



COALITION COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

September 24, 2009

12:30-3:30 p.m. – The Children’s Aid Society (60 Bell Farm Road, Barrie)

Present:

Ballantyne, Mary	Harris, Jim	O’Keefe, Michael (Past Chair)	Talon, Terry (Vice Chair)
Blue, Danette	Hominuk, Peter (Chair)	Paul, Louise	Thurston, Sandy
Byrch, Ligaya	Jackson, Brenda	Perdue, Gary	Vaillancourt, Jim
Clarke, Debbie	MacMillan, Terry	Pulla, Karen	Veenstra, Kristina
David, Jo-Anne	Malane, Pat (for G.Newby)	Shoreman, Carolyn	Woods, Deborah
Hirstwood, Karen	McLeod, Kevin	Simpson, Kathy	Watts-Robinson, Lesley

Regrets:

Adams-Best, Linda	Hitchman-Powers, Kelly	King, Patrick	Suutari, Seija
Artelt-Evans, Angela	Howse, Greg	LeDuc, Rhonda	St. Amant, Kathy
Bebb, Heather	Hurd, Matt	Leishman, Paul	Strickland, Michelle
Gallow, Marg	Jamieson, Diane	Paul, Serge	Vaillancourt, Ernie
Groom, Sue	Kinch, Jack	Riggin-Springstead, Mary	Wallace, Kathi
Hillier, Pam			

Guests: Irena Pozgaj (The County), Peter Nagora (New Path), Margaret Schreurs (OSMH/Child Advocacy Centres)

Many thanks to CAS for hosting today’s meeting and providing lunch for our members

1. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was revised as follows: Enhanced 18-month Well Baby Visit Update was deferred by Karen Pulla and replaced with Day of Compassion by Terry Talon.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes**

The minutes of June 25, 2009 were approved as circulated. *Terry Talon motioned; second by Karen Pulla; all in favour.*

3. **Introduction to new members**

Roundtable introductions were done – **welcome** to all new and existing members. New members as follows:

- ✓ Jo-Anne David – Colibri
- ✓ Gail Andrews – Kiwanis
- ✓ Joan Fullerton – Ministry of Education
- ✓ LHIN—rep to be designated
- ✓ Karen Fleming will now represent RVH
- ✓ Paul Heinrich from Huronia District Hospital to attend next month as a new member.

4. **Strategy Table Updates:**

Infrastructure Strategy Table:

➤ **Data Consortium:** Irena Pozgaj provided copies of an update. Thus far 43 individuals representing 14 Coalition members have signed the licensing agreement to access the Stats Canada data. Irena is available for some administrative resource (for accessing the data). A survey will be conducted in the Spring 2010 to find out the usage of the Consortium by members. **ACTION: Please contact Irena Pozgaj (The County) to sign licensing agreement.**

➤ **Membership & Communication:** A quarterly budget will be presented next month. We are on track with the existing membership fees however, the need to recruit \$10,000 new member fees required. Some members have

come forth to help with this recruitment – particularly interested in having the hospitals as members. Two key communications issues are the website and Charter launch for November 20. Debbie walked through the draft agenda for the Charter launch day at the County (Council Chambers) on November 20th at 1:00 p.m. start.

ACTION: Website to be live the second week of October. Content will continue to be inputted each week so members are encouraged to visit the site regularly to see new features added. Plan to attend the Charter launch November 20 at the County to provide your support. Please ensure your organization has signed the Charter and place your orders for Charter plaques in English French or Ojibway.

➤ **Funding Advisory Group:** Draft copies of the terms of reference were distributed for review. This began informally when we were developing the budget several months ago. We would like to keep this going to help with the funding requirements of the budget as per the Strategic Plan. A separate process will be developed to cover funding proposals from Coalition members that are targeted at improving their services. **ACTION: Interested volunteers for this group please let Deb know. Remove reference to “year-end funding” and remove (iii) entirely. Motioned approval by Gary Perdue; Second by Kathy Simpson; all in favour.**

Planning Table

➤ **Planning Table Role:** Karen reported that work over the summer took place to discuss a potential Service Integration Table. There will be a meeting with past members to discuss the role of the Planning Table moving forward.

5. Coordinator Update

➤ **MOA Changes:** Deb reported that in June (Please check—wasn't it passed in Feb so we could send out with invoices?) the MOA was signed off. There will be a slight change in the MOA to reflect an “observer” status (such as Aboriginal Building Advisory Circle) who would not be a voting or fee paying member. The MOA will be reissued in March 2010 with the invoices for next year. **ACTION: Please provide your signed MOA to Kristina as soon as possible. Kristina to resend to members who have not yet signed.**

➤ **Ministry Communiqué:** Deb reported the letters that were sent to the Ministry to remind them of Simcoe County's new funding requirements and unequal disbursement of funds. Terry also reminded members that in addition to unequal disbursement of funds, the Best Start funding is coming to an end which will significantly impact waitlists for child care fee subsidy and special needs resourcing, as well as the funding available for wage subsidy. **ACTION: Karen is asking for the Coalition's support with respect to the letter sent to the Ministry by the Best Start Network. (e-mail with a copy of the letters was previously distributed for information.)**

➤ **Strategic Plan Update:** Deb provided a detailed update on the Strategic Plan goals, accomplishments and to do items. Copies of a detailed update were sent to members via e-mail prior to the meeting. **ACTION: Deb to provide updates to this group on a regular basis for the various items. If you are interested in a copy of the presentation please contact Deb or Kristina. CONGRATULATIONS Deb on all your hard work in moving our Strategic Plan forward!**

6. Single Plan of Care

Sandy Thurston provided a review of the draft terms of reference for this phase of SPOC roll out which is an implementation planning phase involving schools, Aboriginal pilots (copies distributed). **ACTION: The Steering Committee welcomes new members – an e-mail to be distributed to the Council – please contact Sandy or Deb if you are interested. A full implementation plan will be brought to this table once approved by Planning Table.**

7. Presentations

COMPASS & Student Support Leadership:

➤ Pat Malane (New Path) presented the COMPASS (Community Partners with Schools) update to members. Cathy Thomson of the Health Unit will be the new Chair of the COMPASS Co-Management group moving forward; taking over from Pat Malane. COMPASS was initiated by the Coalition in 2005. Service objectives, components, Co-Management, COMPASS Evaluation results and next steps. **ACTION: Please ask Kristina for copies of this presentation if interested.**

➤ Peter Nagora (New Path) joined the group to provide an update of the Student Support Leadership initiative. Peter spoke to the steering committee, primary goals, existing services, factors of student success, activities to date, and year 3 activities. **ACTIVE: Please ask Kristina for copies of this presentation if interested.**

Child Advocacy Centre:

- Margaret Schreurs (works at OSMH but is here to represent the Child Advocacy Centres) joined to discuss “creating a child safe place” which would be a building housing various collaborative services (police, child protection, medical, mental health, crown, case review and tracking etc.). This is in its initial stages to seek support from the Coalition to pursue a centre for Simcoe County and any volunteers to become involved. Garfield Dunlop has submitted a resolution September 15 to request a child advocacy centre in the County of Simcoe. There are currently 2 centres in Canada, one in Edmonton and one in Niagara Falls. Toronto is currently trying to develop a centre as well. There are 900 centres in the United States. One view expressed is that this County -due to the amount of different regions, police forces etc. – might be better served by a more “virtual” as opposed to “bricks and mortar” approach. **ACTION: If you would like a copy of the presentation please contact Kristina. Members asked that this request go to the Planning Table first for review and discussion and provide a recommendation to Council.**

Day of Compassion:

- Terry Talon reported that the event is being held at the BCHC on Friday, October 2 from 12-8. A number of agencies will have booths set up to inform those living in poverty or facing it, about the services/supports available. A hot meal will be provided throughout the afternoon/evening and supplies will be made available for those in need, such as blankets, clothing, personal hygiene items, etc. It is hoped the day will help provide information and supplies to people in need as they prepare the coming winter season. **ACTION: Donations are welcome – please contact Paula King at Elizabeth Fry.**

Meeting Adjourned 3:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date: October 22, 2009
 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 Simcoe CAS (60 Bell Farm Road, Barrie)
 *Dr. Gina Browne to attend***