



COALITION COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

April 23, 2009

12:30-3:30 p.m. – Simcoe County District School Board (Midhurst)

Present:

Artelt-Evans, Angela	Hillier, Pam	King, Patrick	Shoreman, Carolyn
Bebb, Heather	Hirstwood, Karen	Lafleur, Mari	Simpson, Kathy
Blue, Danette	Hominuk, Peter (Chair)	McLeod, Kevin	Talon, Terry (Vice Chair)
Byrch, Ligaya	Howse, Greg	Newby, Glen	Thurston, Sandy
Carmichael, Susan	Jackson, Brenda	Paul, Louise	Veenstra, Kristina
Clarke, Debbie	Kinch, Jack	Pulla, Karen	Woods, Deborah

Regrets:

Adams-Best, Linda	Hitchman-Powers, Kelly	O'Keefe, Michael (Past Chair)	Strickland, Michelle
Campbell, Gord	Hurd, Matt	Perdue, Gary	Vaillancourt, Ernie
Gallow, Marg	Jamieson, Diane	Suutari, Seija	Wallace, Kathi
Groom, Sue	LeDuc, Rhonda	Riggin-Springstead, Mary	Watts-Robinson, Lesley
Harris, Jim	Leishman, Paul	St. Amant, Kathy	
Henderson, Heather			

Guests: Catherine Renwick (Healthtech), Jim Vaillancourt (Chigamik CHC), Cathy Barlow (United Way), Dr. Dick Ito (SMDHU), Cathy Underdown (SMDHU).

Many thanks to The Simcoe County District School Board for hosting today's meeting and providing lunch for our members

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes**

The minutes of March 26, 2009 minutes were approved as circulated.

Request for new member from CSC CHIGAMIK CHC is being finalized next month. Mr. Jim Vaillancourt joined the group – Welcome Jim!

3. **Single Plan of Care Presentation**

Sandy Thurston welcomed Catherine Renwick (Sr Consultant at Healthtech Consultants) who will be conducting the presentation. Copy of the presentation posted on our website at www.simcoecountycoaliton.ca on the "Resources" page. Summary and recommendations were discussed on this feasibility study. Time and resource cost is not available within a feasibility study but needs to go to implementation phase. The benefits are mostly to the families by streamlining the process but there is commitment to the agencies as it may take workers more time. Need dedication of some workers that would take on the extra work associated with the Single Plan of Care elements. ***MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE involved in this study!***

- ✓ ***MOTION:** Members of the Coalition Council approved the group to move forward with the work into an implementation phase. Agreement to build on the learning of the work in the first phase of feasibility to develop and pilot an implementation plan to see what it would take to operationalize the Single Plan of Care within the Coalition. This would mean it would move into the Strategic Plan coordinated goal more actively. Glen Newby seconded. All in Favour.*
- ✓ *It is a good time to include more people within this process and commitment received from current members. The members will regroup and start developing a workplan.*

ACTION: Catherine to send a copy of the presentation and report to Kristina for circulation and posting on the website. Heather Bebb to be included in this group. Angela Artelt-Evans requested understanding of how OEYC (and other similar agencies) may fit in this process.

4. Strategy Table Updates:

Infrastructure Strategy Table:

- **Fiscal Trustee Update:** this agreement has been signed and finalized.
- **Data Consortium:** Debbie reported that members received an e-mail on April 15 from Kristina regarding Data Consortium membership. Training is scheduled for late May into June. Kristina and Deb will receive the training under New Path. **ACTION: Many thanks to The County for arranging this. Please contact Irena as soon as possible for membership and training.**
- **Membership & Communication Strategies:** Debbie summarized that we are actively recruiting new members. Debbie has drafted a framework for Communication Strategies for the next Infrastructure Table meeting on May 14. The Children & Youth Charter will be a large part of this for a fall launch. Some messaging from Peter as Chair to the community is being drafted. Letters are being drafted to members who have not been actively involved in the past. **ACTION: if you are interested in helping recruitment please contact any member of Secretariat. Please at every opportunity mention the Coalition in media. Membership invoices have been sent out for 2009/10 - just a reminder to send in your fees.**
- **Terms of Reference:** Debbie reported that the Terms of Reference for this table have been approved by Secretariat. Terms for all tables will be presented together. **ACTION: to be brought back to Council once Planning, Secretariat and Council are finalized.**

Planning Table

- **Developmental Assets Recommendation:** Jack reported that these recommendations will come to the next Council meeting in May.
- **Youth Engagement Update:** a meeting is booked next Tuesday, April 28 to review the survey and they are inviting agencies to include youth.
- **Terms of Reference:** Jack reported that these are under review. Members are struggling with the monitoring and linking with existing project elements. Deb has identified that we need to do some more work possibly looking at a Service Integration Table. **ACTION: Invitation to anyone interested in a short term task force for a Services Integration Table for Simcoe County; please contact Deb.**

5. Presentation:

Oral Health (2:15 p.m.)

- Carolyn Shoreman introduced Dr. Dick Ito who will be giving an update on the Dental Health Status of in Simcoe and Muskoka (Cathy Underdown also in attendance). Copy of the presentation is posted on our website at www.simcoecountycoalition.ca. *NOTE: There is a lack of fluoridation in Simcoe County. The public and City Council need to know as there is resistance from the public (approx \$60,000 little cost). Studies show that fluoride itself is not dangerous unless taken in high concentrations. Need to use a small amount of toothpaste even for young children this does not pose a problem.* **ACTION: The data includes Simcoe and Muskoka – is there a possibility of separating these? The County is planning to be able to help adults and seniors in their budget. Thank you very much Dr. Ito!**

6. Coordinator Update

- **Visioning Day Update:** Brenda reported that the Visioning Day held April 17 had 72 people in attendance. The “Gathering of the Clans” will take place on June 23, 2009 at the Simcoe County Museum. Congratulations to Brenda and Kelly Brownbill for facilitating a wonderful day! **ACTION: Please RSVP to Kristina or Brenda.**
- **Aboriginal Capacity Building Circle Update:** Deb reported that the Aboriginal Capacity Building Circle Coordinator position has been extended for another year. CONGRATS BRENDA!
- **Children & Youth Charter Update:** Reminder to please get these signed and send in to Kristina. This is a large part of the Coalition strategic plan for June 2009. We are hoping to launch a public campaign starting early in the fall 2009. Angela Artelt-Evans reported that their Board were extremely pleased and excited by the Charter and looking forward to how this roles into the community. Many thanks for pulling this Charter together! Signatures from outside groups are welcome (ie. The County to send to City of Barrie and other Municipalities). **ACTION: Please send in your signed Charter as soon as possible to Kristina. Advocacy Group to reconvene in June 2009. Any ideas for the marketing of the launch please let Deb or Peter know.**
- **HRSDC Proposal:** Deb spoke to this funding opportunity and the small Funding group (connected to the budget) wish to propose the following: The Coalition role is not to deliver services directly but to provide our members with the tools and resources so that they can deliver services in a more integrated manner. The funding advisory group would like to take a 3 year approach as follows:
 1. Map assets for children and youth in Simcoe County (using Search Institute’s community mapping training, and service mapping from 211); this could include using Data Consortium info on demographics, distribution of services, identification of overlaps and gaps in services (year 1)
 2. Take the next steps in creating integrated service delivery, building on the Single Plan of Care feasibility study recommendations and coordinated access to services (year 2)
 3. Evaluate what we’ve learned and implement knowledge transfer strategy (use various province wide networks to disseminate what we’ve learned in years 1 & 2)

The Planning Table wished to see a service delivery approach including FASD, Triple P and COMPASS into this systems approach. Secretariat met April 16 and strongly affirmed the approach of the Funding Advisory Group ie to develop a proposal based on the Coalition’s strategic plan. **ACTION: A future process for proposals and submission needs to be developed at the Planning Table and approved at Council. Members agreed to move forward with this proposal as outlined by Secretariat due to timelines.**
- **Tony Morrison Reminder:** Update and invitation to participate in the “Connecting the Dots” event on June 2 at a \$50 charge (includes lunch). Tony will speak to what have we done as a Coalition so far so we can build on this in the future. **ACTION: Please contact Kristina to RSVP. Debbie Clarke to help put this information out to the media.**
- **Strategic Plan Update:** Deb reported that we are moving forward on the 3 top goals: Coordinated Service Delivery, Highlighting Basic Needs, and Inclusiveness of Aboriginal and Francophone members. Activity is happening for all 3 of these. **ACTION: Deb to provide an update report to Council in June on the strategic plan goals.**

7. **Partnership Request:**

Youth Policy: What Works & What Doesn’t? (2:30 p.m.)

- Deb introduced Cathy Barlow who will be presenting on the June 16 Youth Policy day which is to bring together support, give the community a voice and identify gaps. Information was previously distributed via e-mail and posted on the CYFS website at www.simcoecountycoalition.ca. Members discussed linking the Youth Engagement, Services Integration and Charter initiatives. This is coming forward as a partnership request with this Planning Day on June 16 and Ontario Youth Matters conference also in June. We wish to complement these strategies. There has been engagement with the Aboriginal community. **ACTION: Please attend the June 16 Youth Policy Day to discuss youth strategies and identify gaps. Need to confirm the Youth Engagement day and other initiatives at our Planning Table. Youth Engagement is more a local initiative while this one for the United Way is provincial. The Youth Engagement group is meeting Tuesday, April 28 from 4-6 p.m. and Jack to make this group aware of this United Way initiative.**

- ✓ **MOTION by Greg Howse second by Kathy Simpson: Members supported having the Coalition included as a partner (with logo) in letters from United Way to provincial government officials inviting them to participate in the day and support of developing a youth strategy. Once members receive a communication confirming the June 16 date, agenda and copy of the communication this motion will be confirmed. Deb to inform Council and Secretariat of any changes. OBSTAIN: Glen Newby and Carolyn Shoreman.**

Meeting Adjourned 3:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date: May 28, 2009
 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 The Simcoe County Museum (Midhurst)**

- *NOTE: Claudine Cousins, Regional Director, has been invited to come and meet with us (speak to Ministry Policy Framework, get a sense of who we are as a Coalition, opportunity to meet her) and has offered June 19, 22 or 24 but not confirmed. Youth Matters Conference is June 16, Gathering of the Clans on June 23, Aboriginal Solidarity Day is June 22, St. Jean Baptiste day is June 24 and Tony Morrison is on June 2. Members approved leaving our scheduled June 25 day and invite Ms. Cousins for the fall – either September 24 or October 22 Council meetings.*