



Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Location: York Catholic School Board Building – 320 Bloomington Rd West, Room 100
Time: 9:00am – 11:00pm

Present: Leslie Pettigrew, Nelia Madeira, Toni Pellicano, Lianne Terry, Ed Bader, Fran Zeppieri, Barbara Winberg, Marlene Green, Melissa Tawadros, Sandra Sanz, Nadine Star (for Dianne Taylor), Andrea Wesson, Joy Vance, Susan Sheffield, Lisa Shortall

Regrets: Mary Sharifzadeh, Marylou Maher, Tracy Dettman, Nadia Martins, Linda Wheeler, Pauline Ingber

No.	Discussion Item	Action Item
1.0	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lianne welcomed everyone • No quorum 	
2.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda was reviewed • Early Intervention Services Update was deferred to June's meeting 	
3.0	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from November 19, 2013 to be approved at June's meeting 	To be approved at June's mtg
4.0	Follow Up Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for members to set up task force to provide workshop on ASD - done 	
5.0	Treasurer's Report – No report	
6.0	Early Intervention Services Update – Mary Brumwell	To be deferred to June's mtg
7.0	Students Crossing Borders – Lisa Shortall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa provided an overview of the program • Travel to Kingston, Jamaica 2-3 times/year 	
8.0	Agency/Sector Updates	
8.1	School Age Subcommittee – Barb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 20 was a round table with Seneca College to discuss improving school age training with co-operation from academic staff and placement hosts. • February 27 was a networking session about the 	



	<p>Challenges and Triumphs of School Age Programs, beneficial to know for front line staff who find that others share the same situations that they do and the opportunity to discuss viable solutions to challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 24 workshop on effectively integrating school curriculum into emergent afterschool programs, facilitated by 2 school age professors from Seneca who have recently completed a study on the topic. • Final meeting will be in May when new officers for next year will be elected. 	
8.2	<p>Enhanced Funding – Tracy sent report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Standing Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 31st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at 55 Eagle Street • 53 applications on the waitlist, 28 are individual and 25 are group. Total number of children on waitlist is 104 • The re-application deadline for July to December funding term is April 30, 2014 • Just a reminder to operators that new application may be submitted at any time 	
8.3	<p>Quality Assurance – Mary sent report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Eating Workshop feedback: great response from 28 participants • Committee have held a presentation at the York Region Supervisor’s Association meeting on February 20th – shared information about Raising the Bar and next recruitment. Also in that meeting we held Silver ceremonies for 5 centres that received their Silver certificates • ECERS-R training is booked for May 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm at CEC-North, 165 Carlson Avenue, Newmarket. Information will be posted on C&FC website 	
8.4	<p>Early ID – Marlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor attendance at last meeting • Discussion about how to get information out to physicians • Yoda – York Region database used by EIS – Erik incorporated into intake • Always get permission from parents to send assessment to family physicians and if physician did not refer family, a CD is sent to physician about the ERIK 	
8.5	<p>Family Literacy – Ed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still looking for a co-chair • 3 workshops during year – trying to collaborate with another group • Send out a questionnaire and possibly doing a network session 	<p>Look at planning workshops at Chairs mtg and see which groups an work together</p>



8.6	<p>Supervisor's Association – Melissa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 20 – Raising the Bar April 17 – Richmond Hill Public Library Working on Conference for May 	
8.7	<p>Prenatal to 6 – Marlene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had to cancel last workshop Not sure if it had to do with the new website or timing with all the EIS training 	
8.8	<p>York Regional Preschool Speech and Language – Susan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waitlist currently at approximately 6 months Serve 2,800 children/families each year Focusing on directing families to new website for information and resources on specific topics Developing webinars and e-learning as a means to connect and share information Success with Facebook and have 782 Likes to-date Moving offices and combining Markham's hospital and community team to Markham's Garden Basket Plaza (Hwy 48 & 16th Ave) together with EIS in April <p>Tri-Regional Infant Hearing Program (Servicing York, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland and Haliburton Counties and City of Kawartha Lakes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen 15,000 babies each year Serve 250 children in communication programming (Auditory Verbal Therapy, speech/language therapy and ASL) No wait time for communication programming New high tech equipment will be launched this spring, faster results, easiest for Screeners to manage Will be centralizing booking for community screens in April across tri-region <p>Tri-Regional Blind-Low Vision Program (Servicing York, Durham, Peterborough, Northumberland and Haliburton Counties and City of Kawartha Lakes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve 120 children each year Wait time is 3-6 weeks depending on availability of Early Childhood Vision Consultant (ECVC) Primarily a home visiting program with support to early childhood settings as needed Training of ECVCs around Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) in the past year. Many children with multiple disabilities have CVI 	
8.9	<p>York Region Best Early Childhood Development Network – Susan</p>	



- The Network changed its name in September 2013 to *Best Start Early Childhood Development Network*
- Vision – “*Healthy Children and Families in Connected Communities*”
- Mission – to establish an integrated planning process for children and their families in York Region that enables all children to be ready for life
- Mandate – to support the development and implementation of a dynamic, responsive, high quality, accessible and integrated child and family services system for residents of York Region

Early Childhood Development Community Planning Allocation 2013

- Projects were funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, recommended by the Network and approved by the Region of York
- Triple P Training
- C&CF Website upgrade
- Learning Management System seats (Children’s Treatment Network)
- Parent Education Module: Make and Take Your own Power Toy
- Hanen Program – Learning Language and Loving It: in-service training for FDK educator teams in YRDSB and YCDSB schools in the north
- Parent Education for new and expectant parents
- Baby’s First Book – 400 copies of “Read to Your Bunny” distributed to new parents
- Aboriginal targeted engagement and planning – Naming Ceremony, Kids Dance at Drum Solo ad Moccasin Workshop

Early Childhood Development Community Planning Allocation 2014

- Agencies to submit their proposals to Network Co-Chairs, Cathy Elliot and Susan Sheffield by Friday, March 21/14; Network will review submissions, vote on projects to be funded and receive approval by Region of York to proceed
- Collaboration on projects is encouraged
- “Calendar” for 2015 is one of the proposed projects

Network Focus for 2013

1. Tracking, exchange of information and engagement in the many Ministry and Region of York initiatives for example;
 - Ministry of Health – Healthy Kids Challenge
 - Ministry of Children and Youth Services – Special Needs Strategy
 - Region of York – Making Ends Meet; Making



	<p>Rental Happen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Children and Youth Services – Moving on Mental Health• Ministry of Education – Ontario Early Years Policy Framework <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Establishing linkages and encouraging participation with organizations that are currently not involved with the Network (eg Recreation, CAS)3. Strengthening linkages with York Region committees (eg Linking Georgina, C&FC)4. Monitoring and involvement in 2014 Planning Allocation projects	
	<p>Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Chairs meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014 and Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 9:30am-11:30am at 13175 Yonge Street• Next Collaborative meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 9:00am-2:00pm with lunch and Chair's meeting to follow at YCDSB in Room 102	