

Minutes to February 8, 2013 Stsmémelt Project Working Group Meeting Held at Four Points Sheraton, Kamloops, BC

Present: Chief Mike Archie, and Chief Ann Louie, Shawna Sellars, Crystal Camille, Barb Mclean, Bonnie Leonard, Arlene Adie, Elder Virginia Gilbert, Elder Minnie Kenoras, Nancy Sandy, Zena Quock, Anne Kishiyama, Andrea Lebourdais, Kelly Connor, Jody Beckett and Barbara McLean

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am

Chair: Bonnie Leonard

Opening Prayer: Virginia Gilbert

1. **Minutes from November 9, 2012 meeting were adopted as presented.**
2. **Agenda was adopted as presented.**
3. **Director's report:**– Jody Beckett:
Discussion/Decision: General information on project activities and upcoming events were presented – Director's report attached.
4. **Community Engagement Report** – Barb McLean:
Discussion/Decision: Update on individual community plans is attached:
5. **Research** – Kelly Connor:
Discussion/Decision: Kelly has completed the first draft of the Tribal Case Book for review and revision by Project Director. It was suggested and supported to have all of the stories that are documented in English only be translated transcribed into Secwepemcstin.
6. **Summary of Legal Foundations Report** – Bonnie Leonard:
Discussion/Decision:
 - ♦ A brief summary of the report prepared by Jay Nelson was presented. The Report includes foundations for jurisdiction in domestic and international law, a legal framework, limitations and opportunities of existing models, a strategy for moving forward, and a proposed action plan. The full report will be released with the project report on March 13 & 14, 2013
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7. **Results of Jan 11, 2013 meeting with MCFD– Bonnie Leonard:**
Discussion/Decision:

Bonnie Leonard and Jody Beckett attended a meeting with Honourable Minister, Stephanie Cadieux, Deputy Minister, Stephen Brown, and Provincial Director of Child Welfare/Assistant Deputy Minister Doug Hughes, on January 11, 2013 to discuss funding for the 2013-14 year. An agreement in principle was made that the Stsmémelt Project would receive \$450k to continue their work through to March 31, 2014.

8. Summary of meeting with National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

Discussion/Decision: The project team met with Terry Cross and David Simmons of NICWA in Vancouver on January 10, 2013 to discuss and share challenges and successes of the Indian Child Welfare system in the USA. NICWA works to address the issues of child abuse and neglect through training, research, public policy, and grassroots community development. NICWA also works to support compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), which seeks to keep American Indian children with American Indian families. NICWA helps tribes and other service providers implement services that are culturally competent, community-based, and focused on the strengths and assets of families. This work includes collaborating with tribal and urban Indian child welfare programs to increase their service capacity, enhancing tribal-state relationships, and providing training, technical assistance, information services and alliance building.

9. Presentation of 2013/14 Plan for Stsmémelt Project – Jody Beckett:

Discussion/Decision: Overview of the transition of services/pilot plan that was presented to MCFD for further funding was presented. The plan cannot be supported as presented because the funding requested to support piloting 4 communities was \$575,000 and MCFD will only provide \$450, 000. It was suggested that instead of piloting 4 communities that it be cut back to piloting 2 communities. Some points that were made in regards to next year's work were:

- Money for community plan development in 2012/13 was not sufficient and the bulk of the 2013/14 funding should be used for resource development in communities.
- There needs to be child welfare training done in communities in a non-threatening way.
- Must continue to push for jurisdiction. Chiefs need to discuss how to do this collectively at the March 13 & 14th report and planning session.
- Delegated agencies may be able to provide some in-kind services (e.g. training, use of vehicle for travel), but cannot financially to support transition of services to communities
- Collaboration is the key to success for community committees and is supported by the delegated agency Directors.
- Regional committee sounds a lot like the current system and we should be cautious about a 'top down approach'
- NSTQ requested that their four member bands work together to be one of the pilot communities.
- A new \$450,000 budget has to be developed before any decisions for the pilot communities can be made.

Action Item: working group members to provide feedback via email to Jody on:

- Which communities to pilot.
- What the deliverables and outcomes for next year should be
- Define what the job descriptions for the transition workers should include

Closing comments: Andrea Lebourdais invited The Stsmémelt project to attend the Secwepemc Child and Family Services board meetings on the first Thursday of every month and to do a presentation to introduce the concept of transitioning support and prevention services to the community committees.

Action Item: Andrea will discuss having Stsmémelt project attend meetings at their next regular board meeting on March 7th.

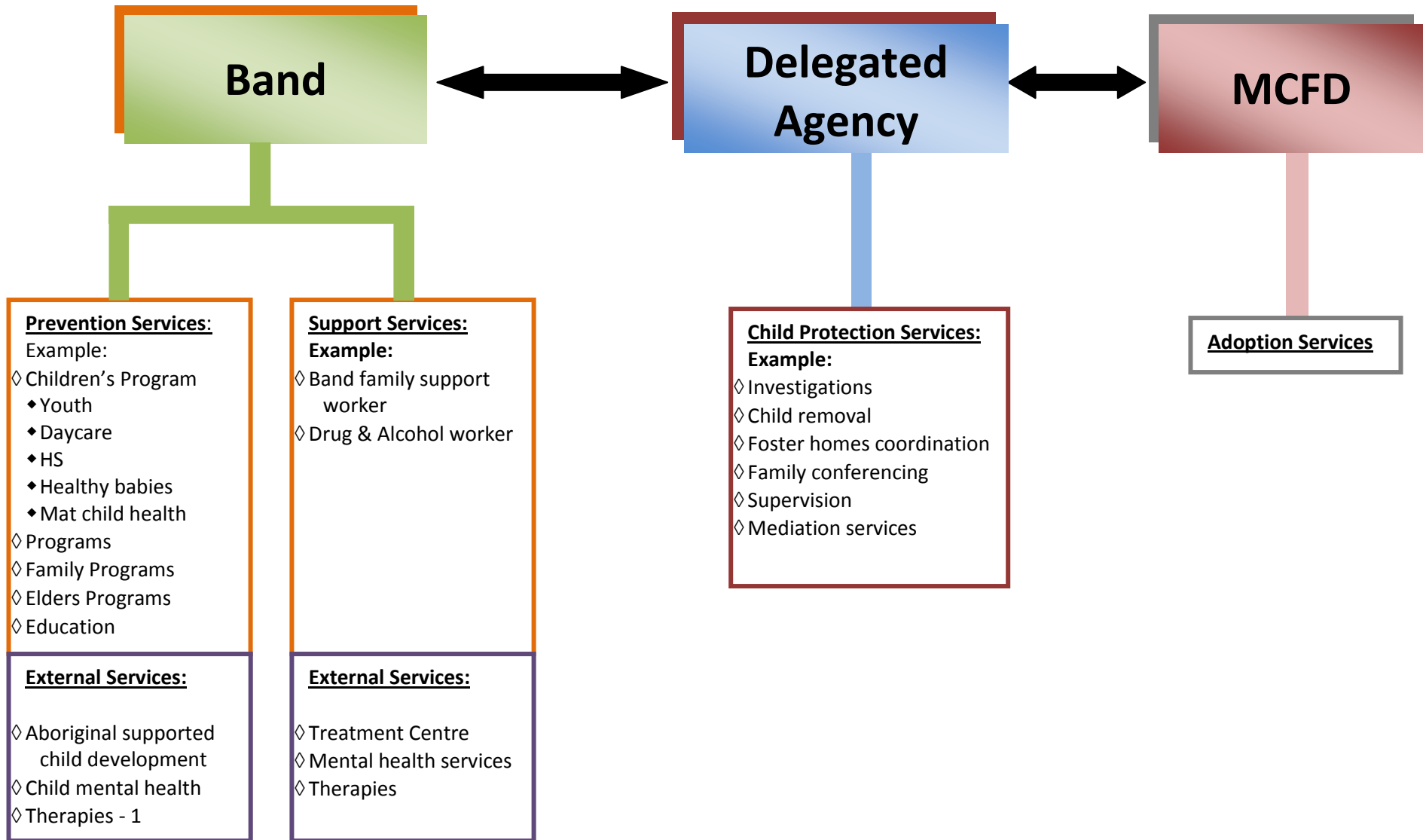
Action Item: Anne Kishyama will have their board review the feedback questions and forward the information to Jody.
Knucwentwecw Society is supportive of working to develop community committees in the 2013/14 year

Action Item: Chief Ann Louie will discuss feasibility of NSTQ being part of the pilot with board, chiefs and administration.
Discussion regarding own source revenue and government fiduciary responsibility with Chiefs and AANDC should take place at the March 13th/14th meeting.

ACTION ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE
Working group members to provide feedback via email to Jody on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which communities to pilot. • What the deliverables and outcomes for next year should be • Define what the job descriptions for the transition workers should include 	Working Group Members	February 15, 2013
Discuss having Stsmémelt project attend meetings at their next regular board meeting	Andrea Lebourdais	March 7 th , 2013
Have SCFS board review the feedback questions and forward the information to Jody.	Anne Kishyama	March 7, 2013
Discuss feasibility of NSTQ being part of the pilot with board, chiefs and administration.	Chief Ann Louie	February 2013
Work with Delegated Agencies on stats, processes, cost analysis and governance model	Doreen	In progress

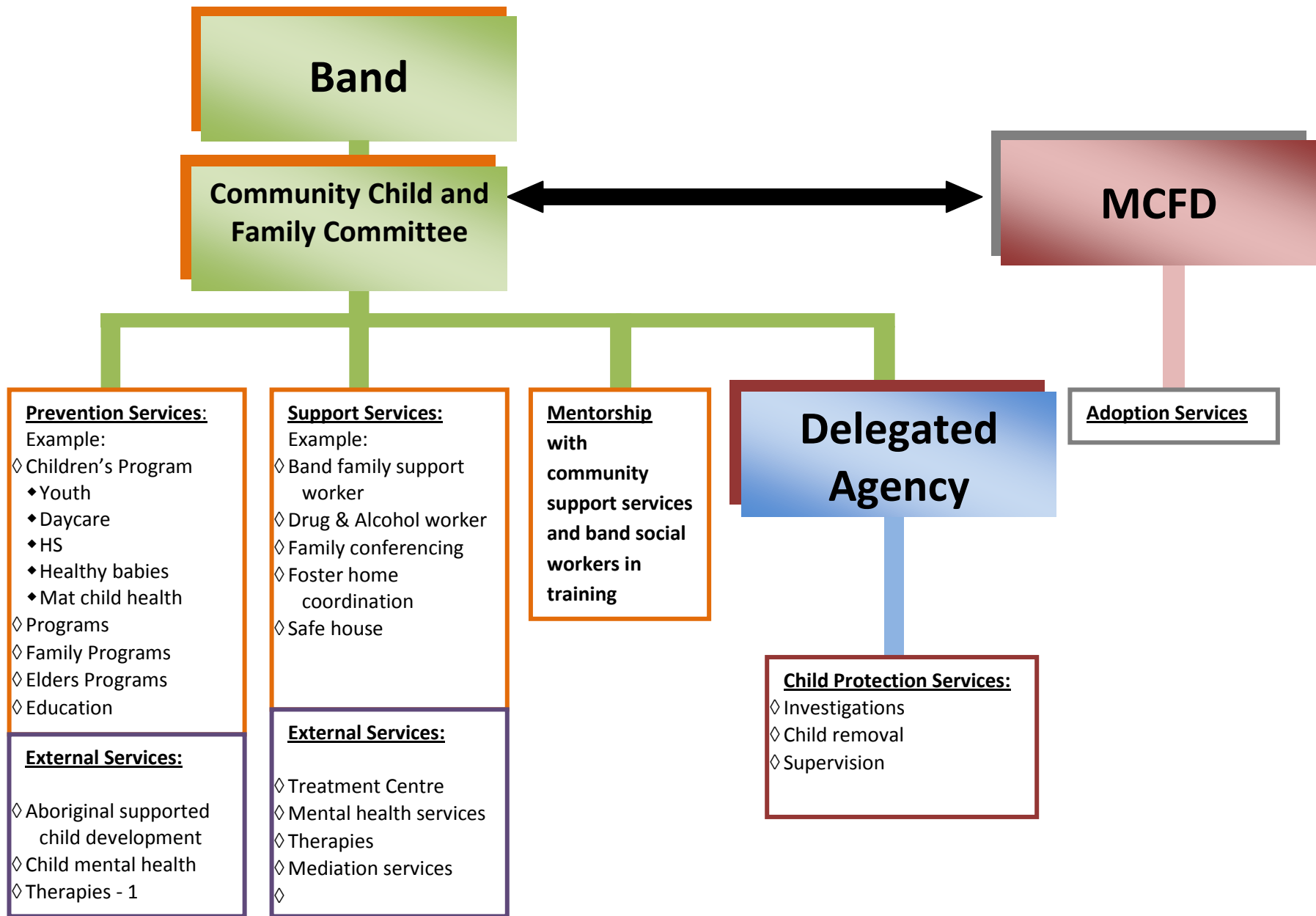
Current Structure Overview

Child, Family and Community Services Act



3rd Year Structure Overview - amended

Child, Family and Community Services Act



7th Year Structure Overview ~ Nation-Region-Local

Secwepemc Nation Child and Family Wellness Act

Interim Oversight Body

Nation Authority

Elected Leadership
Hold Jurisdiction – advisors and offer support
Holds guardianship of children in care

Regional Child and Family Committee

Decision makers

Band

Community Child and Family Services Committee

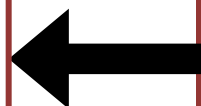
Child Protection

Adoption Services:
Optional

Option A:
Falls under the
Band/Local
Committee

Option B:
Contracted out

Option C:
Delegated Agency



Child, Family and Community Services Act

Amended (3 yr)

Band

Community Child and Family Committee

MCFD

Adoption Services

Support Services
External Services

Prevention Services
External Services

Delegated Agency
Child Protection Services

Severed from current Provincial Act

Secwepemc Nation Child and Family Wellness Act

Interim Oversight Body

Nation Authority

Regional Child and Family Committee

Band/Local Committee

Child Protection

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**Stsmémelt Project
Community Engagement Facilitator
Aug-Sept 2012 Updates
Barb McLean, CEF**

Community Updates:

ALIB: Working group has not met since July. They are working on their 2nd draft community plan which will be brought to the community for feedback.

Next Steps: Commence working group meetings to complete cost analysis and coordinate community presentation.

Bonaparte: Meeting with Misty Antoine, Aug 13, Sept 5, Oct 10. Misty is completing the needs analysis and will be hosting a story telling/community information gathering on Nov 7. She is developing a poster presentation board on current child protection services in their community and connecting with staff on what family services they are delivering.

Next Steps: A community presentation that will gather feedback/input for the community plan

Tsq'escen: Met with community coordinator, Delores Theodore, Aug 16, 27, Sept 5. We presented the work to date to the Tsq'escen working group Sept 18.

Next Steps: Oct 22-Amend community plan to incorporate working group recommendations and prepare presentation of plan to the community Nov21.

Canoe Creek: Meeting with working group on Aug 16 for update on their community plan. They have the framework completed and are developing the cost analysis component of the plan.

Next Steps: Follow up support as requested.

Neskonlith Band: Meeting with George Johnston Sept 6. They are working on the final draft plan and cost analysis.

Next Steps: Format community information into community plan.

Pavillion Band: Meeting with new community coordinator, Linda McDonald, Oct 9. Linda is working on the needs analysis and organizing focus group meetings which will happen in Nov.

Next Steps: Present a draft community plan to the community the first week of December and have the final draft completed by Dec 15.

Shuswap Band: Meeting with Elders working group Aug 22, Sept 17 to plan a Re-discovery tour with the group with the goal of connecting with other Elders to discuss traditional child and family practices. The Shuswap Elders group met with Splitsin Elders on Sept 25 and in Neskonlith on Sept 26.

Next Steps: Develop community plan with Clarissa Stevens.

Simpcw: No new information from community to report.

Next Steps: Connect with Louisa Celesta

Splatsin: They are working on their regulations with the goal of having them completed by Dec.

Next Steps: Connect with Cindy Monkman

Xats'ull: Met with community coordinator, Sheri Sellars and Sandra Sellars Sept 17 & 24 to review the information gathered to date and to discuss the community plan contents. Sheri has taken over the community coordination, which she expects to dovetail with her role as comprehensive community plan coordinator.

Next Steps: Sheri is to meet with community staff and review what connections within job descriptions can be made within their community plan.

Esket & WLIB: Nancy Sandy report

Project Timeline:

January 31, 2013 Final Individual Community Plans Complete

February 28, 2013 Final Report Complete

March 31, 2013 Contract for the Project Ends

Other Events/Meetings:

Doctrine of Discovery Seminar: Sept 20/21

Indigenous Approaches-Legal Framework Gathering: Sept 7/8

Upcoming Events/Meetings:

Northern Community Coordinator Gathering: Friday, Oct 19th, 2012
at Knucwentwecw Society
9:00-4:30 pm

Intent is to share information on:

- Stsmemelt Project Language & Research Component
- Community plan success and challenges
- Gather feedback from other coordinators

Community Engagement Action Items

Action Item	Target Date
Connect with Pavillion's new Community Coordinator-set meeting date, confirm deadlines.	Oct 2, Oct 18
Complete CP framework presentation for Leadership NSTQ	Oct 2
Set up dates for Storytelling feedback with WLIB, Bonaparte, Canoe Creek	Oct 5
Meet with Xatsull, Canoe Creek, Simpcw, ALIB, Splatsin re: CP process, set deadlines for community plan process	tbc
Prep Health Caucus presentation –CP framework (integrated management)	Oct 10
Complete Neskonlith Plan and present to George	Oct 11
Organize Northern Coordinators meeting Oct 19	Oct 16
Bonaparte-presentation board developed (past-present-future); Set deadlines for community plan process	Oct 16
Rework ppt presentation for Canim Lake for their working group	Oct 18
Meeting with Shuswap Band and Ktunaxa DA Re: protocol agreement &CP; set date for meeting	Oct 31
Collect and Correlate Information of Final Report in Jan (develop outline of CP report)	Oct 31