

*Chilliwack Healthier Community is a network of local partners focused on affordable/accessible housing, mental health, addictions, poverty reduction and cultural safety and humility. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.*

### Community Approach to Poverty Reduction

**Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 – 10:30am

**Location:** Rooms 1007 / 1009, Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack

#### Event Sponsor



- 8:30am Registration and Informal Networking
- 9:00am Emcee Nicole Read, GT Hiring Solutions and Chair of CHC Poverty Reduction Task Team
- 9:05am Agency Announcements
- 9:15am Networking Exercise
- 9:30am Presentations**
1. Doris Marko, Supervisor Local Office/Outreach Services, Chilliwack and Hope Employment and Assistance Offices, MSDPR  
**BC's new Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction**  
*Brief overview of upcoming changes to the ministry*
  2. Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development, District of Mission  
**Stone Soup / Circles of Support / Bridges out of Poverty / MAST**  
*Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Mission*
  3. Shakira Miracle, Coordinator, Vibrant Abbotsford  
**Living Wage Implementation and Advocacy**  
*Why employers should embrace the living wage – the business case*  
**Data collection on contributing factors to poverty in the local context**  
*Poverty Reduction work in Abbotsford*
  4. Angela Vermeer, Work BC Program Participant and UFV student  
**What's working – story of a local experience**  
*How local services helped support me and my family*
- 10:30am Informal Networking / Completion of Evaluation Forms

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#### **Vision**

*To live in a healthy, caring community that focuses on quality of life, promotes a sense of belonging, and understands that dignity begins when basic needs are met.*

#### **Mission**

*To actively address the most persistent issues affecting the health and well-being of our community and its residents through public education, collaboration and service integration*