

12th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Barents Co-operation programme “Children and Youth At Risk”, June 24th, 2014, Syktyvkar, Russia

MINUTES

1. Welcome speech. Opening of the meeting. – Chair of the CYAR Steering committee

The Chair opens the meeting and underlines the importance of this meeting. The goals are to take a look at our results and discuss the future cooperation. The programme is facing a year of lower activity due to reduced funding, more resources will be aimed at finding the financing. We should consider our resources and distribute the existing resources. The chair expressed his confidence in the programme getting in full action from 2016. The Chair thanked the host of the meeting, Mr. Ilya Semyashkin and the republic of Komi. The republic has shown great interest and commitment at all levels and is a highly esteemed partner

Deputy head of Komi Tamara Nikolaeva welcomed the SC on behalf of the government of Komi and thanked for high assessment of the cooperation with Komi. For Komi the governmental support to children and families is a number 1 priority which is reflected in the legislative documents. Since 2010 Komi became an active partner of CYAR and we are pleased to receive positive feedback from both families and specialists participating in CYAR. The success of the implementation is due to the coordinating body, the Agency for Social development. We are focused on continuing the programme. more than 700 parents and over 300 children have received the support through CYAR. The most important result is that the relations parents-children improve. Mrs. Nikolaeva thanked the Chair for the great work and the trainers for their effort. In 2014 the legislation for social protection in Russia and she expressed hope for developing the CYAR programme inline with the current development. Mrs. Nikolaeva wished a productive day

Ombudsmann for childrens rights Nelli Strutinskaya: To ensure the wellbeing of children is a lot of work. the government guaranties produce good results. But we need to pay more attention to each family, not only families at risk. The way parents behave towards children and observe their rights is very important. Participation in international cooperation broaden the vision of what can be done to improve the living conditions of children. She underlined the importance of exchanging best practices with respect to local peculiarities.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

The Chair presented the agenda and suggested to move the dinner to 18 o'clock. It is adopted unanimously.

3. Adoption of the protocol of the 11th SC meeting from November 26th, 2013 in Arkhangelsk, Russia.

The protocol was sent out beforehand by the Secretariat. No comments were received. The protocol is adopted.

4. Status report for 2014 – Chair – *the PPT attached*

a) News from JWGHS

b) News from JMA Kolarctic

i) Marina Zyryanova – Reports to Kolarctic: results of financial reports.

presented the balance for the period 02.10.2012 – 28.02.2014 (the 2nd interim report has not been submitted at the time of the SC meeting). Preliminary conclusion: the project is within the budget. However, approval of the report is necessary to draw a final conclusion

ii) The new Kolarctic programme for 2014 – 2020 is under development. The first call is expected in 2016

c) Activities 2014: The activities conducted in Period 2 and plans for Period 3 were presented to the SC.

Vappu Sunnari: necessary to insert the dates for FVC in the project report

“Incredible Years”: 3 followups scheduled but more is required

“Family Group Conferences”: Finalnd – maybe cover travel expenses in connection with the course in autumn

“What About Us”: the present regions will send in their requests for courses and/or followups.

d) Research –*the PPT and the copy of the article are attached*

Roman Koposov presented the recently published article and the results of two research projects: in social institutions and a penitentiary institution (Arkhangelsk colony). The SC members received a copy of the article in English.

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Comment from Pål Christian Bergstrøm: important to create a plan for post-test in 1, 3, 6 months after the intervention among children from the closed institutions like a youth colony, a closed school and a closed vocational school. Such a plan is to be presented at next SC meeting.

Vappu Sunnari: proposes to apply the qualitative approach; to find some key persons, kids, and follow them up.

It was also requested an overview of the research on the program “Incredible Years” – status and plan for a future.

e) Anna Studentcova, the coordinator of the programme "From Violence to Caring Courses in English and in Russian" presented detailed information on the courses conducted within the FVC programme and the feedback from the participants

Pål Christian Bergstrøm pointed out the importance of the balance between students and in-work specialists.

Anna Studentsova explained that in Russian language courses only Russian specialists participated. For courses in English and Finnish, both groups were admitted

Ekaterina Kalinina: Is it obligatory to implement the practical knowledge? Any follow up?

AS: The course has been designed as a competence building, advanced training, so the specialists are motivated to use the acquired knowledge.

PCB underlines the importance the English courses and participants from Russia.

5. CYAR Activity plan for period 3 (01.10 – 31.12.2014) and 2015 – results of the working meeting on June 23rd.

- Project plan and detailed planning

The activities discussed and planned during the working meeting were summed up. The SC approved the plan.

6. Information from the regional representatives – relevant news, updates on co-operation activities and prospects in the realm of children and youth at risk.

Regional representatives submitted their reports beforehand to the Secretariat. As most information and news have been presented during the two days it was decided to distribute the reports attached to the present minutes.

7. Planning of next SC meeting: proposal from the Chair – November 18th, 2014, Tromsø (Norway)

It is proposed to hold the next meeting in Tromsø (Norway) on November 18th in connection with the final conference on November 19th.

8. Closing the meeting

The Chair thanks the participants for productive work and closes the meeting.