaht First Nation office with Joe Tom to give the network the opportunity to experience Nuu-Chah-nulth traditions and culture.
- Dr. Paul Hasselback put forward the idea of including celebration into our Values and that sense of 'positivity' and celebrating successes.
- Eunice Joe suggested that we need to build wellness into our values. The focus is always on sickness and negative areas. What services in our communities are supporting and contributing to wellness?

7. Visioning and Network Elements:

Devon led us in a visioning and group discussion exercise to tease out what the core elements of the Network including:

1. Executive/Administrative/Core Group
 - Develops draft agenda based on priorities
 - Oversees/ liaises with Coordinator & staff
2. Table of Partners
 - Looks and collects evidence
 - Identifies ways to move priorities
 - Determines the budget
 - Manages relationships & builds trust
3. Action Tables
 - Smaller working groups formed with loopbacks to the network to help that work continue. (So far we have used projects teams and outside consultants.)
4. The Network (150 - 200 members on our list so far consisting of Individuals & Organizations)
5. The 'Community'

Consensus

8. Items for Next meeting - Terms of Reference, Relationship with Regional District, 30 minutes
In Camera - Coordinator Contract discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2014 @ 9:30 am.