

Annual  
Report

Presented January 17, 2018

2017



**Vancouver Island Crisis Line:**

**1-888-494-3888**

for people needing emotional support, including  
suicide and mental health issues

**TTY 1-866-872-0113**

BC-wide 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

Online Service for Youth

[www.YouthInBC.com](http://www.YouthInBC.com)

Online Service for Adults [www.CrisisCentreChat.ca](http://www.CrisisCentreChat.ca)

Seniors' Distress Line 604-872-1234

Mental Health Support (BC-wide) 310-6789

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## 2016 Membership List

- ❖ **Cynthia Day, Chair**, Councillor (Colwood)
- ❖ **Ron Mattson, Vice Chair**, Councillor (View Royal)
- ❖ **Bill McElroy, Treasurer & CRAT/SEY Chair (CRD\*)**
- ❖ Georgia Peters, (CRD\*)
- ❖ Helen Hughes, (CRD\*)
- ❖ Geanine Robey, (CRD\*) RJ Liaison
- ❖ Ranj Atwal (MCFD), (CRD\*)
- ❖ Sigurd Johannesen, (CRD\*)
- ❖ Darin Reimer, Executive Director, Youth Sanctuary (CRD\*)
- ❖ Gillian Lindquist, Restorative Justice Victoria
- ❖ Jessica Rourke, Restorative Justice Victoria
- ❖ Lilja Chong, Councillor (Alternate Colwood)
- ❖ Andy McKinnon, Councillor (Metchosin)
- ❖ Beth Burton-Krahn, Councillor (Esquimalt)
- ❖ Matt Sahlstrom, Councillor (Langford)
- ❖ Lanny Seaton, Councillor (Langford)
- ❖ Tim Chad, Councillor (Sidney)
- ❖ Peter Wainwright, Councillor (Alternate-Sidney)
- ❖ Jack McClintock, Councillor (North Saanich)
- ❖ Geoff Orr, Councillor (Alternate-North Saanich)
- ❖ Michelle Kirby, Councillor (Oak Bay)
- ❖ Bill Warburton (Oak Bay Citizen Representative)
- ❖ Marilyn Holman, (Saanich Citizen Representative)
- ❖ Marcie McLean, Councillor (Highlands)
- ❖ Leslie Anderson, (Alternate-Highlands)
- ❖ Maja Tait, Mayor (Sooke)
- ❖ Jeremy Loveday, Councillor (Victoria)
- ❖ Chris Fleming, (Victoria Citizen Representative)
- ❖ Pat Bryant, Mobile Youth Services Team
- ❖ Representative, Saanich Police
- ❖ Cate Bennett (MCFD)
- ❖ Single Parent Resource Centre (vacant)
- ❖ Sylvia Burns, (MCFD, Director of Operations - Youth Justice)
- ❖ Sue Hendricks, Director, Aboriginal Programs and Relationships
- ❖ Central Saanich, (vacant)
- ❖ Jen Shortt, Artemis Society & Thirteen Moon Farm
- ❖ Mia Golden, Crime Reduction Education Division of Pacific Centre Family Services Society
- ❖ Representative, Saanich Police
- ❖ Tim Dunford, Trustee, Saanich School District 63
- ❖ Barb Menzies, Trustee, Saanich School District 63
- ❖ Ravi Parmar, Trustee, Sooke School District 62
- ❖ Jordan Watters, Trustee, Victoria School District 61
- ❖ Deb Whitten, Trustee, Victoria School District 61
- ❖ West Shore R.C.M.P., (vacant)
- ❖ Gord Irving, Boys' & Girls' Club
- ❖ Vacant, John Howard Society of Victoria
- ❖ Victoria Court Registry, Ministry of Attorney General (Vacant)
- ❖ Public Safety and Solicitor General (Vacant)
- ❖ Central Saanich Police (Vacant)

\*CRD – the Capital Regional District appoints up to seven (7) members at large

### Chair's Report

As a committee of the Capital Regional District, we are blessed to live work and play on the traditional territories of the Coast Saalish Peoples. We meet on the third Wednesday of most months at the Victoria City Hall Antechamber in the traditional territory of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations. We also travelled to the traditional territories of the W'Senec people.

Our job as the ***Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice (VFCYJ) Committee*** is **to be aware of the circumstances for youth and families who may come into contact with the justice system.** We represent the community for government - municipal, provincial and federal.

2017 has been a year of great change provincially, with a new provincial government in unusual circumstances including a lengthy transition as a coalition formed. The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities have been working towards better cultural understanding and communities have been coming to grips with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the implications of the Missing and Murdered Women's Inquiry. Meanwhile the Opioid Epidemic has been ravaging communities near and far. No longer a skid row or east end Vancouver problem: communities throughout the CRD and up and down the island are impacted as family after family loses important support people to fentanyl.

Our presenters for this year started with Mitzi Dean and Melissa Hyland presenting an excellent report to help communities identify ways they could implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The recommendations were presented in a table, with the action area identified as federal, provincial or municipal mandate areas. Letters were sent to municipalities in an effort to capture and applaud the actions taken within the Capital Regional District. Responses have been slow and a renewed effort will be made to ensure we continue to celebrate our evolution and accurately record these efforts.

**Vancouver Island Crisis Line:**

**1-888-494-3888**

**for people needing emotional support, including suicide and mental health issues**

**Crisis Text Services 250-800-3806**

(If we are ever offline between 6-10pm, we are experiencing technical difficulties.)

As members of the community who interface with youth and families, I remind everyone that the crisis line remains a valuable resource that you don't need to be in dire circumstances to contact. They can provide links to resources that you may not otherwise be aware of or provide someone to listen in a time of difficult decisions. There do exist committed professional and volunteer groups who offer a



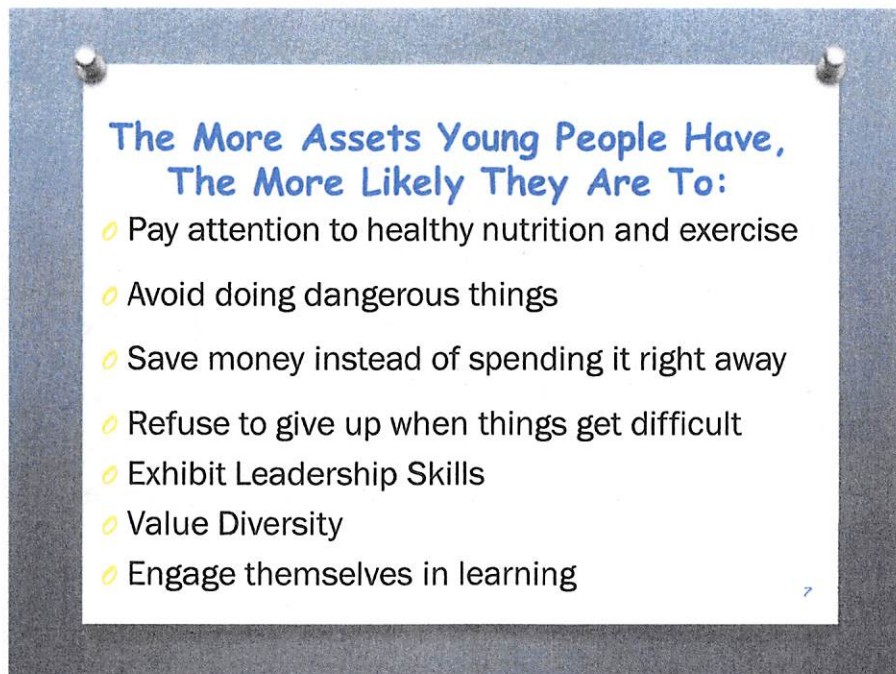
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variety of programs. Children or families may need extra assistance from their municipal representatives to find appropriate programs.

In February we welcomed Scott Hilderley, from RCMP Strategic Prevention Services who spoke about 'developmental assets' and how *"The average 6<sup>th</sup> grader has 21.5 of the 40 developmental assets. We should aim to instill at least 31 of the 40 developmental assets in children. The more assets a child has in their life, the more likely they are to succeed! Again, as you can see, the more assets a child has, the less likely they will partake in risky behaviour."*

Assets are those things that strengthen children's belief that they are valuable and asset building is a cooperative effort between parents, youth, teachers, leaders, neighbours, and all community members. Scott spoke about the benefits of identifying strengths rather than weaknesses and the protective benefits that provides. Labels of 'at risk' had a negative impact and were not protective, where statements of value tended to lead to decisions that would support positive outcomes like not getting involved with drugs because youth felt their health was too valuable to risk.



In May, Melissa Hyland (Resiliency Rising) presented a Power Point Presentation *Stolen Voices* helping the committee to understand some of the impacts of colonization. She noted that there are more children in Foster Care now than were in the residential school system at its height in the 1940's (Blackstock, 2011). She shared pictures showing the differences between a proud youth in regalia before colonization and the same youth after 'tuition' in residential school. Melissa shared the sad but real statistics about the circumstances for indigenous peoples today, many of whom share generational

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deficits as a direct result of colonization, including: that the last residential school closed in 1996, that welfare rates for indigenous people are 3 times the norm, youth age 16 – 19 have a welfare gap, and have the fastest growing population in BC to share just a few highlights.

Some members may have participated as I did at either the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM or the Union of British Columbia Municipalities AGM conventions where presentations were also made on this topic. Despite attending many of these sessions, I continue to learn more each time and was honoured that our committee could share in this learning. We hope that in the next year we can provide more learning opportunities for members of our committee and all our communities.

The Canadian Council for Refugees recognizes the Indigenous Peoples of Canada as its original inhabitants.

- The CCR recognizes that refugees, migrants and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada may share similar experiences with injustice due to persecution, oppression, colonization, discrimination, stereotyping and exclusion.
- Some refugees are historically or currently persecuted in their country of origin due to their status as Indigenous Peoples.
- Some refugees, like some Indigenous Peoples, are displaced by extraction of natural resources (oil, gas, timber, water).
- The CCR is committed to:
- Promoting education and raising awareness among our membership about historical and current issues affecting Indigenous Peoples. We believe immigrants and refugees in Canada should be provided with honest and accurate information about historical and current injustices relating to Indigenous Peoples.
- Recognizing and appropriately acknowledging the traditional territory of the local Indigenous Peoples at meetings and consultations.
- Initiating dialogue and striving to build respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples in order to learn about issues of common interest and discuss potential strategies and solutions.

As part of our mandate to represent the CRD, we try to hold at least one meeting in the West Shore and one meeting on the Peninsula each year. In June the committee had an 'away' meeting at the new Belmont Secondary School in Langford. We were welcomed by Mr. Ray Miller, Principal who spoke to the long history (with an interactive display in the foyer), the changes to the school format (open air classrooms, changing nature of libraries in the digital age) and to the many benefits of the Wellness Centre (youth clinic) as part of the youth community amenities. We toured the Wellness Centre which had an appointment desk and waiting area, Dr. consultation rooms, and was very well received by students, teachers and clinicians.



We were presented with an opportunity to fund **Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic** for a month while the successful pilot applied for other sources of funding. Students designed and refined **The Help Card** ([thehelpcard.ca](http://thehelpcard.ca)) which is still available online, however, the clinic was forced to close due to lack of funding. The Clinic attracted a consistent team of youth to help develop market and support the clinic by attending the clinic weekly to help create a safe, welcoming atmosphere. School staff and youth in SD63 were engaged to participate in ongoing support of the clinic, as well as youth living in FN communities across the region to market the clinic and inform the making of the The Help Card. Youth engaged youth from queer and trans communities with a goal to reduce youth substance use on the Peninsula by 50% in the next 10 years.

The Saanich Peninsula Youth Clinic was facilitated by Dr. Evans (GP) and Dr. Vogt (Psychiatrist) working weekly with Dr. Stogryn (GP) standing in for a couple of shifts. The doctors were compensated on a fee for service basis because session payments were not available. MCFD had committed a Mental Health Intake Worker to be at the clinic weekly. A large proportion of youth did seek mental health support at clinic, and use of the clinic has ranged from 6-16 youth over the 2-3 hours that the clinic was open. Anecdotal feedback from patients, parents, school counsellors and teachers and Indigenous teaching staff of SD63 tell us that the clinic was a safe, compassionate and culturally sensitive service for youth and that transportation continues to be a barrier to accessing services. It has been reported out that work is ongoing - advocating for a school based clinic, but clinic hours would be restricted to school hours and would have less anonymity. A clinic outside of the school in an ideal location would balance convenience and anonymity. The Youth and Family Outreach worker was asked to present to the committee in November, however her professional accreditation was taking place on the day of our meeting and we presented the committee with information on the clinic coming from the Saanich Peninsula Local Action Team instead.

Youthspace Online-Counselling ..... ([www.youthspace.ca](http://www.youthspace.ca))

Youthspace TEXT-Counselling Line ..... 778-783-0177

Victoria Native Friendship Centre ([www.vnfc.ca](http://www.vnfc.ca))..... 250-384-3211

Two-Spirit, Trans, Queer and Allied Youth Drop In & Family Support  
250-475-7624

Kiwanis Youth Shelter ([www.vyes.ca/programs](http://www.vyes.ca/programs))..... 250-595-3133

Out of the Rain Night Shelter ([www.outoftherainvictoria.ca](http://www.outoftherainvictoria.ca))  
250-884-3701

Our next 'away' meeting was in November at the Mary Winspear Centre. Our speaker was Ms. Rachelle Dallaire, Associate Director, Indigenous Perspectives Society speaking on Trauma Informed Practice. Committee member Georgia Peters assisted with a beautiful native carving 'talking stick'. Rachelle shared some of her own history and the responsibility we all have to share our knowledge of the land we walk on and the true history of it. In 2015, The Truth and Reconciliation Commission released 94 Calls to Action where by Government, organizations, and individuals can act to "redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation". Building upon an established foundation that applies an Indigenous lens, IPS is delivering **Cultural Perspectives Training** for the public.

The **Cultural Perspectives Training** curriculum addresses:

- ❖ The legacy of colonization, including inter-generational trauma, privilege and racism, and **what it means to the average individual** or organization wanting to build positive relationships with Indigenous people and communities
- ❖ How to create a Call to Action response plan that turns ideas into meaningful action
- ❖ Upon completion, the outcomes that participants can anticipate are: **Strengthening collaborative working relationships with Indigenous communities**
- ❖ Applying anti-oppressive ideologies and methods into our work and daily life
- ❖ Engaging in ongoing reflection on **how privilege and stereotypes impact our work and relationships**
- ❖ To accommodate the unique learning needs of adults and professionals, IPS has developed a blended learning model for its Cultural Perspectives Training that balances in-class sharing, learning, and collaboration with self-guiding online resources, research and off-site action-taking. 7 hours of in-person training, 8 hours of online/offsite training.

Our year both began and ended with more awareness about the incredible opportunity to make meaningful change for our fastest growing demographic in BC – Our Indigenous Peoples. We know from Data gathered from South Island School Districts that protective factors for youth include friends, relationships and community connections and we have heard this echoed by the R.C.M.P. Strategic Prevention Services. We continue to provide free educational sessions to all school districts in the CRD with the assistance of the **Pat Bryant, Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) and Mia Golden, Crime Reduction Education (CRED) at Pacific Centre Family Services Association to book TCO2: Taking Care of Ourselves: Taking Care of Others** to help prevent human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of youth.

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We continue to hear that the primary focus of our youth workers is trying to find ways to bring them home. Most are girls and are drug addicted and chronically go missing from their place of residence. Unfortunately home for most of these kids are primarily foster homes, group homes etc. Youth continue to be highly mobile within the Capital Region and resources that cross all boundaries like MYST and CRED are helpful to them. Consistently available services are in short supply and it is hard to keep track of available services within the CRD.

Last year we were made aware of the film Over 18: A Documentary About Pornography. The committee wrote a letter of support for the Federal Motion M-47 and encouraged our municipal partners to do the same. Widespread availability of hard core pornography (not your father's playboy magazines) is impacting youth and families as depicted in the film by Hope for the Sold. Watch the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/A4yYJDiugSI>

In spite of the ongoing funding challenges, RJ Victoria has persisted - in no small part because of its highly trained, dedicated volunteers and skilled leadership. RJ Victoria continues to work with all levels of government to support their initiatives and recognizes our collective desire to make the world a better place. Going beyond the many programs they offer, RJ Victoria has helped local governments to understand the impacts of restorative justice support - to police, crown counsel, and local families who want to have the best outcome possible after a conflict. Despite saving money for the provincial government, the province continues to consider funding for RJ to be a 'community' (municipal) responsibility. Efforts have been made to preserve funding through awareness building. In November, RJ Victoria was awarded the inaugural Restorative Justice Memorial Award. A report from Geanine Robey, RJ Liaison is included in this report.

**Cynthia Day, Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee**



## Guest Speakers 2017

### January 18

Mitzi Dean and Melissa Hyland  
Truth and Reconciliation Power Point Presentation

### February 15

Scott Hilderley [scott.hilderley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:scott.hilderley@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)  
Corporal, RCMP Strategic Prevention Services

### May 17

Melissa Hyland, Resiliency Rising Society  
Power Point Presentation: *Stolen Voices*

### June 21

Tour of Wellness Centre at Belmont, and  
Introduction by Ray Miller, Principal

### October 18

Marika Albert, Executive Director  
Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria

### November 15

Ms. Rachelle Dallaire, Associate Director, Indigenous Perspectives Society  
Speaking on Trauma Informed Practice

## Communications Sub-Committee Report

Until recently, the Communications/Planning Sub-Committee had largely been operating on an informal basis with Cynthia Day and steering committee members performing many of the functions of the Sub-Committee, i.e.,

- Generating a flow of information into, through and out of the FCYJC
- Identifying topical information/issues and facilitating meaningful action in response
- Inviting speakers to educate committee members
- Promoting productive communications with associated agencies in the public domain and in government
- Promoting events sponsored or endorsed by the Committee
- Maintaining a library of the Committee's history
- Producing the Annual Report

In the Fall of 2017, Geanine Robey agreed to chair the Sub-Committee with Marilyn Holman and Cynthia Day as fellow members. The work achieved by year-end includes:

- Working with a designer to produce a new logo for the Committee
- Mapping out the content for an updated website
- Re-writing the FCYJC pamphlet to make it jargon free and more accessible
- Operating a Twitter account (@Vfamcourt) to spread the word about the FCYJC, our own and others' events, community resource information, news/issues and to build relationships in the community and beyond that further the goals of the Committee
- Producing (Steering Committee) a draft of an 'Issue Communication Tool' to aid in identifying both an issue and the proposed action clearly for all appointing agencies to assist them to respond
- Identifying as a priority ongoing efforts to further the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission through our Committee's work and at the municipal level throughout the CRD.
- Proposing to engage a facilitator for strategic planning in 2018

We look forward to an even more productive year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted by: Geanine Robey



May 2017 DRAFT

### Issue Communication Tool

- 1) The issue is:
- 2) Some Resources where facts can be checked are:
- 3) The Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee had a presentation from \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ regarding this issue.

The issue affects (circle all that apply or add any we missed):

Parents	Teachers	Bylaw	Restorative Justice
Children	Counselors	Police	Courtrooms
Caregivers	Other Parents	Probation	Victim Services
Families	Social Workers	Lawyers	School Districts
Communities	Outreach	Judges	UBCM/FCM/STAA
Recreation Centres	First Nations		

- 4) The Authority to change this rests with:
- 5) We are asking municipalities/school districts to:
- 6) We would like the Regional District to:
- 7) **Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Action:** the FCYJC Member responsible for follow up is: (list who will draft letters, follow up or present to council/board, draft resolutions for UBCM or School Districts. Minutes will note all who are going take an active role ie:  
***ACTION: Members –** CHAIR, Draft Letter to share via email for editing  
Vice-Chair, Draft Motion for Committee to forward to Councils targeting UBCM  
Court Watch, Supply Documentation on Court Statistics  
Communications, Confirm that reference documents can be shared  
SD Representative, Check with School Trustees Association for process to bring resolution forward there and coordinate with all SD's*

## Signed Copy of Financial Statement



### Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

#### Annual Financial Statements December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017

Opening Balance December 1, 2016: \$ 28,631.80

**Expenses:**

Lunches:	\$ 3,159.36	
Secretarial:	\$ 2,950.00	
Office Supplies/Internet:	\$ 1,369.06	(includes new laptop and programs)
Grants: (See Note 1)	\$ 5,698.75	
Total Expenses:	\$ 13,177.17	

**Revenue:**

CRD Grant:	\$ 14,420.00	
Interest:	\$ 24.76	
Contributions to Balancing our Minds	\$ 600.00	
Total Revenue:	\$ 15,044.76	

Closing Balance November 30, 2017: \$ 30,499.39  
(Reserved for Sidney Youth Health Clinic: \$12,400)

**Notes:**

Note 1: Grants:

1. Westshore Academy of Music	\$ 690.00
2. Conferences	\$ 1100.00
3. Balancing Our Minds	\$ 3708.75
4. CRAT	\$ 200.00

Note 2: Financial Statements compiled on a cash basis.

Note 3: VanCity Shares (not included in Financial Statements) \$6.39

Note 4: During the year a decision was made to allocate \$12,400.00 to the Sidney Youth Health Clinic on a draw down basis. Appropriate costs will be coordinated by a non-profit Society, which will then invoice VFCYJC. As of November 30, 2017 no invoices had been received.

We have reviewed these financial statements and the accompanying documentation and confirm that they are a fair representation of the financial position of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee.

  
Sigurd Johannesen, Member, Audit Committee  
..... Date: January 5, 2018

  
Bill Warburton, Member, Audit Committee  
Date: January 5, 2018



## Priorities Committee Annual Report

### Committee:

The Priorities Committee (Committee) consists of the VFCYJC Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and one or two member appointed by the Chair. The Committee reviews applications received for extraordinary funding and grants to other agencies. Members of the Committee include: Cynthia Day (Chair), Ron Mattson (Vice-Chair), Bill McElroy (Treasurer), Marcie McLean and Matt Sahlstrom. Ron Mattson is the Chair of the Priorities Committee

### Committee Mandate:

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### Application Process:

The Committee works to ensure that when a grant request comes forward to the committee, all the necessary information is in place to allow for an informed decision. The application is reviewed via email and a recommendation (with additional information if needed) is brought to the main committee for a decision, usually through a formal report.

### 2016 Applications

Applications for funding assistance submitted for approval in 2016 but not included in the 2016 Annual Report include:

1. Cornerstone Youth Society, Darin Reimer (Executive Director); and
2. Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services for the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach and Promotion Project.
3. *Balancing Our Minds (BOM): Youth Mental Health Summit* - to bring youth together with service providers and those who work with youth having mental health challenges, to learn how to provide better services for youth and to empower youth and their parents to improve mental health outcomes for children. \$3,000 was approved.

*An addition \$780 was approved to fund a photo at the summit, but \$600 of this amount was offset by donation.*

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### 2017 Applications:

In 2017 the Committee has approved one application.

1. *West Shore Arts Council: bursaries for students who could not afford lessons at the Westshore Academy of Music: \$690 approved.*
2. *Cornerstone Youth Society, Executive Director, Darin Reimer. The purpose of the application is to provide useful backpacks to youth on the street and also access to means of transportation to and from shelters, work or appointments with BC transit bus tickets. The vulnerable youth access a drop in Center named Sanctuary Youth Center. Grant Requested: \$2,000; \$1,500 was approved.*

The 2016 and 2017 applications follow.

Please note all the approved applications received the full amount requested, amounts are as detailed in the treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Mattson, Chair Priorities Committee

**Family Court and Youth Justice Committee**  
**Priorities Sub-committee**  
**Form for Goods and Services Submissions**  
**(Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)**

Please send your submission to [rmattson@shaw.ca](mailto:rmattson@shaw.ca) and [vfamcourt@gmail.com](mailto:vfamcourt@gmail.com) for distribution

1. Date of Application: October 12, 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: **Cornerstone Youth Society, Darin Reimer (Executive Director)**
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: Our organization has been in existence for the past 20 years. In those years we have seen over 30,000 visits of vulnerable youth. In 2015 we saw 2140 youth visits with an average of 17 per day opening. (we only open on the weekends. Friday-Sunday afternoons. On those days we provide a warm meal, showers, laundry and other services to minimize a young person's vulnerability)
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate: Our goal is to be able to open longer as a Drop In Center. We believe that in providing youth with a Center to call their own we will actually see a noticeable decline in youth crime and delinquency.
5. In order to do so we need to increase our funding both to cover additional overhead costs but also to provide staffing. During our opening hours and even off days, we will allow youth to perform menial tasks in order to complete their required community service hours. Furthermore we work closely with MYST in their effort to minimize the risk of youth on the street. Our aim is to open longer hours with a paid staff present at all times and in order to accommodate more youth and or so that they are more likely to complete their community service hours. We also wish to open longer in order to provide youth a safe place to belong and to engage in positive relationships with our adult staff and volunteers.
6. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). We collaborate with Imagine Studio Café in helping youth obtain employment there. We have also seen youth who have or are aging out employed at Stubborn Chef. We collaborate with specific housing organizations in order to provide or see both youth and aging out young adults given a housing option.



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7. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
Total			
Expenses:	Center Staff	\$30,000 annually.	\$10,000 annually
Facility		\$	
Total		\$	

8. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: We obtain funding through an annual bike ride called 'Ride for Refuge.' ([www.rideforrefuge.org](http://www.rideforrefuge.org)) Last Oct. 1 we raised just over 10% of our operating budget through this fundraiser. We also have an application with the Victoria Foundation. I am also looking to receive funds from other charities such as the Oak Bay Kiwanis.
9. Catchment area served – target population: Vulnerable youth in the Greater Victoria area/region. Including Victoria, Saanich, Esquimalt, Langford, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Colwood.
10. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:
- We provide meals on days we open.
- We provide lightly used clothing, shoes, socks, underwear and jackets.
- We provide some first aide.
- We provide some references for employment.
- We provide some staff and a large number of volunteers who are vetted and trained to assess the needs of individuals who attend the Center.
- We provide some exercise area and opportunity for physical fitness.
- We provide some opportunity for job skills such as carpentry, landscaping and other menial tasks in order that a youth may obtain community service hours.
11. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided): Additional job skills and community service hours provided. We provide a warm well rounded and nutritious meal. And we provides some non-perishable goods when possible. We provide clothing, underwear, toiletries, socks and sometimes footwear.

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12. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?): This project is ongoing, but I wish to add an additional staff early 2017.
13. Evaluation framework: Evaluation will be determined in the following ways. Additional hours opened in 2017 and additional community service hours completed.

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1. Date of Application: October 7, 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: **Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services**
3. Project Name: **Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach and Promotion**
4. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: Established in 1974, Communica: Dialogue and Resolution Services Society (Formerly The South Island Dispute Resolution Centre) provides conflict management and communication courses and workshops, and dispute resolution services such as mediation, arbitration, parenting coordination, coaching, and group facilitation. Communica works with individuals, groups and organizations to explore and implement collaborative approaches.

The bulk of Communica's work consists of helping families in conflict to reach resolution through collaborative mediation dialogue. In addition to general subsidies available, Communica offers a suite of free programs including the Supported Family Mediation Services, Re-entry Mediation or the Youth Reconnection Dialogue program.

5. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:
6. Background: Youth who have been in the care of the government often find themselves isolated and without supports when they turn 19. They often seek out their families or extended family members with whom they may not have had healthy relationships. Even with the best intentions of everyone involved, these interactions can be devastatingly difficult; old conflicts resurface, familiar behaviour patterns are repeated and the youth experience high levels of stress, challenges to self-esteem and mental health.

*Youth Reconnection Dialogue* (YRD) has been developed by Communica to assist young adults leaving or out of government care to rebuild relationships with a parent, sibling, grand-parent or other family member. These safe, supported dialogues help to restore damaged relationships, resolve past conflicts and plan concrete steps for a positive, supported transition into adult life. With the help of two trained mediator/facilitators, everyone involved will be able to share their experiences, be fully heard and establish a plan to move forward productively. Follow-up is built into the reconnection dialogue process, with regular check-ins with the parties in the twelve



months after the dialogue to ensure that agreements endure and assist in the resolution of new conflicts if they arise. Funded by the United Way of Greater Victoria for two years, the work of this innovative program is guided in part by a youth advisory committee.

In the few weeks since the launch of Youth Reconnection Dialogue, however, it has become clear that outreach will be a key challenge to the program's success. Separated from official supports, their files closed, youth who were formerly "in care" cannot be simply referred to the program. They must be reached through grassroots and informal networks; this requires a broad outreach plan including posters, face to face contacts, word of mouth and social media. The program's current funding does not support such outreach.

### 7. Goals and Objectives

Primary Goal: To reach out to and connect with young adults (18 to 24) to inform them about and involve them in the Youth Reconnection Dialogue program.

#### Objectives:

- . Liaise with the YRD Youth Advisory Committee
- . Connect with and make presentations to youth serving organizations, youth departments of agencies serving marginalized adults, youth branches of religious and political organizations, post-secondary youth groups
- . Promote the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Program
- . Participate in Communica's marketing plan to create targeted advertising and social media outreach materials as well as connect with traditional media to set up interview opportunities
- . Assist interested youth to connect with program intake
- . Assist Communica's client service team to process YRD intake applications
- . Design and build an outreach system that can be continued into the future using existing Communica staff and volunteers

### 8. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization).

Communica's Youth Reconnection Dialogue Program is unique in British Columbia; however it complements the work of many agencies providing service to young, marginalized adults. Communica Staff have also been working to build relationship with First Nations agencies such as South Island Wellness which provide similar services for young community members seeking to reconnect with communities (not necessarily family) in the nine South Island Nations. The Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach project will help to deepen such inter-agency relationships.

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9. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Communica In Kind	Volunteer Social media assistant (104 hrs @ \$17/hr)	1768.00	
	Supplies, Resources and Advertising	500.00	
United Way	Youth Advisory Ctte Honaria and meeting costs	6980.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>9248.00</u>	
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Wages	20 hours per wk @ \$18/hr for 30 weeks	10,800.00	10,800.00
Facility		\$	
<u>Total</u>		\$ <u>20048.00</u>	<u>10,800.00</u>

10. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:

Currently the United Way has provided funding for program development (completed) and delivery of service. However, outreach is not funded; the Youth Reconnection Dialogue Outreach Project is not creating an ongoing staff position, but carrying out a time-limited project.

11. Catchment area served – target population:

Youth 18-24 in the South Island Region. We are open to providing service to youth over 24 as well.

12. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

This project will address the need for youth to know about and access the Youth Reconnection Dialogue project so they can repair and rebuild family relationships fractured by the

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experience of government care. The project will help youth to contact with and enroll in the YRD program.

### 13. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

- . Outreach activity plan
- . Promotional materials, PowerPoint and other presentation materials
- . On-going outreach system design

### 14. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

One time project

**Start date:** Nov 1, 2016 **End Date:** June 15 2017 (30 weeks not including Dec 15-Jan 7)

Deliverable deadlines:

- . Outreach activity plan Nov. 10
- . Promotional materials Nov. 15 (new materials created on an ongoing basis between Nov 15, 2016 and Feb. 1, 2017)
- . On-going outreach system design May 30, 2017

### 15. Evaluation framework:

Evaluation of this project will be based on several criteria:

- . Assessment by the Youth Advisory Committee (measured by evaluation questionnaires)
- . Quantity of promotional events
- . Reach of promotional events (numbers of participants)
- . Quality of promotional events (as assessed by participant evaluation forms)
- . Quantity of youth enrolled in the YRD program as a result of outreach efforts
- . Utility of on-going outreach system design
- . Quality of outreach materials created

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Family Court and Youth Justice Committee



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1. Date of Application: November 8, 2016
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: **Balancing Our Minds (BOM): Youth Mental Health Summit**
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: There are many organizations working on the issue of Child and Youth Mental Health. For several years a collaboration of groups has held a Balancing Our Minds Youth Mental Health Summit in Vancouver. This year, they have decided to decentralize to five smaller summits around the Province. One of those regions is Vancouver Island. As a result, a collaboration of all 4 local school districts, local agencies and non-profit organizations and individuals has agreed to work collaboratively to bring this summit to the Greater Victoria area.
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:  
The purpose of this summit is to bring youth together with service providers and those who work with youth having mental health challenges, to learn how to provide better services for youth and to empower youth and their parents to improve mental health outcomes for children. We know a significant number of youth with mental health challenges come into contact with the Criminal Justice system. We are requesting \$3000 to supplement the core funding of \$5000 from Balancing Our Minds. Funding from VFCYJC should be conditional on approval of core funding from BOM.
5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). The bulk of the funding will come from the Balancing our Minds organization, but the funds will not cover incidentals such as meals and honoraria.
6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			



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Balancing our Minds	Main Funder	\$5,000.00	
Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
In kind and local donations		\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Venue rental	BOM	\$1,000.00	
Honoraria	VFCYJC	\$500.00	\$500.00
Meals/snacks	VFCYJC	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
Transportation	BOM	\$3,000.00	
Program Materials/Handouts	In Kind	\$500.00	
Local donations	In Kind	\$1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: Main funding from Balancing our Minds. Other local donations of printing, copying, administration, invitations, etc.
8. Catchment area served – target population: Youth within the CRD
9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:
 

To stage a day long workshop on the issue of child and youth mental health by bringing 800-1000 youth from 40 schools in the CRD, to discuss the issue of child and youth mental health.

10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):

To hold a day long workshop, bring students to the Venue from all over the CRD and to provide a lunch and snacks for participants.

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

We will start organizing as soon as funding approval is received from BOM. The date of the workshop will be determined in cooperation with local school districts.

12. Evaluation framework:

- . Feedback from Teachers
- . Evaluations from participants
- . Coordination of evaluation framework from BOM

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1. Date of Application: *June 15, 2017*
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying: *West Shore Arts Council*
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: *please see attached briefing of our organizations goals and accomplishments,*
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate: *This particular project focuses on “Youth at Risk”. Working with schools and foster parents support agencies we have created a youth at risk band that practices once a week together and received musical instruction as well. Are goal is to provide an environment where youth can come and experience positive and encouraging support from music instructors as well as have a place to hang out with others who may be struggling with teen/ preteen life issues.*
5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization). *Yes this project brings to our community a youth band from the many hours of instruction that the youth receive. We then can feature a musical engagement experience in our own community with youth from that community.*
6. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
690	As per below	\$690/ per month	\$690
<u>Total</u>			<b>\$690</b>
Expenses:			

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	Approximately two months of music instruction (5 students @ \$15/hr for 1.5 hrs per week -4 weeks a month),	\$450/per month	\$450
	Professional fees for coordination of program \$40/per session @ 4 per month	\$ 40/per session	\$ 160
	Snacks/drinks \$20/ session @ 4/ per month	\$ 20/per session	\$ 80
Facility		\$ 690	<u>\$690</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 690</u>	\$690

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: *Yes we have also applied to Co-op Peninsula for 4 months of funding. We currently have a gap between September through February (possibly March) before we can again apply to our core funding agency – British Columbia Arts Council for Youth Engagement Program. Hence, our request to you, for one month of assistance.*
8. Catchment area served – target population: *Western communities*
9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work: *Redirection of youth in order to alleviate mental health issues as well as provide a place where youth can learn team building skills and have a support network. One youth has had issues with suicidal thoughts and currently it is reported by the parents that this tendency is no longer an issue.*
10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided): *As indicated in the expense section. It is important to note that the service provider is matching with In Kind services for all musical instruments used, rental of the space and some volunteer support workers.*
11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?) *This project is ongoing but for this request we would fund one*

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*month of the program to assist in filling the gap till we can again request funding from British Columbia Arts Council.*

12. Evaluation framework: *We review and assess the program on a quarterly basis with our service provider – West Shore Music Academy. A report is issued monthly to track all In Kind hours as well as any pertinent changes or accomplishments.*



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Date of Application: November 17, 2017

1. Name of organization / person(s) applying: Cornerstone Youth Society, Executive Director, Darin Reimer
2. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects: We serve vulnerable youth of Victoria through access of a drop in Center named Sanctuary Youth Center. We open on both weekends and on Wednesdays. Wednesdays are for girls only. We serve an average of 15-30 youth per opening with a warm meal, laundry, shower and used clothing.
3. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate: We wish to provide useful backpacks to youth on the street and also access to means of transportation to and from shelters, work or appointments with BC transit bus tickets.
4. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application: Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. In the Greater Victoria area or within your organization).
5. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total Funder Cost</u>
Revenue:			
Grants	VFCYJC		\$2000
Fundraisers	Ride for Refuge		\$500
<u>Total</u>			\$2500
Expenses:			

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backpacks	Street wise backpacks designed for those who frequent the streets and are vulnerable to bad weather or exploitation	\$15/each plus shipping from Chicago	\$15 each, at 40 backpacks plus shipping: \$900
400 Bus tickets	Every week we give out approx. 45-60 tickets.		\$450
20 Subway Cards	We give out subway cards as rewards for services rendered at the Center. (sweeping, cleaning, etc)	\$10/each	\$200
Boxing equipment	Heavy bag and boxing gloves, (including ceiling mount, chain)	\$420	\$450
Facility		\$	
<u>Total</u>		\$	\$2000

7. Other funding avenues/partners being explored: We would access revenues acquired through a Bike Ride fundraiser in September
8. Catchment area served – target population: Greater Victoria Capital Region
9. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:

Access to transportation and or safety of belongings on while traveling or living on the street. We find so many youth lose valuables, personal identification, clothes and so on. A street safe backpack would go a long way to alleviating their concern for their belongings. We also wish to expand our exercise area with some additional boxing equipment. (we see approx. 4-5 youth who regularly access the exercise area and use equipment we have. It causes quite a bit of a distraction to others due to noise. Acquiring better equipment would reduce the distractions to others accessing services while exercise area is being used)



10. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided): Backpacks and bus tickets, boxing equipment

11. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)

One time project, but the exercise area provides us with an opportunity to mentor youth in such things as scheduling workout times, discipline in terms of exercise and diet.

12. Evaluation framework:

We record our distribution of bus tickets daily and keep an accurate record of their uses. We also plan to distribute backpacks at Christmas next year 2018.

## Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth



2018 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CRAT. During 2017 we met 5 times during the year in the Esquimalt Nation Room, which is provided for free by Victoria City Hall. Our thanks to the City of Victoria for donating space for the meetings. We provided light lunches at each meeting and covered expenses for materials and presenters through an annual \$1500 grant from the Capital Regional District. Without this assistance from the CRD, it would be extremely difficult to keep CRAT running, as this is the only regular source of funding for CRAT. In 2017 we had a \$200 grant from the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFCYJC). Accent Inns donated rooms for two presenters from Children of the Street Society.

CRAT is a sub-committee of the VFCYJC and has two main goals: raising awareness about the sexual exploitation of children and youth within the CRD, and identifying gaps in services available to those youth. Youth are now being groomed and stalked on the internet, which makes it more difficult to detect and help them. Gangs are increasing their presence.

At the January meeting, Bill McElroy was acclaimed Chair, and Melissa Hyland became Vice Chair. The District of Oak Bay keeps the financial records for CRAT: all funds given to CRAT are deposited with Oak Bay and they pay all expenses by cheque. Many thanks to staff at Oak Bay for providing this service.

We brought over Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others (tco2) during the week of February 20-24. They made presentations at 10 schools, plus the Victoria Native Friendship Centre and a Parent evening at S.J. Willis. Tco2 will be returning to Victoria February 2-9, 2018. Although tco2 puts on their performances for free, we pay their way to and from Vancouver, and also provide accommodations and meals. The cost is usually around \$1200. Special thanks to Mia Golden and Constable Jennifer Gibbs for coordinating the presentations.

On May 11, Bill made a presentation to about 30 members of the Probus Service Club on Salt Spring Island, showing them "I'm not for Sale" and a Powerpoint presentation about Exploitation. One of the people in Probus has written a book on prostitution in South East Asia. There was surprise about the extent of youth exploitation in Canada and alarm about the potential danger for youth on Salt Spring Island.

We made a presentation to View Royal Council on May 16, using a Powerpoint presentation. There was a good turnout (because of the public hearing on Christie Point) and CRAT was asked to submit an application for \$500.

The MYST Coordinator: Jennifer Gibbs went back to her position with the Oak Bay Police in May. Jennifer did a great job and we are sorry to see her go. A new MYST Coordinator, Corporal Pat Bryant, is the new MYST coordinator. There was some time for a turnover in April and May.

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A Train the Trainers workshop was held on September 28, with 15 people attending. The training was given by the Office To Combat Trafficking in Persons and Children of the Street Society, to show how to use their new tool kit. Attendance was less than expected (25), but many key people attended. CRAT assisted by finding the venue and publicizing the event on-line.

We worked with Threshold Youth Housing to establish some transitional youth housing in the Westshore. They were working in partnership with the Greater Victoria Housing Society. Unfortunately, the Provincial Government did not approve the operating funds. However, we will continue to work toward a solution, which will keep Westshore youth from being exploited.

Submitted by Bill McElroy, Chair, January, 2018

## Restorative Justice Victoria

### Highlights of RJV in 2017



### Case Statistics

Where referrals came from:

Referral Source	# of Offenders Referred	%
Victoria Police	89	81.7%
Victoria Crown Counsel	9	8.3%
Saanich and Victoria Probation	4	3.7%
Western Communities Crown Counsel	3	2.8%
Community member (self-referral)	3	2.8%
School	1	< 1%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

Offences referred:

Type of Offence	# of Offences Committed	%
Theft \$5,000 or under	43	31.6%
Distracted driving	32	23.5%
Assault (various levels)	25	18.4%
Mischief \$5,000 or under	11	8.1%
Uttering threats	4	2.9%
Willfully resisting/obstructing a peace officer	4	2.9%



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Break and enter	3	2.2%
Causing a disturbance	2	1.5%
Trespass at night	2	1.5%
Arson	1	< 1%
Criminal harassment	1	< 1%
Fail to stop/remain (prov)	1	< 1%
Fear of injury/damage by another person	1	< 1%
Fraud over \$5,000	1	< 1%
Fraud under \$5,000	1	< 1%
Intoxicated in a public place	1	< 1%
Neighbourhood dispute (non-criminal)	1	< 1%
Traffic – other moving province	1	< 1%
Workplace incidents (non-criminal)	1	< 1%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Status and outcomes of cases:

Case Statuses and Outcomes*	# of Offenders
<b>CASES THAT PROCEEDED/ARE IN PROGRESS:</b>	<b>89</b>
<i>-Healing/educational process (no agreement)</i>	<i>34**</i>
<i>-Offender's case is in progress (pre-dialogue)</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>-Offender's case is in progress (post-dialogue)</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>-Offender completed all terms as agreed</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>-Offender completed all terms as agreed w/time extension</i>	<i>1</i>

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<i>-Offender completed all terms as amended</i>	0
<i>-Offender did not complete any terms</i>	0
<b>CASES THAT DID NOT PROCEED</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>-Unable to contact the offender</i>	9
<i>-Other</i>	4
<i>-Offender does not consent to being referred</i>	3
<i>-Parties dispute facts of case</i>	3
<i>-RJV acceptance criteria not met</i>	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>109</b>

\*These outcomes were recorded as of December 15, 2017. Many cases are still in-progress

\*\*This includes 32 offenders who were referred to the distracted driving pilot project; they attended a three-hour educational session.

### Restorative processes used:

Restorative Justice Victoria (RJV) uses a variety of processes to meaningfully address an offence in a manner that best suits the needs, desires, and capacities of the participants. These are:

- Restorative justice dialogues: In this process the victim of the offence participates in some significant way. This typically means that they attend the dialogue in person. However, in some cases they may choose an alternate form, including sending a representative on their behalf.
- Community accountability dialogue: This process is used when there is no victim participation. This is the case when the victim chooses not to participate or when there is no identifiable victim (e.g. shoplifting offence at a large corporation). In these dialogues, 1 – 2 members of the community who have relevant lived experience attend to share their perspective on the offence, offer various view points, and help participants understand the community impact.
- Abbreviated dialogue: This process is used when the offence referred is minor in nature (e.g. shoplifting an item valued under \$30). In the other processes, considerable case development is conducted to prepare the participants, which entails multiple meetings with the restorative



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justice team. In the abbreviated dialogue, only the intake and the dialogue are conducted to shorten and simplify the process to reflect the severity of the offence.

In 2017, a new initiative was undertaken between RJV and the Victoria Police Department as an innovative way to **address distracted driving** in the community. This was considered a priority due to its frequency and the number of accidents occurring because of the behaviour. Reports now show that there are more traffic fatalities because of distracted driving than impaired driving. This pioneering approach was designed to reach people at a deeper level and encourage a change in behaviour that would be long lasting. The process first entailed Victoria police issuing traffic violations to distracted drivers. At the time they were told they could pay the fine or attend a 3-hour information session on the topic at the Victoria Police Department. If interested, they were provided an information sheet and asked to register. 43 tickets were given, and 32 people registered for and attended the session. Participants expressed high levels of satisfaction with the initiative. Surveys were completed at the end of the session and participants had the following to say:

- Make this mandatory for violators.
- This was powerful, experiential, and so informative. Powerful to educate, and a greater deterrent to changing behaviour than financial consequences. Thank you!



- This is critical information and a presentation to show all people.
- Excellent presentation! Very effective and thought provoking.
- More people need to be aware of this.
- This should be taught to new drivers, or required to get a license.

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- I appreciate being a part of this pilot project. It was a very impactful experience. I feel that more public campaigns highlighting the effects of distracted driving (real impacts) and the stats like that there are more fatalities from it than impaired driving now will have an impact on public behaviour.
- Thank you very much. I will now educate family and friends.

### Agreement Terms

The restorative justice agreements that were developed in 2017 provided outcomes catered specifically to the needs of participants. Two themes were identified, which are addressing the impacts of the offence on the victims and the community and addressing the root causes of the offence. Some of the most common agreement outcomes in 2017 were:

- Financial restitution to victims
- Attending counseling
- Conducting volunteer work in the community
- Letters of apology to those impacted
- Art projects (to be used to develop insight into the offence, as an educational tool, or provided as a gift or donation)
- Employability training or skills such as resume writing or accessing local employment services
- Communication and conflict management skills training
- Mindfulness and mediation practice and referral to such services (e.g. BCALM)
- Addictions support
- Anonymous open letters online or in local media on the offence and lessons learned
- Enrolling in education

### Client Feedback

RJV uses a three-point evaluation system that ensures thorough and rich feedback is gathered from clients at multiple points in the restorative justice process, as well as two months after the files are closed. This feedback is regularly reviewed and used to adjust the program to better meet client needs. In 2017, as in other years, RJV received positive feedback, with almost all clients reporting being “satisfied” or “extremely satisfied” with the services that they received.

The following are some of the comments that clients made in their evaluations from 2017:

#### Victim Feedback

- “By having community members during our final dialogue, they were able to add an outside perspective and personal stories to our discussion. This provided more insight to both parties. The steps we took in the dialogue fully addressed all questions, comments, and concerns.”
- “The opportunity to provide a second chance without a criminal record. To talk and have both parties agree on an outcome.”



- "Well, I wasn't included by the courts, so they suck, and RJ is amazing."
- "Knowing that the system works, and that the community is always there to help resolve the issues."
- "It was good to hear the reasons for the incident from the offender and to understand them better. To explain how I was affected was cathartic for me."

### Victim Supporters' Feedback

- "Positive experience. Very supportive and informative."
- "Eased a lot of stress and answered a lot of questions."
- "The harm beyond the damaged property was done by the court system and their inability to contact (the victim). So happy RJV was able to bring us all together."
- "I'm very grateful to have been listened to and heard about my personal stresses. Positive and supportive and a fun environment :)"

Below is a testimonial, shared with permission, from a regional store representative about their use of and appreciation of RJV's work:

September 2017

Thanks so much for taking the time to meet with me yesterday. I am really excited to be able to get involved in some RJ forums on behalf of London Drugs in Victoria as I truly believe it works and can make a great difference in the community. Restorative Justice fits in perfectly with our Brand Framework of finding ways to take care of people and earning trust as well so as much as it's great to get involved on a personal level it's also great to be able to do so with the support of my company. I also really believe the victim should be represented in the forums so was very pleased when you reached out.

As I indicated yesterday we have used restorative justice forums in all the communities we operate in on Vancouver Island and I have seen some great success stories come out of them and heard of people really using them to change their lives and grow. From a business standpoint it also has been great for us as in the hundreds of forums we have attended we have not once seen someone re-offend in our stores which is almost the opposite of the criminal justice system.

Stewart Hachey, Area Loss Prevention Manager, London Drugs Ltd.

**Offender Feedback:**

- "A place where true learning can flourish: in a place of compassion, understanding and support."
- "This was a very helpful and no-pressure program with a great result. I'd definitely recommend it."
- "Great process. Great volunteers. The safe space truly gave me the ability to grow, develop, reflect, and become more aware from my offence."
- "Where do I start? The nonjudgmental, understanding, supportive environment is the perfect soil for real growth and recognition."
- "They reconnected me to myself, and the people my actions effected."
- "[The] RJ process allowed me to be more 'self-aware' of my offense and its harm. In this, I experienced an increased sense of accountability."
- "I was asked in a couple different ways who might have been affected and why. I was given advice on how to recognize a potential conflict and how to make the proper decisions to avoid it. I wasn't judged but appropriately made to feel the impact of my actions."
- "[RJ] helped me to see a big picture of what I did. I broke the mutual trust of community and I feel guilty about it."
- "I truly did not know how deeply my actions effected the community. Thank you for helping me [be] the person I want to be."
- "I am astounded, I thought I was going to be judged but they helped me realize my true desire to be a member of the community."
- "I have found the beginning of closure and throughout the process I can honestly say I am a different person."
- "I was ashamed and now I feel proud of my decision to pay for the damages and to see the error in my decision."
- "I was in a cycle of blaming others and making excuses for my decisions. I now see my decisions differently."
- "Thank you! Amazing. Keep doing what you guys/ gals are doing!"

### Volunteers

RJV is incredibly grateful to its volunteers, who contribute in so many ways. Currently there are 82 individuals volunteering with the organization, filling the following 101 positions:

- 38 facilitators and mentors
- 24 community members
- 12 scribes
- 12 board members
- 15 committee members



Beginning in 2015, RJV created the Hali Award in honour of a volunteer who passed away shortly after she finished her facilitator training and had a significant impact on the staff, volunteers, and clients. The award is given to an outstanding volunteer, and the 2017 recipient is Andy Robertson. Congratulations Andy!

### Funding

Stable, consistent, core funding continues to be a major challenge for RJV, with the majority of the program's budget being cobbled together from one-year grants. In 2017, RJV received funds from the following sources:

- BC Gaming – core funding
- Victoria and Oak Bay Police Departments – core funding
- Township of Esquimalt – core and project specific
- Community Accountability Program – core funding
- Sisters of Saint Anne – core funding
- Civil Forfeiture – project specific
- Province of BC – one-time grant for technology



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None of the above sources provide ongoing or multi-year funding. Each requires some form of application or submission and none are guaranteed, meaning staff are spending considerable time writing applications and the organization is facing a great deal of financial uncertainty. All of this at a time when RJV is receiving a record number of referrals, many with significant complexities and requiring substantial resources.

In 2017, RJV applied and was approved for a Federal grant under the Victim Fund through the Department of Justice. Money from this grant is earmarked for projects that support victims and survivors of crime in the restorative justice process. RJV's approved project entails developing and delivering an online course, followed up with 4-day training in Victoria, on improving the quality of restorative justice services to victims. Funding from this grant is project specific and all the money will go to the contractors and staff working on it. None is available for general program operations.





## Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Constitution

1. The Family Court Committee shall consist of:
  - a) One elected representative appointed by each of the following jurisdictions:
    1. City of Victoria
    2. City of Langford
    3. City of Colwood
    4. Municipality of Oak Bay
    5. Municipality of Saanich
    6. Municipality of Esquimalt
    7. Municipality of Central Saanich
    8. Municipality of North Saanich
    9. Town of View Royal
    10. Town of Sidney
    11. District of Sooke
    12. District of Highlands
    13. District of Metchosin
    14. School District #61
    15. School District #62
    16. School District #63
  - b) Notwithstanding a) above, each jurisdiction may appoint a non-elected alternate representative to the Committee.
  - c) Up to seven members at large shall be appointed by the Capital Regional District for a minimum of two years.
2. From among the voting members, the Capital Regional District shall appoint a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer according to Sub-section 3 of Clause 4 of the Provincial Court Act. Nominations to be submitted by the Family Court Committee for ratification.
3. Representatives of the Ministries of the Attorney General, Education, Children and Family Development, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Health, Housing and Social Development and police forces and First Nations may be invited to attend as non-voting resource members.
4. It shall be the duty of the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee to submit annual reports and budgets to the Capital Regional District, the participating municipalities and to the Ministry of the Attorney General as per Clause C of Sub-section 4 of the Provincial Court Act.

5. The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee shall develop terms of reference for the conduct of its affairs.

Approved by Committee January 18, 2010

## Terms of Reference

### A. General Meetings

1. Whereas the Capital Regional District electoral year ends November 30, and whereas the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (the Committee) year ends June 30, therefore, appointees from the municipalities shall hold their positions until the first of January following the November municipal elections.
2. The Committee will normally meet monthly but no fewer than four times a year with additional meetings at the call of the Chair.
3. A quorum shall be seven (7) voting members.
4. The rules of order shall be the same as those outlined for Municipalities in the Local Government Act
5. A vote in abstention is a vote in favour
6. The chair shall exercise a vote and, in the case of a tie, the motion is defeated.

### B. Amendment of Terms of Reference

A proposed amendment shall be presented at the meeting previous to the meeting at which it is to be discussed. It shall be circulated also to all the committee members in advance of the meeting. One-half plus one of the voting members is required to approve an amendment.

### C. Amendments to the Constitution

A proposed change to the Constitution may be initiated by a member of the Family Court Committee or by a participating municipality. The same procedure for amending the Terms of Reference shall apply. Amendments to the Constitution approved in committee will be communicated to participating municipalities and the Capital Regional District for Ratification.

### D. Officers of the Family Court Committee

1. The Chair and Vice-Chair and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Capital Regional District under Clause 2 of the Constitution. A nominating committee will be formed in September comprised of retiring members and/or one or two members of the Committee whose responsibility will be to solicit nominations for the Officer's positions as well as to appoint a chair for the Annual General Meeting (someone not running for the executive, such as a past president or long time member).
2. If an Officer or Member of the Committee is unable to complete their term, their appointing agency will be requested to make a new appointment. In the case of an Officer, the committee will be requested to make an interim appointment (from the membership available) to perform those duties until the next AGM.

**E. Duties of Officers**

8. The Chairperson shall:
  - a. Chair all the meetings of the Committee
  - b. Appoint sub-committee chairpersons
  - c. Prepare all agendas for Committee Meetings
  - d. Have charge of all correspondence
  - e. Be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees
  - f. Have signing authority for funds jointly with the Treasurer
9. The Vice-Chair shall:
  - a. Undertake duties of the Chair in his or her absence
  - b. Be an alternate signing authority for funds
10. The Treasurer shall:
  - a. Have charge of all monies
  - b. Prepare monthly statements of expenditures and revenues
  - c. Have signing authority for funds
  - d. Prepare annual financial statements and budgets for year ending March 31
11. The Secretary shall have responsibility for:
  - a. Recording of minutes
  - b. Distribution of agendas
  - c. Notices of meetings, and
  - d. Any other secretarial duties as required through the Chair.

**F. Committees**

Each sub-committee or task force chair shall be appointed by the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Chair at the Annual General Meeting or the nearest possible meeting. The Chairs of the sub-committees may invite interested persons to serve on his/her sub-committee who are not members of the main Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee. The sub-committee Chairs will make reports to the main committee and will recommend speakers, agenda items or other projects be included through the steering committee.

The sub-committees are:

Communications/Planning  
Youth Matters  
Family Matters  
Priorities  
CRATSEY  
Court Watch

The Youth Mental Health Task Force was created in 2005 and is still functioning to support the creation of a school based medical clinic pilot project that could address youth mental health issues.



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The Steering Committee will be comprised of the sub-committee chairs, the executive and the secretary who may meet physically or electronically to plan the agenda.

Ad Hoc Committees may be created from time to time to study and report on specific matters.

### **G. Annual General Meetings**

The AGM will be held in January to receive the annual report and the annual financial statements for the previous year. The financial statements shall be provided to the Capital Regional District to be included in their Audit. The Annual Report shall be approved prior to distribution to the Attorney General, other ministries, and the Capital Regional District and the participating Municipalities.

The Chair of the AGM will open the AGM with an approval of the Agenda. If there are not seven voting members present for quorum, the AGM shall be postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting date and notification of the postponement shall be sent to the municipalities and the CRD with a list of those absent from the meeting.

The first order of business shall be a call for Nominations from the floor. Officer's Positions require only one member to make a nomination. If there is only one nomination for a position, no election will be held but the committee shall make a motion to appoint the Officer(s). If there is more than one nomination for the Officer(s) positions, the vote shall be taken via a secret ballot where each member present shall write the name of their preferred candidate(s) on a slip of paper which the Chair of the AGM shall collect and count with the supervision of the recording secretary. If there is any dispute, a recount will be taken in full view of all voting members. Once the election process is complete, the Chair will declare the election results and the committee will make a motion to appoint the Officers as per the election results.

The Chair of each subcommittee and task force shall be appointed by the Chair of the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee at the AGM, or the nearest possible committee meeting.

### **H. Membership**

If a vacancy occurs during the year, the body represented by the departed member should appoint a new representative to complete the term. If there is an alternate, they may continue to represent the body that appointed them.

If a member is absent for more than two consecutive meetings, without notice, a letter will be forwarded to that member soliciting future intent. If no response, or a third absenteeism, a letter will be forwarded to his/her sponsoring agency advising of the lack of representation.

## Oath of Confidentiality

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do promise and swear not to disclose or make known any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my involvement with the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, except insofar as my official duties require me to disclose, make known, report upon, or take official action regarding the same, or except insofar as I may be duly authorized to disclose or make known the same.

SWORN before me at the City of

Victoria, British Columbia

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

## Travel Policy

### A. Conferences and Seminars - Authorization

Authorization for attendance at all conferences and seminars for which expenses will be claimed is to be obtained in advance in accordance with the following:

#### 1. Committee Member

Approval is to be obtained in advance from the Committee by motion at a regular meeting.

### B. Seminars, Conferences and Meetings for which over Twenty-Four Hours absence from Place of Residence will be Required.

#### 1. Per Diem Allowance

Where the absence from place of residence will be in excess of twenty-four hours, an approved per diem allowance will be provided to cover the following:

- a. Meals
- b. Gratuities
- c. Taxi Fares – excepting extraordinary expenses
- d. Cleaning Expenses
- e. Parking Expenses
- f. Telephone calls but not long distance phone calls

Where the common carrier departs after 12:00 noon or returns before 12:00 noon, one half of the per diem rate shall be paid providing the absence is in excess of one-half day.

Adjustments will be made to the per diem rate only where any meals are included in conference registration fee.

#### 2. Accommodation

Accommodation or lodging expenses will be paid based on single occupancy rates.

#### 3. Transportation

##### a. Lower Mainland to Hope and Vancouver Island including the Sunshine Coast:

Travel by automobile will be paid in accordance with the current automobile expense reimbursement rate. Travel by bus, train, ferry or air-economy class will be paid for the actual expenses incurred.



b. Travel outside of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island:

Travel allowance will be paid on the basis of economy class air fare equivalent plus ground transportation when applicable or current automobile expense reimbursement rate where the overall travel cost will be more economical by automobile.

4. Other Expenses

Registration fees for conferences, conventions, seminars, etc., will be paid for single participation only.

C. Seminars, conferences, and Meetings for which Less than Twenty-Four Hours Absence from Place of Residence will be Required.

Where absence is less than twenty-four hours, actual out-of-pocket expenses, including mileage in accordance with the current automobile expense reimbursement rate will be paid. No per diem will be paid.

The daily maximum limit for meals and gratuities is as established from time to time by the Committee.

Meal expenses to the above maximum level will be paid if departure from place of residence is before:

7:00 am – breakfast

12:00 pm – lunch

6:00 pm – dinner

Expenses to the above maximum levels will be paid if return to place of residence is after:

12:30 pm – lunch

6:00 pm – dinner

Reimbursement will not be made for any meals included in conference registration fees.

D. Receipts

Receipts are required in support of the following types of expenditures:

1. Fares – air, bus, train and ferry
2. Accommodation

- 3. Miscellaneous:
  - a. Registration fees
  - b. Extraordinary taxi expenses
  - c. Long distance telephone calls
  - d. Parking

- 4. Per Diem Expenses

Receipts are not required to support those expenditures covered by per diem allowance.

- F. Claims Procedure

Claims for travel expenses are to be submitted to the Treasurer of the Committee within thirty days of the period in which the expenses were incurred.

- G. Advances

To obtain a travel advance, a written request must be completed and approved by the Treasurer at a regular meeting in advance of the date for which the funds are required.

## Priorities Committee Purpose

### Priorities Sub-Committee

#### **Philosophy:**

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (FCYJC) will consider support in the form of seed money for community agencies or persons who provide services for youth and/or families having contact with the justice system.

#### **Purpose:**

Evaluate applications to the FCYJC for goods and services using set parameters and criteria.

Make recommendations to the FCYJC on applications for goods and services.

#### **Structure:**

- \* Three or more members of the FCYJC
- \* Chair to be appointed by FCYJC Chair
- \* Meet as required

#### **Process:**

- \* Meet at request of Chair on receipt of application(s) to the FCYJC for goods and services seed money. (May communicate via email for simplicity)
- \* Review application using criteria as set by the FCYJC
- \* Enlist resources from outside the sub-committee as necessary to answer any questions prior to making a recommendation to the FCYJC.
- \* Provide summary of review including recommendations, with rationale, to the FCYJC - the recommendations will include a budgeted amount.
- \* Project liaison to provide accountability of project progress to the FCYJC

#### **2016 Membership:**

Chair: Ron Mattson (VFCYJ Vice-Chair), Cynthia Day(VFCYJ Chair), Marcie McLean, Councillor (Highlands), Bill McElroy (VFCYJ Treasurer), Matt Sahlstrom, Councillor (Langford)

## Priorities (Grant Application) Form

### Form for Priorities Submissions (Grants and extraordinary committee expenses)

Please send your submission to [rmattson@shaw.ca](mailto:rmattson@shaw.ca) AND [vfamcourt@gmail.com](mailto:vfamcourt@gmail.com) for distribution

1. Date of Application:
2. Name of organization / person(s) applying:  
Contact person for follow-up:
3. Background of organization / person(s) or applicable history of related projects:
4. Clear goals and objectives of the project – clear indications of relevance to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee mandate:
5. Any features of the project you believe are pertinent to this application:
6. Will the project dovetail with other similar work? (ie. in the Greater Victoria area or within your organization)
7. Budget: to include clear accounting with potential line items and accompanying narrative, please include funding from other sources and feel free to attach a spreadsheet if needed:
8. Other funding avenues/partners being explored:
9. Catchment area served – target population:
10. Needs/problems to be addressed through the project work:
11. Deliverables (goods and services to be provided):
12. Timeframes (eg. Intended start date of project, length of time from start of project to deliverables, one time project or on-going?)
13. Evaluation framework (How will you know if your project has been a success and how will the Family Court Committee know?)
14. Would you be able to present to the committee upon completion of your project?

This form is intended for your convenience and that of the FCYJC. Please use it for your submission and as a guide.

(Form updated; Jan, 2015(C. Day))



## Powers and Duties

The Family Court Committee may:

- be a force in educating the public on issues related to Family Court
- sit in on court hearings to monitor the actions of all officials concerned with the welfare of youth and assist judges upon request
- report to the Capital Regional District Board and member municipalities problems which are of concern
- enter and monitor both open and secure custody facilities
- comment upon legislation concerning families and youth and –
- make recommendations to appropriate legislative bodies concerning any matters deemed to be covered by our several mandates

In addition, the Family Court Committee must report annually to the Ministry of the Attorney General and its member municipalities.

## Authority and Financing

### **AUTHORITY OF THE FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE**

The Family Court Committee is constituted under the *Provincial Court Act* with powers and duties as listed under Section 4.1 in addition, it has been designated by the Attorney General of British Columbia (as of June 27, 1984) to be the youth Justice Committee, under section 69 of the *Federal Young Offenders Act*, Bill C-61 (see Sections 4.2 and 4.3).

The Victoria Family Court is authorized by the Ministry of Children and Families to the Community Committee that reviews the circumstances of youth in custody in our local containment centre, and physical environment and programs provided them. To that end, we are assured entry to the youth Containment Centre and access to all necessary information. Centre staff attends the committee as resource people as they are able.

### **FINANCING AND STRUCTURE OF THE FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Since the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (the Committee) services the Greater Victoria area, it is responsible to the Capital Regional district (CRD) from whence it receives its funding (see Sections 4.5 and 4.6 for CRD Bylaws). The budget is submitted and approved each year in December. However, grants are not received until August of the next year.

One representative is appointed annually by each of the Municipalities of Esquimalt, Oak Bay, Langford, Colwood, Central Saanich and North Saanich, the Districts of Saanich, Metchosin, Highlands and Sooke, the City of Victoria and the Towns of Sidney and View Royal. We also have appointed members from the School Districts of Victoria (61), Sooke (62) and Saanich (63). Up to seven members at large may be appointed by the CRD (selected from nominations received from the Committee and other interested organizations). In total there are up to 23 voting members.

The Committee's mandate involves working with the Ministries of the Attorney General, Public Safety and Solicitor general, Education, Children and Family Development, Social Development, and Health Services. Resource People from these ministries attend general meetings as non-voting personnel, and have also been expected to assist at the sub-committee level. With the increasing workload, only specific projects can expect to receive assistance from Ministry staff, whose assistance is most appreciated.