



COALITION COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

May 28 2009

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

Present:

Artelt-Evans, Angela	Hominuk, Peter (Chair)	Newby, Glen	Talon, Terry (Vice Chair)
Bebb, Heather	Howse, Greg	O'Keefe, Michael (Past Chair)	Vaillancourt, Jim
Clarke, Debbie	Kinch, Jack	Paul, Louise	Veenstra, Kristina
Hirstwood, Karen	LeDuc, Rhonda	Perdue, Gary	Wallace, Kathi
	McLeod, Kevin	Shoreman, Carolyn	Woods, Deborah

Regrets:

Adams-Best, Linda	Harris, Jim	King, Patrick	Simpson, Kathy
Blue, Danette	Henderson, Heather	Lafleur, Mari	Strickland, Michelle
Byrch, Ligaya	Hillier, Pam	Leishman, Paul	Thurston, Sandy
Campbell, Gord	Hitchman-Powers, Kelly	Pulla, Karen	Vaillancourt, Ernie
Carmichael, Susan	Hurd, Matt	Suutari, Seija	Watts-Robinson, Lesley
Gallow, Marg	Jackson, Brenda	Riggin-Springstead, Mary	
Groom, Sue	Jamieson, Diane	St. Amant, Kathy	

Guest: Serge Paul (French Public Board), Cathy Barlow (Consultant, United Way)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated with addition of Mental Health & Addictions Strategy from Greg Howse.

2. Approval of meeting minutes

The minutes of April 23, 2009 were approved as circulated.

Welcome to Serge Paul (French Public Board, Community Liaison Officer) for joining us today. Serge is responsible for the area covering Windsor to Oshawa then north from Penetanguishene to Niagara.

Welcome to our new member Jim Vaillancourt who spoke to CSC CHIGAMIK CHC. He is the Project Manager and the name is trilingual based on the CHC's catchman (includes Midland, Penetang, Tay, Tiny and Christian Island) and population. CHIGAMIK consists of two words from ojibiway due to strong background of First Nation peoples and Francophone community in the area. The hope is to offer primary health care and education programs with cooperation with existing programs to the community. They will be funded through the LHIN officially July 1, 2009. Thank you Jim!

3. Strategy Table Updates:

Infrastructure Strategy Table:

➤ **Budget:** Gary provided copies of the budget for review of format and details. All approved the format.

ACTION: Kristina to bring updates each quarter.

➤ **Data Consortium:** Gary reminded members that this is now part of CYFS Coalition membership. Training is scheduled for June 3, 10, 15 & 16. **ACTION: Please contact Irena Pozgaj to sign up for this training ASAP.**

➤ **Membership:** Membership of Infrastructure Table was discussed to ensure there is proper representation from all communities. CHIGAMIK was approved as a new member. Peter Hominuk has helped us with LHIN and the

French Public Board. Status of our hospital membership is being confirmed. **ACTION: Any new membership ideas to please forward to Gary Perdue and Debbie Clarke.**

➤ **Funding Advisory Committee:** Gary reported that there is an ad hoc group (Jack Kinch, Glen Newby, Peter Hominuk, Brenda Jackson and Deb Woods) who were invaluable in helping with the budget and revenue pieces of the table. We would like to have this group ongoing to help provide direction in funding opportunities for fund development and sponsorship/donations. **ACTION: if you are interested in joining this group please let Deb know as soon as possible. All approved.**

Planning Table

➤ **Developmental Assets Recommendation:** Jack reported that Developmental Assets was adopted by the Coalition last year. It is from the Search Institute out of the US that identifies 40 assets of children and youth that have an impact on the individual as they grow. The more assets a child/youth possess the more they will succeed and build/grow in relationships. There are 5 action strategies within developmental assets to use as a template within a community. 4 recommendations were made from the Planning Table to Coalition Council as follows:

- 1) Incorporate core language in day to day work of coalition and community agency
- 2) Complete a community mapping exercise to assess degree to which children and youth feel they possess needed assets (survey) – there is a cost associated with this
- 3) Coalition to provide training and support to offer agencies
- 4) Create a task force (of coalition council) how we can integrate use of a development assets into local process

ACTION: Should not lose site of the EDI and have common language with this work for preschool age. The Planning Table asked Deb to cross chart the children's chart and Angela to share the EDI domains with Deb for this exercise. Recruitment of the task force members to occur in September 2009.

➤ **Youth Engagement Update:** a meeting took place 3 weeks ago and there was a very good representation of youth at this meeting and provided some very unique perspective. The survey was reviewed and an interim report was available for review (27 Coalition agencies with 80 participants were included). They are now working on a survey to youth to determine how they feel utilizing the same questions from the adult survey. They are working with the consultant and PH D student to interpret the survey questions and methodology for distribution (i.e. Facebook however, trying to restrict it to Simcoe County youth). This should be completed by end of June. The base of the survey should be available by September 2009. **ACTION: Jack to investigate if the report is available electronically for posting on the CYFS website.**

Thanks Jack to all your efforts in Youth Engagement and Developmental Assets initiatives.

4. Presentation:

Youth Outcome Project

➤ Cathy Barlow joined the group to provide an update. We agreed in principle to partner with this project. Monday, May 25 Cathy was in Queen's Park (this is province wide) to celebrate with over 200 people support for this initiative. They have obtained signatures through Letters of Support from Ministers of Simcoe County. Locally there are 40 participants that have RSVP's for the day on June 16th from 9-12 p.m. The date could pose a problem for attendance of young people as they could not receive permission to leave near the end of the school year. **ACTION: Please RSVP to Cathy (consulting@unitedwaysimcoecounty.on.ca) as soon as possible. Cathy requested support from the school boards to promote this event. There is a "school senate" at the SCDSB and SMCDSB that look for opportunities to inform youth in the County. Cathy to contact Kathi Wallace, Serge Paul and Michael O'Keefe. Thank you Cathy for your update!**

5. Coordinator Update

➤ **Charter Update:** Deb reported that we have received 12 signed member Charters. We are aiming for the end of June for all members to sign the Charter. It has been translated in French and will be in Ojibway. We would like to include this in an official launch in the fall. Many member boards have expressed pleasure and excitement for the Charter. **ACTION: Please provide your signed Charter to Kristina as soon as possible. Small ad hoc group that worked on this Charter to reconvene in the summer to discuss the launch.**

Terry reported that The County will forward to the other municipalities. Alan Greenwood to help with media of the launch. SCDSB to pass in August.

- **Centre of Excellence:** Deb reported a letter of intent has been developed and submitted. This opportunity was found by Pat Malane at New Path originally for COMPASS turnover of co-chairs. The chairing of these local teams can be very cumbersome with community development pieces. The idea came about to seek funding to develop training, mentoring and tools for these incoming chairs. This then went to a different level to also include training for the Coalition as a whole. This is one-time funding for \$50,000. **ACTION: Deb to inform members of the outcome.**
- **HRSDC Proposal:** Deb reported that she submitted the proposal by the May 8, 2009 deadline. There will be a discussion at Infrastructure Table in June to discuss future process for proposal submissions (either submitting on the approved strategic plan vs bringing together a number of service delivery proposals and submitting one this way). Hope to hear back from HRSDC by early/mid-Fall. **ACTION: Update on this process to come to our June Council meeting.**
- **Tony Morrison Reminder:** Deb reported on the training session, “Connecting the Dots”, on Tuesday, June 2 from 9:30-4 at CAS. **ACTION: Please contact Kristina to RSVP as soon as possible very little room available. Press release in both French and English was distributed Monday, May 25.**
- **Council Terms of Reference:** Deb reported that Secretariat will be reviewing all Terms of Reference for each Table. The Council Terms will be discussed after the others have been approved. There is a potential for a task group to look at Service Integration issues only and this will be looked at more closely at Secretariat before coming to this Table. **ACTION: Deb to provide an update next month.**
- **Student Support Leadership (SSL):** Deb reported that Peter Nagora and/or Pat Malane will be coming to our June 25 Council meeting for a formal update. Informally, SSL is a jointly funded 3 year initiative between Ministry of Ed and MCYS. Mona Kronberg is the professional consultant for our sub-Cluster. The initiative is looking to enhance services to children and their families. Some activities being engaged: 211 to work on service maps on how to get students to the services they need (i.e. bullying, behavioral issues); a Suicide Recognition & Prevention Protocol being developed for the schools by Catherine Renwick (Healthtech) and a task group for completion the end of June; Single Plan of Care will be moving forward into the implementation phase and into school atmosphere for those with complex needs; Aboriginal Student work with Brenda Jackson will be developed; forum in the fall to review all this work with the community and schools and develop some visioning to work more integrated in the future; COMPASS Evaluation is being done via Universalis (Andrew Hamilton and Bob Morton) who will be beginning this evaluation with a principal survey. This is a critical project to secure funding in the Roots of Violence. **ACTION: Formal presentation to come to our June 25 meeting. Carolyn Shoreman reported that the Muskoka Planning Council met Monday, May 25 and it was presented that this should be coordinated with Student Support Leadership – Deb to follow up. Need to tie the French School Boards in with this – Glen asked Mona Kronberg to table this.**

6. Mental Health & Addictions Strategy – Greg Howse:

- Greg provided copies of the presentation for review. This is a 10 year strategy that the LHIN is looking for input. SOS and CMHA (Simcoe Branch) are amalgamating. SOS and its brand will continue to exist. **ACTION: Questions from the LHIN are noted in the package. Greg to provide these questions to members for response directly back to the LHIN by June 15, 2009.**

Meeting Adjourned 2:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date: June 25, 2009
12:30-3:30 p.m.
Simcoe County District School Board (Midhurst)**