



## COALITION COUNCIL MEETING

### Minutes

**June 25, 2009**

**12:30-3:30 p.m. – Simcoe County Museum (Midhurst)**

**Present:**

Bebb, Heather	Hominuk, Peter (Chair)	McLeod, Kevin	Talon, Terry (Vice Chair)
Clarke, Debbie	Howse, Greg	Newby, Glen	Thurston, Sandy
Groom, Sue	Jackson, Brenda	O'Keefe, Michael (Past Chair)	Veenstra, Kristina
Hirstwood, Karen	Kinch, Jack	Paul, Serge	Wallace, Kathi
Harris, Jim	Lafleur, Mari	Pulla, Karen	Woods, Deborah
Hillier, Pam		Riggin-Springstead, Mary	Watts-Robinson, Lesley

**Regrets:**

Adams-Best, Linda	Henderson, Heather	LeDuc, Rhonda	St. Amant, Kathy
Artelt-Evans, Angela	Hitchman-Powers, Kelly	Leishman, Paul	Simpson, Kathy
Blue, Danette	Hurd, Matt	Paul, Louise	Strickland, Michelle
Byrch, Ligaya	Jamieson, Diane	Perdue, Gary	Vaillancourt, Jim
Carmichael, Susan	King, Patrick	Shoreman, Carolyn	Vaillancourt, Ernie
Gallow, Marg		Suutari, Seija	

**Guest: Cathy Barlow (Consultant, United Way), Terry MacMillan (SCS)**

*\*Many thanks to Simcoe County District School Board for hosting today's meeting and providing lunch for our members\* Congratulations to Kathi Wallace on her recent appointment to Director of Education. Kathi welcomed – intention to be a representative at this table.*

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes**

The minutes of May 28, 2009 were approved as circulated.

3. **Strategy Table Updates:**

**Infrastructure Strategy Table:**

➤ **Data Consortium:** Debbie reviewed the members that have signed on to the Consortium. For access to the raw data your agency must sign a licensing contract with Stats Can. Infrastructure Table will evaluate the way members are benefitting from the Consortium after a year. This is a Coalition initiative and there are only 16 areas across Canada who have a consortium so this is a great initiative for Simcoe County. It represents a \$2,000 value to each Coalition member. **ACTION: Please contact Irena Pozgaj (The County) to sign licensing agreement.**

➤ **Membership & Communication:** Debbie reported that this is an ongoing topic at this table. They continue to work through the communication plan and recruitment of new members. Deb and Peter met with Jill Tettmann at the LHIN who will be joining Council in September 2009. **ACTION: All member organizations have a role to play in communicating the benefits of the Coalition and recruit new members. Take items to your boards and promote and reference the Coalition in any internal child, youth and family plans for public attention. If you have not paid your member fees please forward to Kristina.**

➤ **Funding Advisory Group and proposal submission process:** A draft terms of reference was circulated for review. This group first met to discuss the budget and funds required to balance our operating budget. It relates to the Infrastructure Table and would like to continue to help with funding issues (Jack Kinch, Glen Newby, Brenda Jackson and Peter Hominuk). Future proposal submissions were discussed and how we would develop for

community need. **ACTION: If you are interested in joining this group please let Deb know as soon as possible. Funding Advisory Group to develop a process for future submissions from different types of grants and initiatives (i.e. Ministry, HRSDC, Trillium). Brenda to be removed from this group as she is an observer and representing ACBC. All approved draft terms of reference.**

#### **Planning Table**

- **Developmental Assets:** Jack reported that they will be sending out an invitation to members to take part in a group starting September.
- **ACT (Activities and Counselling for Teens) Update** Karen Hirstwood updated the regarding significant changes to this program. This program is changed slightly but will be still targeting the same profile. Realignment of the program will be one-to-one with family and schools and reduction of children and staff.
- **YM/YW Internship program \$15 million:** The YMCA was advised of this 10 days ago and will begin July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 so details are still being finalized. Only available for non-for-profit organizations and need to be used in the “green” side of things (ie. recreation) and cannot replace an existing position. Includes non-graduates, graduates of high school and graduates of post-secondary institutions. Age between 16-29 years. There is an interest in Francophone and Aboriginal communities. **ACTION: Jack to distribute further information to members this summer via Kristina and/or Deb.**

#### **4. Coordinator Update**

- **Charter Update:** Deb reported that there are 19 signed charters received. We are planning to launch the Charter formally in October 2009 (the week of the child – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October). This is an opportunity to encourage corporate sponsorship of the event – with marketing materials distributed throughout Simcoe County. We would like to have children included and draft a copy of their own. This fits nicely with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coalition. Non Coalition members can also sign (The County has brought this to other municipalities as well). BANAC has had it translated and Brenda is taking it out to BANAC organizations for adoption. **ACTION: Please provide your signed Charter to Kristina as soon as possible. The Advocacy Group will reconvene to discuss over the summer. Anyone interested in joining please let Deb know. Some fine tuning of the charter may have to take place for the launch.**
- **Tony Morrison Update:** Deb reported that this training took place on June 2, 2009 at CAS. 38 Coalition members attended the session. We identified our own successes, barriers, frameworks and key building blocks with next steps. Very valuable and positive feedback from all in attendance. Importance of us having the work of the Coalition brought to front-line workers – work from the bottom up. **ACTION: Hope to get Tony back in 2010 for another session. Have a task force come together prior to determine agenda needs. Deb to follow up.**
- **Terms of Reference:** copies of the Terms of Reference for Planning Table, Infrastructure Table, Secretariat and Council were distributed via e-mail for review. Coalition refers to members who have signed the MOA, pay member fees and who may send a representative to Coalition Council. Currently every Coalition member sends an executive staff person to represent them at Council. In the future if Council grows too big to make effective decisions, we might have to consider another form of representation. **ACTION: Deb to differentiate between Coalition and Coalition Council in the Council terms. A slight rewrite of bullet #4 in the Infrastructure Table terms. All approved the June 2009 draft terms for Coalition Council (with approved change), Secretariat, Infrastructure Table (with approved change) and Planning Table.**
- **Charles Pascal Report:** Deb has a copy of the summary report. **ACTION: Please contact Deb for copies of this summary report.**
- **Aboriginal Capacity Building Circle letter from Ministry:** A letter has been received confirming the continuation of the ACBC until May 2010.
- **Youth Matters Forum:** Cathy Barlow joined the group and reported on the June 16 Forum that was well attended with 65. Representation was from diverse agencies and organizations. This Forum was to support the recommendations on youth violence. The community feedback was well received by Ministry representation. **ACTION: Cathy to provide a copy of the findings report for circulation to members via e-mail.**

#### **5. Presentation:**

##### **Towards 2020.ca Conference:**

- Glen Newby, Karen Pulla and Terry MacMillan presented to Council. **ACTION: Kristina to send and post the link on the Coalition [www.simcoecountycoalition.ca](http://www.simcoecountycoalition.ca) website.**

**Complex Care Children in Simcoe:**

- Gisele Forrest gave an update on the program.

**Meeting Adjourned 3:20 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2009  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Simcoe CAS (60 Bell Farm Road, Barrie)**