

## 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Barents Co-operation programme

### Date and time:

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
10.00-17.00

### Venue:

Conference room, Hotel Park Inn Polarnye Zori  
Murmansk, Russia

### Present:

<b>Pål Christian Bergstrøm</b>	Chair of the Steering Committee of the Programme "Children and youth at risk in the Barents region Director General, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Elena Krasovskaja</b>	Deputy Chair of the Steering Committee of the CYAR programme Deputy Chair of the commission for juvenile and protection of their rights under The Regional government; Consultant, Department for Cooperation with law enforcement authorities, Office of the Government of the Murmansk region
<b>Roman Kopusov</b>	Coordinator of the CYAR programme Project leader, Department of international relations in the Barents region, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Anna Afanasyeva</b>	Secretary of the CYAR programme Senior Executive Officer, the Department of international relations in the Barents region, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Vappu Sunnari</b>	University lecturer, gender studies/equality, University of Oulu, Finland
<b>Ilya Semiashkin</b>	Head of the agency for social development of the Komi Republic

<b>Elena Dunaeva</b>	Advisor to the Deputy Governor of the Arkhangelsk region on social issues
<b>Svetlana Antokhina</b>	Deputy Minister of Health and Social development, Republic of Karelia
<b>Aleksandra Artieva</b>	Representative of Indigenous peoples in the Murmansk region
<b>Natalia Egorova</b>	Interpreter

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome speech. Opening of the meeting – Chair.**

The Chair welcomed the members of the Steering committee (SC) and opened the meeting with providing the word to the Deputy Chair Elena Krasovskaja. Elena Krasovskaja gives a welcoming speech:

“Deputy Governor of the Murmansk region Chistova L.A. due to the intense working schedule could not attend our meeting, on her behalf I was asked to welcome all the participants of the meeting on the Kola land, to wish to all of us fruitful work, to thank the CYAR Steering Committee for significant contribution in development of our good neighborly relations and substantive support in implementation of new technologies on protection of the rights and interests of children in the Murmansk region.”

### **2. Presentation of the participants of the meeting.**

All the SC members are present except for the representative of Sweden who could not come.

The Chair introduces new members of the Steering Committee:

- new representative from Karelia – Svetlana Antokhina
- representative of indigenous peoples – Aleksandra Artieva

The members take a short round presentation and present themselves. The list of the participants is included in the minutes.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

Main purpose of the meeting is to sum up the activities for 2011 and planning the activities for the year 2012.

The Chair presented the topics for the meeting:

1. Adoption of the protocol of the 6<sup>th</sup> SC meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Tromsø, Norway.
2. Status report for the year 2011
3. News from the JWGHS
4. Application to Kolarctic ENPI CBC
5. Planning the activities for 2012
6. Exchange of information from the members

The Chair goes through the agenda. The agenda is adopted.

#### **4. Adoption of the protocol of the 6<sup>th</sup> SC meeting from May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011, Tromsø, Norway**

##### Follow-up of the previous SC meeting:

On the May 10<sup>th</sup> was decided that the protocols should be shorter and more result-oriented at the time the outcomes should be pointed out more clearly. As the previous protocols were too detailed, it is necessary to continue writing protocols according to the mentioned decision.

##### Comments and remarks on the protocol:

###### **On the section 5:**

The task is to provide information to the Child centre about the activities that have been done. The following centre belongs to the Council of the Baltic Sea States. It is in the CYAR activity to arrange meeting with this council.

Mr. Kuposov will send the information about the centre to the SC members.

**Decision:** It was decided to get back on the activity of the CBSS Secretariat further in discussion on the plan of activities in 2011 and 2012.

No objections to the following. The protocol is adopted.

#### **5. Status report on the Activity Plan in 2011**

The CYAR is a framework programme aiming in its activity at fulfilment of the goals, acknowledged by the Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues. One of the main framework principles lies in dissemination of the knowledge - based methods. In 2010 was established the CYAR Support programme. Therefore the SC report includes both the CYAR activity and the activities of the CYAR Support project.

- News from the Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS)

The report to the JWGHS was presented during the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October in Syktyvkar, where the 4<sup>th</sup> Co-operation programme on Health and Related Social Issues for 2012 – 2015 was adopted. Due to the positive comments on the CYAR programme, it was decided to adopt CYAR II. The following positive results were based on the recommendations from the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in Tromsø.

In its turn, the Working Group implements three programmes under the Co-operation Programme:

- ✓ Barents HIV/AIDS Programme, started in 2005
- ✓ Programme on Children and Youth at Risk (CYAR), started in 2008
- ✓ Programme on Tuberculosis, launched in 2010.

**Decision:** Norway and Murmansk will continue with the chairmanship in 2012. In the end of 2012 it will be necessary to bring up the question of re-election in chairmanship positions. Thus, this question will be brought up on the 9<sup>th</sup> SC meeting in autumn 2012.

- **Activity plan for 2011**

Chair presents the activities adopted last year and reports on the activities carried out in 2011.

### Activity report 2011

- 6th SC meeting, Tromsø, May 10th , 7th SC meeting, Murmansk, December 1st
- Application for CYAR II 2012-2015 to EU Kolarctic, June 15th. New application resubmitted November 14th
- Submitted application to NDPHS for 2012 – CYAR Programme Support Project, October, 15th 2010 (support application 15th April)
- Meeting with Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk - Baltic Sea States, 14th September, Berlin
- CYAR Programme Support project activities, approximately 43 CYAR seminars/workshops/ meetings 2011
- Report to the JWGHS in October 12th, Syktyvkar, Komi republic
- CYAR II programme is approved by the JWGHS

Other related activities (conference, project group meetings Arkhangelsk and Murmansk)

- 23rd September 2011 – conference "Children and Punishment", Oslo
- 2 meetings with UFSIN Moscow on the CYAR competence sharing (February, June)
- Contract signed with the SOS Children Villages, Russian Committee, Moscow, June 28th for 2011-2012 on FGC

**Comments:**

## 1). Application for CYAR II 2012-2015 to EU Kolarctic

It was insufficient time between the 6<sup>th</sup> SC meeting in May and the deadline for the funding application in June. Though the number of the points was not reached during the first round of proposals, the application for the CYAR II was submitted in October for the second round with the application deadline on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The new application is submitted and final decision on the Kolarctic application will probably be announced in December 2011 –January 2012.

2). Application to the NDPHS to conduct the CYAR Support Project activities was submitted on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. The written answer is not received, but on the meeting the Committee has informed that the funding for 2012 will be equal to the previous year.

## 3). Meeting with Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk, 14th September, Berlin.

During the meeting was given the presentation of the CYAR programme and expressed interest in cooperation with the Expert Group for Cooperation on Children at Risk:

- annual meetings of the Chairs of the groups
- inviting experts and specialists to participate in joint conferences
- finding main cooperation points for the groups

Invitation to cooperation in 2012 was sent and the answer is awaited.

4). The CYAR has very broad integrated cooperation with the regions related to the activities on minor offenders. In 2011 was conducted a number of meetings in the frame of the following cooperation and on the 22<sup>th</sup> September the conference “Children and Punishment” took place in Oslo, Norway.

Apart from that Norway and Russian are in the broad bilateral agreement on cooperation in the field of minor offenders. The CYAR secretariat also carries out its activity at the federal level. There are annual meetings twice a year in Moscow and Oslo. During these meetings the information on reforms and legal aspects of minor offenders are discussed.

Arkhangelsk and Murmansk as well have agreements on the related cooperation. CYAR is a part of these bilateral agreements.

5). In Moscow there have been carried out 2 meetings with UFSIN, signed agreement for 2 years with the SOS Children Villages in the frame of the Family Group Conferences programme.

The Russian embassy expressed very positive support to CYAR and CYAR II programmes. The meeting with the leader of “Foundation for support of children in a difficult life situation” took place in June. The meeting was positive and continues written contact with Marina Gordeeva in order to exchange the information on funding opportunities for the CYAR activities.

Mr. Kuposov highlights that there have already been cooperation with Marina Gordeeva in the process of elaborating the Kolarctic application.

- **The CYAR programme Support project**

Mr. Koposov presented the progress report for the CYAR Programme Support project.

1) The activity to the end of December 2011:

“The Incredible Years”- three workshops (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Karelia), guidance in the regions.

“Aggression Replacement Training – ART”– at the moment programme covers Karelia, Murmansk and Arkhangelsk. The realization in the Komi republic will be covered in 2012.

“What About Us?” - it is necessary to receive comments of the SC members on the question if the following programme should be introduced in other regions except Murmansk.

“Mediation” – cooperation on the programme is conducted in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk regions. It was carried out 1 seminar in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk, 2 meetings in Oslo and Trondheim. In November was organized the first workshop in Arkhangelsk.

“Family Group Conferences”- two training courses (Arkhangelsk, Petrozavodsk), consultations (guidance in the regions).

**Comments:**

Mr. Bergstrøm noted that the programme “Incredible Years” is also implemented in the Lovozero region and has its activities in the areas of residence of indigenous people.

Mr. Bergstrøm highlights that the CYAR is professional pyramid, where one reaches a higher professional status through the programme. The cooperation in Petrozavodsk on the programme “The Incredible Years” started in 2004. The first mentor (Elena Vorobjeva) was accredited with certification in Seattle, the USA, in autumn 2011. It is a significant step, reached in cooperation between Norway and Russia as now she can teach other trainers in Russia. She is an important person for the CYAR programme.

- **Application to Kolarctic ENPI CBC**

The Chair informed on the status of the 2<sup>nd</sup> application to the Kolarctic.

Mr. Koposov provided a brief outline of the documents submitted to ENPI CBC Kolarctic. The CYAR SC had applied to Kolarctic for funding of the CYAR programme for 2012 – 2014. The deadline was November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Mr. Koposov informed about the budget plan. 50% of the budget sum is included in the application and the rest of co-financing should be produced by partners.

**The budget of the programme consists of 3 parts:**

- EU financing
- Co-finance from national budgets: Finland, Russia
- Norwegian funding. Consists of 2 parts: Norwegian national co-financing and Kolarctic

Mrs. Sunnari informs about the programme on domestic and educational violence. The programme was included in the Kolarctic application.

The issue of Russian co-financing. The “Foundation for support of children in difficult life situation” can be funding opportunity from the Russian side. However, the application can not be send by the CYAR local partners, though it is possible to send the application on behalf of the CYAR steering committee. The fund has not provided any definite answer yet, but it is necessary to attempt using this recourse.

Mr. Koposov underlines that according to the information provided by the fund, applications from foreign organisations have to be approved by the Ministry of Justice in Russia.

If the funding is received, appears the opportunity to increase multilateral participation (Finland);

If the funding is not received, it will be necessary to search for funding from other sources.

The Minister of foreign affairs in Norway was appointed on the chairmanship of the Barents Council. The new chair stated earlier that the CYAR is one of the most positive and effective cooperation and it will be prioritized throughout the Norwegian chairmanship.

#### **Comments:**

Mrs. Sunnari suggests broader integration of indigenous peoples issues to the applications. Certainly in the interest and wishes of the indigenous peoples.

#### **4. CYAR Activity plan for 2012 – discussion**

The Chair presents the proposal for activities in 2012.

##### **Proposal for activity plan 2012**

- 2 SC meetings
- Cooperation meeting with the Working Group CBSS
- Cooperation meeting with the EG on prison health
- Report to JWGHS
- Continue CYAR Programme Support project activities according to the adopted plan for 2012
- Annual conference on CYAR related topic. Spring-autumn 2012.
- Closing conference on CYAR I in cooperation with the Barents Youth Programme. Autumn 2012.
- Web page update
- Plans for cooperation within the Children and Punishment (mediation, ART)

**Discussion:**

1) The 2 SC meetings will take place in 2012: the first one in spring-summer and the next one in autumn.

**Proposal:** The Chair proposes the next 8<sup>th</sup> SC meetings in one of the Nordic countries and the 9<sup>th</sup> SC meetings in Petrozavodsk. SC will inform the SC members about the dates for the 8<sup>th</sup> SC meeting as soon as possible.

**Decision:** The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place in Finland and the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Petrozavodsk

2). Annual conference on CYAR related topic. Spring-autumn 2012.

**Proposal on the venue:** To arrange the annual conference combined with the dates of the SC meeting in Petrozavodsk in autumn 2012.

Mrs. Antokhina notes that more information about the conference should be provided in advance, if it is combined with the SC meeting.

**Proposal on the topic:**

Mr. Bergstrøm suggests the topic: “Monitoring the rights of children - integration in the Nordic countries”.

One of the objectives in CYAR is securing the rights of children according to the UN convention. The commissions on the rights of children from Russian and Norwegian sides are involved. Nowadays the issue is broadly promoted in Russia too. It could as well form a basis for a project. It can also be a contact point for the Council for the Baltic Sea States. Mr. Astakhov and other specialists could be invited.

Mrs. Krasovskaja suggests narrowing down the aspect of the rights of children, because in Russia these questions belong to different institutions in various spheres, social and economic.

Mrs. Sunnari supports proposal and suggests consensus between the Russian system and general interest.

Discussion on the topic of the conference.

**Decision:** There will be produced written proposal on the topic of the Annual Conference: “Monitoring the rights of children - integration in the Nordic countries”.

It is one of the aims of the CYAR programme to address to monitoring of rights. Further discussion will be continued by means of written proposal.

Mrs. Sunnari brings up the issue of cooperation with the WG CBSS and asks if Finland could be a participant.

Mr. Bergstrøm points out that the SC will exchange activity plans for 2012 with WG CBSS and the issue could be discussed. The plan of WG CBSS will be forwarded to the SC members as soon as it will be available.

Mrs. Antokhina underlines that Karelia is very interested in cooperation on juvenal delinquency and minor offenders.



**Decision:** it is necessary to work out the plan for 2012 on opportunities for Karelia, Komi and Finland to be included in the realization of the following programme. This is very interesting cooperation as well as highly anchored in Moscow and Oslo.

3). Closing conference on CYAR I in cooperation with the Barents Youth Programme.

There is a very positive cooperation on the youth affairs in Komi republic. It provides an opportunity to cooperate on the basis of the CYAR I and the joint conference with Barents Youth Programme.

**Decision:** The conference on closing the CYAR I programme will take place in Kirkenes, Norway. The dates and information on the conference will be provided later.

4). Web page update

The chair encourages members to use the web page as it contains a lot of useful information - protocols of the meetings, newsletters and plans of activities.

**Conclusion:** The topic on the rights of children and its monitoring remains the alternative for annual conference in Petrozavodsk. The closing CYAR I conference will take place in Kirkenes.

5). Continuation of the CYAR Programme Support project activities according to the adopted plan for 2012.

Mr. Koposov provides the presentation of the activity plan for 2012.

### **The activities of the CYAR Programme Support project for 2012:**

“The Incredible Years” 3 training courses and guidance in the regions

- ✓ 27 February – 2 March – training course and guidance in Komi;
- ✓ Spring - training course in Karelia;
- ✓ Autumn - training course in Murmansk;
- ✓ Guidance (consultations) in each region.

“Aggression Replacement Training – ART

- ✓ 17 January – guidance in Arkhangelsk;
- ✓ 18 - 19 January - 3 part of the first training course, Arkhangelsk;
- ✓ Week 9, 17 and 21 - training course in Komi;
- ✓ Week 10 - guidance in Arkhangelsk (1 day). Autumn - guidance, Komi;
- ✓ Autumn - training course in Arkhangelsk;
- ✓ Autumn - training course in ART family and guidance (1 day), Arkhangelsk;

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#### “Family group conferences”

- ✓ March - training course and guidance in Komi, guidance in Karelia;
- ✓ April - training course and guidance in Arkhangelsk;
- ✓ May - guidance in Kirovsk (Murmansk region);
- ✓ September - guidance in Komi;
- ✓ October - guidance in Arkhangelsk.

Mrs. Sunnari comments that the following programme could be interesting from indigenous people’s perspective.

#### “Mediation”

In cooperation with Arkhangelsk - one meeting of the project group in winter/spring 2012, the second meeting - autumn/winter 2012.

Second part of the training course in mediation, 27.02 – 02.03 in Arkhangelsk.

In cooperation with Murmansk - one meeting of the project group in winter/spring 2012, the second meeting - autumn/winter 2012.

#### “What about us?”

It is planned to conduct 2 seminars and guidance. The planned activities are included in the activity plan and are open for requests from the regions. In case several regions make requests, the SC has mandate to decide on the matter. The Secretariat will also consider the possibility of additional training course, in the case of interest from the regions.

Mr. Senyashkin and Mrs. Antokhina expressed interest in the programme for their regions, they would like to get more information and make a request for the activities.

Mr. Kuposov will forward the information booklet on “What about us?” programme to all the members of the SC.

**Decision:** Deadline for requests for all programs - 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2012. In case the requests are not received, the Secretariat will be responsible for distribution of training courses and seminars.

### **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.

## **Sweden**

The Swedish SC member Ingrid Löfstrand could not come. No substitute at the meeting.

## **The Murmansk region**

Mrs. Krasovskaja presented the news and information on the activities for 2011 from the Murmansk region

### **“What about us?”, 2009 -2011 year.**

- 4 workshops were held with participation of experts from Norway and Monchegorsk. Norwegian side issued certificates to 3 specialists from the Monchegorsk center (the certificates provide the right for training on the program techniques (coaching));
- 8 outdoor-induced courses were carried out at the resort camps;
- during the implementation of the project 44 family couples were participating in the activities;
- In June - November was carried out a range of workshops by specialists from Norway and Monchegorsk. 23 specialists took part.

### **“Family group conferences”**

- were trained 47 specialists from educational and social welfare institutions;
- were conducted 3 supervised seminars, attended by 54 specialists;
- were held on 26 family group conferences, which was attended by 98 specialists and 138 family members
- In the Murmansk region were conducted 2 conferences attended by 13 people, including 7 members of families with 2 children, three more conference are under further preparation
- Kirovsko-Apatitsky district is also interested in this program.

### **“ART - Aggression Replacement Training”**

- 56 specialists from social welfare institutions, commissions for juvenile and protection of their rights, agencies of the federal execution service took part in training courses;
- 38 specialists actively use ART methods in their work;
- 120 adolescents (19 groups) were trained with the ART methods;
- From 11 to 13 October 2011 took place another seminar, in terms of which trainers from Norway provided the course in Family ART method. Specialists start to involve families with children in these programs.

### **“Incredible Years”**

- 9 specialists received certificates of trainers and provide training to families. During the reporting period 26 parents from 26 families took part in the program. The total amount of provided training sessions – 21;

- undertaken surveys revealed that the apparent improvement in behavior indicate about 75% of children;
- norwegian partners supplied 3 social institutions with 130 copies of the teaching manuals on family work. Institutions are very grateful.

Specialists of the Murmansk region are interested in practical implementation and development of this program, because it shows productive results. They also seek to actively promote international dialogue in this field.

### **The Arkhangelsk region**

Elena Dunaeva representing the Arkhangelsk region informed the SC about the news and presented information about the implementation of the CYAR Programme in the region:

#### **“Mediation”**

- 26/10/2011 in the Arkhangelsk regional court was held the round table on "Development of juvenile techniques in the Arkhangelsk region."
- in November in terms of the the CYAR programme was held the first seminar in training of mediators: 22 people from 9 institutions took part;
- on 19-20.12.2011 is planned the workshop with participation of specialists from “the Centre of Judicial and legal reforms” in Moscow and 3-days training course for mediators. There was expressed an intention to start introducing mediation in criminal proceedings for juveniles in six pilot arenas in 2012;

#### **“ART - Aggression Replacement Training”**

- 2 workshops with specialists from 5 institutions;
- trained specialists use the ART methods in their activities, including work in the colony for minor offenders. They refer to very positive results.

#### **“Incredible Years”**

- next week will be held the second workshop on the method of "Incredible Years";
- request to the Steering Committee - to continue providing with literature. Very useful materials.

In the first part of the year 2012 Arkhangelsk is ready to start with training specialist in “Family group conferences” method and in the second half of the year - ART and Family ART.

### **The Republic of Karelia**

Svetlana Antokhina introduces herself as it is her first meeting as a member of the SC. Mrs. Antokhina informs about the CYAR activities in the region.

### **“ART - Aggression Replacement Training”**

- the most popular CYAR programme in the region;
- was conducted group rehabilitation work for 183 juveniles;
- in ART method were trained 3 specialists and 10 specialists in Family ART;
- 18 guidance for professionals from all social service agencies;
- currently is running the survey on efficiency of the method in the region.

### **“Incredible Years”**

- second popular CYAR programme in the region;
- were trained 8 specialists from local institutions;
- at the social service institutions were carried out 13 group work trainings for parents, which were attended by over 100 parents and support persons;
- 90% of children whose parents were participants in the program showed improvement in behavior, 93% of parents noted decreased stress levels;
- In total 350 guidance, 7 methodological studies, 2 training workshops were provided

### **“Family group conferences”**

- Since 2008 the program was attended by 9 families. In terms of this programs Karelia also has cooperation with the “Foundation for support of children in difficult situations” in Moscow.

### **Proposal for cooperation activities in 2012:**

- continue realization of the program "Incredible Years" in 2 municipal institutions with 7 specialists ready to participate in the training. Methodological and teaching materials support for institutions working in the program;
- continue the fulfillment of the “Family group conferences” program in 5 municipal districts of the Karelian republic;
- continue with implementation of the "ART" methods in 10 municipal institutions with 19 specialists ready to participate in the training;
- workshop seminar for 25 specialists of educational and social welfare institutions in «ART: Aggression Replacement Training" on the basis of the Republican Institute of Postgraduate Education Workers (IPKRO);
- to educate trainers in the programmes “ART: Aggression Replacement Training” and “Family ART”;
- continue with implementation of the "Family ART" techniques in 10 municipal institutions with 19 specialists ready to participate in the training.

### **Commentaries:**

Mrs. Antokhina expressed interest in the program “What about us?” for their region, mentioning that in Karelia activities with disabled people are very poorly developed in comparison to the other social programmes. According to these reasons Karelia would like to make a request for start of the program in the region.

## **The Komi Republic**

Ilya Semiashkin presented the CYAR activity outcomes from the Komi Republic.

### **“Incredible Years”**

- were trained 15 specialists from the 3 institutions of social services for families and children;
- during the program implementation period in each parent group were held 12 training sessions;
- in the beginning "Incredible Years" were attended by 43 families (52 people). Gradually 17 families (20 people) had to withdraw due to various reasons. At the end of the period remained 26 families (32 individuals) taking part in the activities;
- according to the results of survey at the end of the course improved behavior showed 95% of children and 78.6% of parents noted decreased stress levels;
- consultations with a mentor Elena Vorobjeva allowed significant improvement in the quality of the program.

### **“Family group conferences”**

- 12 specialists are involved in the fulfillment of the program. The work on the program started in March 2011;
- during the preparatory work for participation in the program were selected 8 families (44 people)
- on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 in Syktyvkar was held the workshop for specialists trained in "Family group conferences". The workshop was lead by trainer Irina Honasuk. During the workshop were summarized and discussed the obtained knowledge and practical difficulties, which arise in preparation and conduct of the method;
- in 2011 the seminar on “FGC” was held 1 time. According to the comments from the specialists involved in the program such workshops should be held more often in order to share their experiences and receive guidance and guidance.

### **Proposal for cooperation activities in 2012:**

- 4 institutions with 12 specialists are willing to participate in training and future realization of the program "Incredible Years";
- 4 institutions with 15 specialists are highly interested in implementation of the “ART” and “Family ART” programmes.

### **Commentaries:**

Mr. Bergstrøm notes that currently the CYAR cooperation has signed protocols of intentions with every region except from the Komi republic and highlights that the following should be carried out as soon as possible.

Mr. Semiashkin expressed apologies on behalf of the region in delay on the following proceedings and explains that the Komi Republic has an autonomous constitution, according to which agreements with international entities should be approved by the federal authorities. The intention protocol is still under the approvment process in federal government and this is the reason for taking a more long-term procedure.

## **Indigenous people**

The representative of indigenous peoples, Aleksandra Artieva, presents the information concerning the indigenous people's issues.

- first time present on the SC meeting and expresses the interest in getting more information on the content of the undertaken activities;
- notes that “the ART program” is interesting and relevant for indigenous perspective;
- provides information on the other social activities targeted at indigenous community, such as prioritizing the projects on prevention of alcohol abuse and cultural revitalization initiatives;
- informs about the planned work with indigenous children, pupils at schools and educational institutions, expresses intention in continuation of the activities within these target directions.

## **Commentaries:**

Mr. Bergstrøm welcomes Aleksandra Artieva as a permanent member of the SC and notes that it is important to integrate indigenous issues in the CYAR activity. Mr. Bergstrøm encourages Mrs. Artieva to present on the next meeting the information on activities of the WGINP and its relation to the CYAR program.

## **Finland**

Finland continues participation in CYAR and Vappu Sunnari, University of Oulu, continues as the contact person. As to the University of Oulu, activities related to CYAR are organized especially by Thule Institute and the Unit of Women and Gender Studies:

- The Unit of Women and Gender Studies organizes research projects and a study program “From Violence to Caring” (25 ECTS) related to the matters. The study program aims to increase awareness on gendered and sexualized violence and to provide measures in recognizing various forms of violence, to help the victims of violence, and to prevent violence in various environments our northern peripheries as included.
- Recently the Unit of Women and Gender Studies has written/is participating in the following applications concerning the North and northern issues (in addition to participating in the ENPI-application): 1.) ‘Circles of Violence. Challenges on building a culture on non-violence in family and school’ in the Barents Region (University of Oulu, THULE); 2.) ‘Combating trafficking in Women for Labour exploitation in Domestic Work’ European Commission. (EU/Home Affairs: Prevention of and Fight against Crime - ISEC).
- Additionally the Unit of Women and Gender Studies participates in an application under preparation process focusing on social innovations against social exclusion among children at school.

Thus, Mrs. Sunnari highlighted several main topics:

1. Children and domestic violence

2. Children and alcohol problems
3. Human rights and rights of the child

Thule institute designs and organizes together with the University's faculties and international partners education in the Master's program in *Health and Wellbeing in Circumpolar Area (MCH)*, and the Master's Program on *Comparative Social Work (CSW)*. Master's degree program in Comparative Social Work (CSW) has been developed within the framework of Barents Cross Border University (BCBU) which offers and creates setting for cross-border learning environment between the universities in Northern Finland and North-West Russia, but also in the whole Barents region. *Master's Program on Health and Wellbeing in Circumpolar Areas* is established and managed in collaboration by the partner universities, which are: University of Oulu, Finland (coordinator), University of Southern Denmark, Denmark/Center for Health Education, Greenland. Luleå University of Technology, Sweden. Northern State Medical University, Russia. Pomor State University, Russia. University of Lapland, Finland and University of Manitoba, Canada. Next application call for this program will open in November 2012.

## Norway

Mr. Bergström pointed out several relevant issues from the Norwegian side:

- 1). The work on family violence.

The work on family violence is also administratively regulated in Norway. In every police station there is a family coordinator, who manages the activities with social institutions. These specialists have professional competence.

It is essentially planned:

- to develop programmes for specialists on different levels, parents and institution workers, which teach to lead mutual dialog and communication;

- 2). The right of a child to be heard.

Convention of the rights of the child also concerns on the way children can influence on their lives themselves. This is the core of their right to be heard. The surveys, which are carried out all over Norway, reveal the attitude and thoughts of children to this right. The following statistical data is used and accounted on in development of social services for children. The surveys are arranged annually with participation of children above the age of 12.

Thus, 2011 year statistic shows that 30% of children state they feel themselves insecure, living in social care institutions.

Proposed solutions:

- to differentiate institutions according to the type of children's behavioral problems
- the reform within child social care services

Dividing the institutions into 6 different categories, where each centre deals with one type of problem will be more effective. Currently this reform is being introduced in Norway and the methods of its implementation are regarded with consideration to professional competence of the social care centers.



- 10.000 children, who are adopted by families or stay in the special institutions took part in survey. This knowledge will be used in developing and improving the child care services.

These questions are important to take into consideration in order to contribute to the process of democratization between generations.

## **6. Closing the meeting**

Questions for further consideration:

- 1) The topic of the annual conference;
- 2) The photo project of Hanne Johnsen;
- 3) Cooperation on “Incredible Years” in Sankt Petersburg;
- 4) The cooperation in childcare between the hospital of Tromsø and the hospital in Arkhangelsk. Information booklet distributed to the SC members. Mrs. Dunaeva was requested on possibility to find out the details of this cooperation.

The Chair informed that all presentations and the meeting protocol will be available on the CYAR web page.

The Chair thanked everyone for fruitful meeting and pleasant outcomes of the cooperation.

The Chair closed the meeting.

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