

**4th Meeting of the Steering Committee on the Barents region' Co-operation programme
"Children and youth at risk"**

Date and time:

Thursday 15th of April 2010, 10.00-17.00

Venue:

The small hall of the State Council of the Republic of Komi

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| Olga Savastyanova | Chairman of the Committee on Social Policy of the State Council of Komi Republic |
| Pål Christian Bergstrøm | Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Programme "Children and youth at risk in the Barents Region
Director of the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway |
| Elena Krasovskaya | Deputy Chairman of the Steering Committee of the CYAR programme
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| Vappu Sunnari | University lecturer, gender studies/equality, University of Oulu, Finland |

Ingrid Löffstrand	Project Coordinator, Association of Local and Regional Authorities of the province Norrbotten, Sweden
Elena Dunaeva	Advisor to the Deputy Governor of the Arkhangelsk region on social issues
Ilja Semjashkin	Head of the Agency for Social Development of Komi Republic
Ekaterina Kalinina	Head of the department for family and childhood, Agency for social development of Komi Republic
Olga Sokolova	Deputy Minister for Health and Social Development, Republic of Karelia
Elena Romanets	Deputy Head of Agency for Social Development of Komi Republic
Oksana Kastrulina	Specialist of the department for family and childhood, Agency for social development of Komi Republic
Hanne Johnsen	Photographer (Norway)
Julia Chepurnova	Interpreter

Agenda

1. Welcome speech

Olga Savastianova, Chairman of the Committee on Social Policy of the State Council of Komi Republic

Ilja Semjashkin, Head of the Agency for Social Development of the Komi republic

Olga Savastianova: I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your openness and your ability to deal with such difficult matters. We pay much attention to this problem. The topic «CYAR» and the issues within this topic are very important.

These problems are of extreme importance for us. To be able to solve these problems we need both the solutions that have proved to be effective and innovative and new technologies.

The success of the activity depends on the involvement of the population itself. And all the interested structures and departments, parties, authorities.

On our behalf, we will support the activity as well as possible. Our support is not only in the participation in this project. We believe that the activity of the legislative authorities will play an important role. Therefore we want to develop and implement the new legislative acts and try out the new methods.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I am very grateful that Komi shows such a commitment and I m glad that we share the same goals. This committee is a tool for solving these problems. In order to succeed we have to act together. I appreciate the participation of Komi. I m looking forward to cooperation with Komi. And thank you for hosting us here in Syktyvkar. Thanks the Agency for arranging the meeting.

2. Opening of the meeting – Chair. Presentation of all the participants of the meeting.

All the SC members are present. The list of the participants is attached to the minutes

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Two things stand clear to me: if we don't succeed in this program it is not due to the lack of competence. The second thing is the existence of earlier connections. The main goal is to take these connection up to a higher level, to a general context.

7 members of the SC are present. One seat is empty, the representative for the indigenous people. They were invited for this meeting. Nevertheless, we will consider the questions connected with the indigenous people in the Barents region.

The main challenge is to be able to stabilize the representation of the regions in the SC. The representatives from the Russian region are new, I really hope that I'll see all of you at the next meeting. For the new members in the SC - a short introduction the difference between CYAR programme and CYAR project.

The CYAR project is run by the Steering committee. The goal is to reach the goal of the programme. The 4 methods are chosen. The project has a tendency to appear more bilateral (Norway - Russia) than multilateral, an unfortunate development due to the stop of the financial support for social issues in Finland and Sweden.

Questions and comments:

Ilja Semjashkin: Even though the representatives are changing, all the activity has continuity. From side of the Komi side, the former member Mr. Krylov shared and forwarded all the information to me and we still are in contact and discuss the relevant issues.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda is adopted

4. Adoption of the protocol of the SC meeting from November 11th 2009 in Arkhangelsk.

The protocol is adopted.

Comments and remarks on the protocol: none

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

The regional representatives present political initiatives, future plans and relevant news important for the CYAR programme.

Time frame: 15 min.

Komi:

Ilja Semjashkin: Thank you. At this meeting the specialists of the Agency for Social Development in the Komi republic are present. They also participated in various events. They will present.

Elena Romanets: 2010 - the all-Russia information campaign «Against violence against children». Seminars, meetings have been taking place, social advertising, printing og boklets. The single logo and slogan will be worked out for the whole Russia.

Mai 2010 - conference: participants - psychologists, social workers, specialists from Komi dealing with family and children affairs and other neighbouring regions.

Ekaterina Kalinina: After the meeting in Arkhangelsk, we held an informative seminar for all the heads of the institutions for social services for family and children in Komi. The information was very interesting. They will be present tomorrow at the seminar. Many specialists, experts work with complex rehabilitation programmes and implementation of new programmes is very interesting. When we prepared the application for the participation in the project. The following requirements were:

- material and technical possibilities of the institution to be able to implement the methods and techniques
- the qualification and the capacity of the specialists as they will train their colleagues; this problem is very relevant for the distant districts of the Republic

Elena Romanets: Foster care is another main aspect. 56,7% of all orphans are now in foster families. More and more families are willing to adopt/ take a child. Therefore, there is a decrease in the number of the children homes. But new problems arise. First of all, many foster families return the children. The solution: organization of the support service for foster families, Courses for foster families. Both those who plan to take a child and those who already did can address these courses and get help from the psychologist/other specialists. Our task is to establish such a foster care school in every town and district. Goals for work on foster care agencies - to find the foster family, to work out the regulations.

Elena Krasovskaja: I would like to continue on this topic. It is an extremely important problem (Artem`s case). It is important to work on the legislation in Russia and not to give away children for adoption.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: We will continue on the discussion later, during the discussion round. I also have some comments. But we will take it later.

Karelia:

Olga Sokolova: I would briefly comment on the changes and issues while planning the activity for 2010. The consequences of the financial crisis were obvious and we had problems with implementation of some programmes. Even though the federal programmes and social guarantees, social benefits were kept, some regional programmes were underbudgeted (60% financial support)

We proposed to different agencies to find funding through the local sponsors. Segezha center for social help and Petrozavodsk centre for social help took active part and now implement projects on young mothers and protection of children.

«New horizons» - another project, guidance and support of the juveniles returning from jail (Pskov jail)

«City which welcomes to children» - Ombudsmann in Karelia is in contact with UNICEF, an agreement which aims at improvement of living conditions of children in Petrozavodsk.

Children with physical disabilities - a rehabilitation programme.

We also actively participate in CYAR, especially ART training. 134 families who underwent training, they are being followed up.

Since 2010, there have been changes in legislation on the recreation and rehabilitation of children.

My proposal: to consider recreation and rehabilitation of children in difficult situation as a prioritized matter.

We have also provided applications for participation in CYAR project.

Finland

Vappu Sunnari: I don't have so much to tell since our last meeting, but still some. This time I understand a bit more. We have tried to do some steps in order to find some money for our activity. Some preliminary steps on the problem of girls and prostitution.

Two future projects: «Multicultural families and their problems in the Barents region» - This project will be realised through Murmansk; another project is about girls and alcohol, drugs, coordinated through Arkhangelsk

«Crisis centres» - violence in families, human rights perspective and equality.

«Violence in schools and at home» - starts in May. Financed through European union «Daphne»

«From violence to care» - an educational course, financed through Daphne

Two master programmes - social care, health and well-being in the Barents region

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: It is great to hear about the new initiatives.

Sweden

Ingrid Löfstrand: Regionally we have been cooperating on foster care. It is not obligatory for Local authorities to organise the education, but many do and there is an agency for education. They are satisfied with the results.

Foster families are satisfied about getting together.

«Foster care for teenagers with special needs» - support and easy access to social workers as often as necessary, also the education for foster families.

Main problem for foster care: how to attract families who are most feasible to take a child.

Health and social protection agency works on the new ways of investigating the new families.

Education for disabled children - can get better grades if they get better support.

May - Luleå - seminar for foster care institutions about support in schools for children in foster care.

Mediation - University of Technology in Luleå - they are interested in taking part and have experience in working with teens and juveniles. The way of financing possible cooperation will be to apply for funding from the Kolarctic ENPI program.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I m glad that you make such emphasis on foster families.

Arkhangelsk region

Elena Dunaeva: In February, an international project «Capacity building and strengthening of cooperation between NGOs and local authorities in the field of juvenile justice in North-West Russia» completed. Within the project we did a study of juvenile delinquency and the development of juvenile justice in our area, I was one of the experts. This study showed that nearly every other criminal case in the juvenile ceases court, usually for a reconciliation of the parties, but nobody holds the conciliation.

We started to create school service of mediation in Arkhangelsk, organized training for teachers and psychologists from 15 schools. I tought a block of legal issues, and Mrs. Ilyina, who previously studied mediation in the Norwegian project, conducted the training. But it turned out that such training is sufficient to resolve minor conflicts in the school environment, but to participate in the Criminal Justice it is required to update the knowledge, because Mrs. Ilyina was trained quite a while ago, in the beginning of 2000-ies. We would like to get the latest contemporary knowledge about the mediation and conducting practical training for facilitators who will participate in programs of mediation between the offender and victim. The need for this very big.

In March 2010 completed a project with Germany, «Dynamic mechanism: reduction of the measures involving deprivation of liberty of teenagers». We have created a help desk for juveniles in court in one of the districts of Arkhangelsk. Our plan is to transfer this experience to Severodvinsk and to hold a training seminar there. There is interest from other areas as well.

A good result of this project, I think, is the signing of an agreement on cooperation in implementing elements of juvenile justice by the leaders of seven regional agencies and the establishment of a working group, which is developing new technologies.

In cooperation with Germany there is also planned project on restorative justice with involving only two participants from our side.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Juvenile delinquents are the main target group. Representative of the Minisrty Justice of Norway met Mr. Gottschalk from Germany. News from the visit - later tonight at the dinner

I will inform on our meeting with UFSIN, the correctional services in Russia in Moscow

Murmansk region

Elena Krasovskaja: Longterm, target programmes, «Children of Kola», search for new programmes

Legislation should be revised in a way that it will contribute to better cooperation between institutes. There is a legislative act on the establishment of the cooperation in terms of identifying and help to juveniles, gives a clear description of what can be done.

A database of all the children at risk exists and it is available to all the municipal juvenile commissions, it is possible to check what has been done with every single child.

This analysis gives us a possibility to conduct different measures: projects «Ill-being families», «Passport» (more than 500 children did not have any passport and 100 parents without citizenship etc.)

Resocialization: the project «The ticket to life» (children from colonies, correction schools and jails), help with education, employment, with family issues.

Violence: a constant focus - the project «Protect me», since 1999 each year a specialized prevention operation/measure to fight this problem.

In 2010 - The fund for support of children at risk - a year “Against violence against children”. We will work on informing the population on the problem and make it all-russian.

All the problems are discussed via mass media.

Active participation in international programmes «What about us?» - for disabled children; «Incredible years» - plan to extend it to other districts.

As for CYAR, we are in the process of the signing agreement between the government of the region, the police department, the correctional services (UFSIN).

«ART» - I m very glad we are a part of this programme.

The Representative office of SOS - Children´s Villages - «Family Group Conference» for two years we have been working activiely in two districts with high percentage of unemployed parents

«Redd Barna» in Murmansk - published a book on the methodological, analytical and statistical data. It evoked much interest among the public.

These are the major directions.

Norway

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Thank you. Murmansk is very active region. I will present the news from the Norwegian side.

The Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion of Norway has recently signed an agreement with Arkhangelsk region relating the activity on children and youth at risk. We are preparing a new protocol with Komi republic. We prepare to renew similar protocols with Karelia and Murmansk.

In January 2010, Konovalov and Rejmer visited Oslo and signed a new agreement for 3 years aimed at juvenile delinquents and alternative punishment. The project Elena mentioned is also mentioned in this agreement.

On April 13, 2010 there was a meeting with UFSIN in Moscow where a new project was discussed where UFSIN, police and social services will participate.

We would like to invite the Russian and Norwegian ombudsmen to discuss the question of human rights perspective. Astakhov mentioned also creation the office of the regional ombudsman in all the regions.

Meeting with Statoil Norway - foster care development in the Arkhangelsk region. The aim is to increase the number of the foster families. The regional office for children, youth and family affairs (Bufetat) Northern Norway is a partner in this project.

Meeting with SOS - Children`s Cities Russia - «PRIDE»-project - on foster care development. SOS Russia has applied for and received the license to implement PRIDE throughout Russia for 2010 - 2011. All the projects «PRIDE» have to be coordinated with SOS Russia.

Bufetat is very concerned with foster care services. Our main concern is that many foster families return the children. Very important to provide them with quality ensurement and support in order to prevent it.

We are concerned of how to involve children in their own destiny - a course for professionals in «How to speak to a child». It is a right of the child stated in the UNs children convention: «A child has the right to be heard»

Questions and comments

Elena Krasovskaja: How many days off do foster parents get?

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: 5 week paid holiday and they can place the child in another family (4 - 6 weekends per year) as a back up system. Bufetat pays for it. Pensions are very individual, some people do not earn any work pension and they engage themselves a foster parent.

Elena Dunaeva: I am interested in the project between Bufetat and UFSIN. Arkhangelsk region IS invited to become a pilot site for the establishment of a probation office in the North-West Russia. Are there any opportunities for funding rates of social workers through the project?¹

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: We are aware of this project. And we are very interested in this project and the Arkhangrlsk region will get the funds.

Elena Romanets: A question to Ingrid. On the governmental level it is not mandatory to train the foster families. Is it discussed to make it mandatory?

Ingrid Løfstrand: Maybe in a couple of years. Now it is obligatory for adoptive families who adopt from abroad. The law does say that the local authorities are obliged to support foster families but it does not say what support should be provided

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Isn` t «PRIDE» used in Sweden to train foster families?

Ingrid Løfstrand: Yes, we do use «Pride» not only to train but also evaluate the foster family.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Do you use the 10-module model?

Ingrid Løfstrand: Yes, it takes 10 times to go through the plan. And some places it was not possible to gather 10 foster parents/families. The Pride programme has a lot of good things in it which you can use in other situations.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: What kind of programmes do you use in Komi to train foster families?

Elena Komenets: There is a Republican centre for social help for children and family, which develops the training programmes - «The school for foster care parents» with the participation of psychologists, lawyers etc. Such programmes are divided into several sections: testing/evaluation of a foster parent, legal matters.

The training of the foster family is mandatory according to the bill introduced. It would be interesting to see whether such schools will reduce the number of candidates and if it will prevent refusal and other possible impacts.

Ilja Semyashkin: Komi is very big. It is very interesting and relevant for us to use the internet and video to train the specialists in other remote regions. It will save both time and money

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I think this technology should be interesting for all of us, because we share similar features in the Barents region, with vast territories and scarcely populated regions.

¹ As there was a mistake in translation of this question, it is important to point out that the CYAR programme does not pay salaries to the staff of institutions. CYAR covers only expenses in connection with events aimed at competence building (rent of the venue, interpreter, travel expenses for specialists and so on)

In Tromsø there is a centre for telemedicine. The technology has been spread to many institutions and supported by the BEAR

Roman should contact the centre for telemedicine and get all the locations where the equipment is.

Elena Krasovskaja: I would like to add. Kenya had a very interesting experience: they follow-up for 6 months the foster family, the child's comfort, the communication. Not the child for the family, but the family for the child. Then they decide if the child can stay in the family. My proposal is to monitor the international experience and legislation

Vappu Sunnari: It is a dream to organize a bus with the equipment, mobile, to work against family violence. Is it possible?

Elena Krasovskaj: What equipment should be there?

Vappu Sunnari: Internet first of all.

Elena Krasovskaja: in the foster families where a child is not comfortable there is bad communication between the parents, or the parent and the child. They like to be seen. Sometimes it is enough to help them to get a job, support etc, and the violence is gone.

Ilja Semjashkin: There are two programmes in Russia which provide internet everywhere where there are post offices and schools.

Vappu Sunnari: There was a programme when children could call to a hot-line in case of problems. Very many children called. When we talk about courses, it is time-consuming and occupy the only computer in the school/post office. A bus with the internet can provide a university with internet.

6. **Status report on the Activity Plan – Chair**

Update on CYAR activities

The Activity plan adopted in november 2010.

The 2nd **SC meeting** in 2010 will be together with the JWGHS group - where/when is not yet known.

Operationalization of the CYAR project, contracts - agreements have been made according to the plan.

Mediation - is a question of the legal right to carry out these services. A huge step forward was taken when Konovalov visited Oslo in January and signed the agreement.

Elena Krasovskaja: Some news on mediation in Russia - The president has introduced a bill into the State дума on mediation. I suppose that the bills from the President's office will get approved quite quickly, and in the close future we will have all the tools to conduct our activity. It would be wise to look closer at this form of work, about the mediation meeting, in order to be prepared when this bill becomes a law.

Applications from the regions in the CYAr project

Activities according to the CYAR project, part i - IV - information exchange, organization of the CYAR conference in 2010, update of the web-site

www.beac.st

Meeting with CBSS WGHH - left, it is nearly 3 years since last meeting them and we have a lot in common.

Meeting with NDPHS EG - done

Roman presents information from the meeting in Arkhangelsk 6 - 8 April 2010. Several issues were discussed: tuberculosis, HIV, alcohol, mental health. (8 countries present). I presented the CYAR project. The suggestion from the EG - there will be created a group for children affairs in jail and juvenile justice. Next meeting will discuss this issue closely. The interest here is mutual. We are doing a great success establishing cooperation with UFSIN in the 4 regions at the federal level.

Report to the JWGHS - will happen in November at the meeting of JWGHS

The SC shall continue to explore possibilities for funding the new initiatives according to the CYAR programme - - Ingrid has investigated possible funding. We also received 12 mln. Rubles for 2010.

Conclusion: We are moving forward according to our activity plan

Questions and comments:

Vappu Sunnari: is it possible to add girls at risk forced to prostitution to add it to the last point in the activity plan adopted in November 2009?

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: We will have to discuss the project, what you want to apply for, and how we can merge it.

a) ***Presentation of the CYAR information web site***

Marina Zyryanova: The web-site was not available due to the change of the server.

<http://www.beac.st/?DeptID=10177> – the direct link to the web-site of the CYAR-programme. **Update on the SC members, upcoming events, the boklet are available there.**

Pål Christian Bergstrøm suggested creation of an electronic office

7. ***Elaboration of the plan for CYAR project activities:***

a) Presentation and discussion on the applications the Secretariat received from the regions for participation in various programmes, disseminated by CYAR

The plan on how to proceed on the realisation of the project

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Due to the time limit, a part of this decision will have to be taken later per email.

Roman Kuposov presents the overview over the applications from the regions to participation in the programmes.

Roman Kuposov: 1st of February was the deadline for the applications from the 4 regions. Presentation of the application.

The changes are possible to make when we come closer to the plan. The most important is to decide on what should be done and where. In which regions the courses should take place. We see from the list that some organizations do not meet the requirements, we prioritize the public institutions.

The presentations will be available on the web-site.

Requirements for the choice of the institution:

- owned by the regions
- should have enough competent specialists; a group of specialist must be trained so that they can be a team both for training and further work. It make a more solid ground.
- the level of professionalism is sufficiently high.

Mostly the institutions who applied meet the requirements.

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS

IY	2010	2011	2012
Arkhangelsk	2. (june)		
Murmansk	1. (february)		
Komi	3. (september - october)		
Karelia	4. <i>This year Pål Christian Bergstrøm will try to arrange it</i> <i>If not then in 2011</i>	4. february	

Vappu Sunnari: Why cannot NGOs apply? Cant remember that was mentioned at the previous meeting.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: It is not exclusive. We prioritize public institutions as public institutions are more stable, NGOs often change their focus, disappear and reappear.

There is a framework agreement in Arkhangelsk region, so it is logical to conduct such a training there first.

We are in the process of engaging into the protocol with Komi. We think it should be signed before we start doing anything.

This is only a proposal from our side. If there are any comments...

Ilija Semjashkin: Do we have to decide on the month now?

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: The next course is scheduled for June, but we can be flexible

Elena Dunaeva: For us it doesn't matter, when you say, we will fix it. **Arkhangelsk - June.**

Olga Sokolova: Are the courses only for the residents of the region? If we are less, can we fill up?

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Yes

A long discussion on the number of participants :)

ART

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Starting up an ART class requires time. We propose to conduct the training in Murmansk, the trainers will be able to conduct the course and follow-up for the previous.

I Arkhangelsk it is practical to conduct the course because of the common project with FSIN

ART	2010	2011	2012
Arkhangelsk		1st	
Murmansk	1st (March, May, Autumn) 2nd.		
Komi			
Karelia			

In the second course the trainers expressed their wish to work in Murmansk, decrease the number of the institutions and increase the number of specialists. In addition, specialist from Petrozavodsk take the course to become top-trainers and then train specialists in Karelia. The suggestion comes from the trainers, but it is up to the SC.

As for Karelia and ART, we implement this programme in three institutions according to the agreement.

Roman Koposov: We shouldn't forget the management course for ART in Karelia (2 courses in 2010)

Olga Sokolova: Then the needs in Karelia will not be met in 2010.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: The programmes are to be disseminated throughout the whole period (till the end of the 2012). In the end of the period, the number of the participants from the regions will be equal. We will get back to you on deciding where and when for 2011. As for FGC, we will propose a solution per email.

I would like all the members to go back on the applications and reconsider them. If there are questions, there is info in the booklet and the contact information, and get back to the Secretariat within 2 weeks if any changes in the list of applications occur.

As for Mediation, we come back to it when the legislation of the RF has changed.

8. Presentation of a photo project – Hanne Johnsen (Norway)

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: This is a very important presentation for us as we work for the children. According to the UN Convention on children's rights, every child has the right to be heard.

Hanne presents herself and her earlier project on the disabled people.

The purpose was to change the attitude. The experience I want to bring to my new project. Why I do this project? The way we experience the world as a child forms us as a person. I want to show how important the childhood is.

Goal: To lift the child's voice, knowledge and experience.

I want to include Norwegian children as well in order to show the universality of the problems.

I photographed 200 children from different places. 12 - 15 of these were followed through the 3 years. 35 interviews about responsibility for their siblings, alcoholism, violence, their plans, dreams, what is important to them.

The children were asked to draw something important to them. Most of them drew a home, this is an important message. When children understand that they are seen, heard and are active participants in forming their future, their mental health is much better.

I hope for the following outcome: a short film based on the interviews, interviews with experts, a book with the stories, images, pictures, comments, exhibitions of 100 images (venues - locations where people can come, invite children), records more interviews, arrange workshops in order to be able to reach the relevant audience, workshop on «resilience».

I contacted CYAR SC will help me to find funding for the future work and promote my work to your target groups.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I think this is a very valuable contribution for our work. It reminds us who is in focus of our work.

Ilja Semjashkin: Have you heard an idea about short clips with slogans as a social advertising?

Hanne Johnsen: I m not familiar with the Russian realities but I appreciate all the input.

Vappu Sunnari: It is very important to remember who we work for, their feelings, emotions. It is so easy to forget. Thank you!

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: The question is if the SC would like to support the continuation of this project? And that she might be able to contact the regional representatives in order to get in touch with relevant authorities. And that we can use her work in our project.

Elena Krasovskaja: it is important to shape the attitude of the society on this problem. We should support and continue the cooperation with Hanne Johnsen.

Ilja Semjashkin: My suggestion is to use these short sequences because this idea is unique, also because it is a view from the outsider/foreigner.

Vappu Sunnari: If she wants to continue collecting this type of data from Finland, I will help her.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I propose we agree on supporting Hanne's work. And find a way to use her work in our activity.

Everyone agrees.

9. Planning of next SC meeting and CYAR conference in the autumn 2010 – proposal from the Chair. Closing of the meeting

We have to get back to that when we know when the next meeting of the JWGHS is known. As for the CYAR conference, we have the funding, but we have to decide upon the topic and the place. My suggestion is to focus on the foster care services. The regional reports stated today that it is a very important problem in the Barents region. If we coordinate this work better, we will get better results.

Statoil plans to arrange a conference in Arkhangelsk in November. This is one possibility. Then we can join our efforts and arrange a Barents conference in Arkhangelsk. It can be either a one day conference, or a two-day conference (Statoil - 1st day, CYAR - 2nd day). A lot of people working with foster care will be gathered in Arkhangelsk anyway.

Comments

Elena Dunaeva: Whom does Statoil cooperate with?

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: As I understand, this project is a result of the agreement with the government of the Arkhangelsk region.

Elena Dunaeva: I haven't heard of it.

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: I propose we send all the relevant documents by email to you.

The CYAR conference should now focus on other matters than the 4 methods. I think foster care services is an important topic to focus on.

Vappu Sunnari: I think it is also an acute problem of the corporal punishment of children, it is still a problem both in Russia and northern countries.

Ingrid Löfstrand: I think it will be interesting to exchange experience, two days is even better.

Ilja Semjashkin: Violence is one of the important moments when talking about the foster families. I am not prepared to talk about statistics but I know this is a problem.

Elena Krasovksaja: Maybe the regions can investigate the situation with violence and then we can think on the activities in the future

Pål Christian Bergstrøm: Foster care services is a priority for CYAR. We will send information on the planned conference in Arkhangelsk, whether it is a good idea to combine these two. We will keep you informed.

We will continue correspondence per email. I close the meeting and thank you for your work!