



**COALITION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2018**  
**12:30 – 3:30pm**  
**Simcoe County District School Board – 1170 Hwy 27, Midhurst, ON**

**Thank you to Simcoe County District School Board for hosting today's meeting.**

Attended		Regrets	
Paul, Louise (Chair)/CTN	Kapteyn, Michele/SCS	Adams, Linda/Waypoint	Hillier, Pam/211
Greenwood, Kimberley (Vice Chair)/ Barrie Police	Manners, Kathryn (Coordinator)	Armstrong, Rob/YMCA	Hough, Phil (Past Chair)/OSMH
Barrass, Karine, CS Viamonde	Mansell, Tracy/Kerry's Place	Beaucage, Gertie/Banac	Hirstwood, Karen/Catulpa
Bergin, Michelle/CFSSC	McAlpine, Julie (Recorder)	Biddell, Dale/United Way	Jeffery, David /Chigamik
Blue, Danette/MCYS	McKeeman, Elizabeth/New Path	Casault, Pierre/La Clé	Kacsuta, Keith/John Howard
Brens, Chris/NSM LHIN	McGee, Janette/YMCA	Clarke, John/Mackenzie Health	Kelly, Scott/E3
Carney, Patrick/SMCDSB	McLearn, Melanie/SMFC	Collins, Joy/NSM LHIN	Kennedy, Joan/Seasons Centre
Carter, Tracey/Child Advocacy Centre	Mink, Danielle/SCDSB	Cooper, Marion/LHIN	Leduc, Rhonda/Elizabeth Fry
Dooley-Phillips, Geraldine/SMFC	North, Jessica for David	Croteau, Gerry/Gilbert Centre	Levesque, Yves/ CSC MonAvenir
Fisher, Michelle /211	Jeffrey/Chigamik	Csekey, Sarah/Orillia Library	Muscat, Brian/Georgian College
Forget, Laura/BANAC	Shoreman, Carolyn/SMDHU	Dawson, Kristen/Gilda's Place	Newby, Glen/New Path
Harris, Jim/CMHA	Vanderbyl, Christine/OEYC	Evans, Eric/Morton Youth Services	Nielson, Hanne/SCDSB
Junke, Rosslyn/United Way	Watts, Leslie/Catulpa	Francoeur, Claire/CS Viamonde	Simmons-Physick, Chris/Kinark
Lee, Sandy for Janssen, Jan/County of Simcoe	Webb, Mary/RVRHC	Gowers, Lucy/Youth Haven	Thompson, Joy/Elizabeth Fry
		Green, Colin/Gilbert Centre	Vallis-Page, Christine/E3
		Harding, Suzanne/CS Viamonde	Verreault, Tricia, CS Viamonde

**Guests:** Leah Bergstrom, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre  
 Jeff Monaque, Elder, Beausoleil First Nations  
 Theresa Sandy, BANAC, Aboriginal Capacity worker

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1.	Smudging and Prayer	Louise welcomed and thanked Jeff Monaque, elder, former Chief of Beausoleil and Park Manager for Springwater Park, who led members in a smudging ceremony and prayer.	
2.	Welcome & Roundtable	Louise welcomed those representing Council members who were unable to attend, and a roundtable introduction took place. Louise also acknowledged Jim Harris who was attending his last Coalition before he moves to a new position with CMHA Ontario, for his leadership and support of the Coalition.	

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1.	<b>Hot Topic:</b> Land Recognition	<p>Louise thanked Brenda Jackson for helping organize today's presentation and introduced Leah Bergstome, Aboriginal Patient Advisor at RVRHC and member of the Aboriginal Health Circle, who presented on land recognition. A Land Acknowledgement Statement (LAS) is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories and is an expression of gratitude and appreciation; it honours the people on whose territory we gather. The LAS is an ongoing, living document and is an integral part of the reconciliation process. In keeping with the reconciliation process, organizations would develop LAS' in consultation and partnership with local indigenous partners.</p> <p>Discussion followed the presentation with members talking about why Land Acknowledgement Statements are important and what is being done with their organizations around this. Leah and Jeff responded to questions from Council members.</p> <p>Laura Forget reported that BANAC is helping to develop an LAS by the end of March for Simcoe County.</p> <p>Kimberley thanked Leah and Jeff for the presentation which provided helpful information for members to take back to their own organizations. We will continue to discuss this as a Coalition.</p>  <p>LAS Presentation.pdf</p> <p>Following the presentation, Louise turned the chair over to Kimberley who chaired the remainder of the meeting.</p>	
2.	<b>Consent Agenda</b> 2.1 Council Minutes November 23, 2017 2.2 Integrated Planning Table Minutes November 14 and December 12, 2017 2.3 Executive Committee Minutes November 20 and December 18, 2017 2.4 Approval of Agenda 2.5 Statement of Operations December 31, 2017	<p>The Consent Agenda had been sent out to members prior to the meeting for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Moved by Michelle Bergin, seconded by Elizabeth McKeeman, that the Consent Agenda package of January 25, 2018, be approved.            All in favour; <b>carried</b>.</p>	
3.	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Copies of the proposed budget were distributed. The Proposed Budget and 2018/19 Membership Package/You Made It Happen items were discussed together as they are interconnected.	

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	<p>The Executive Committee met a few days ago and after much discussion are recommending a 3.5 % increase in membership fees; not increased fees, will result in a deficit situation. The last increase was in 2010.</p> <p>We have still had no response from CRA. Julie provided information regarding the impact related to the HST matter. If CRA decides the Coalition is ineligible to collect HST on membership fees, approximately \$15,000 from 2016 and \$1,200 from 2017 in HST collected would have to be paid back to Coalition members. If found eligible to charge HST, we hope to be able to recoup the \$36,000 paid to CRA for input tax credits, and we would have to invoice members for the applicable HST on their 2017 and perhaps 2018 membership fees (if these have been paid before the decision).</p> <p>Members provided input regarding the recommendation to increase fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if the \$36,000 is repaid from CRA, revisit what will be used for</li> <li>• build in a modest increase to cover HST and other purposes</li> <li>• a higher fee increase was proposed but concern was voiced that agencies do not receive increases and every percentage matters</li> <li>• a sustainability fund to support a larger network for agencies experiencing hardship from year end monies</li> <li>• look at other ways to generate revenue</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Moved by Tracy Mansell, seconded by Patrick Carney that the Coalition Membership Fees for 2018/19 be increased by 3.5%. All in favour. Carried.</p>	<p>The Executive Committee to look at other options for revenue generation.</p>	
4.	2018-2019 Membership Package/You Made it Happen	2018/19 Membership Renewal Packages and the You Made It Happen report will be sent out with the 3.5% increase to fees as approved today, in mid-February.	Julie to send out membership packages when ready.
5.	Warm Transfer Protocol	<p>Chris Brens, co-chair of the Integrated Planning Table provided an update on the work of the table which includes the development of a Knowledge Portal on the Coalition website and a child, youth and family profile for Simcoe County. A protocol is also being developed so that a person/agency receiving a call for services not provided by their agency provides a warm transfer to the correct service. They will be connecting with 211 around this also. The strategy will be brought to the Coalition when it is ready.</p> <p>To be considered are timelines for responses, extra workload for staff,</p>	Members to send any information on warm transfer best practices to Chris Brens.

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		identification of the correct person handling the warm referral in each organization, an inventory of services (website of services/contact).	
6.	Coalition 2018-2021 Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey</li> </ul>	<p>12 members responded to the request to complete the on-line Strategic Plan survey. In order to get more input, the survey was handed out for completion by members present today.</p> <p>In conversation with some of our members in changing some of the language in our Mission related to “cultural uniqueness”, the response was to not change the Mission. Discussion around what “vulnerability” means, took place.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b>  Moved by Danielle Mink, seconded by Elizabeth McKeeman that “<b>All Children, youth and families thriving in a strong, nurturing community</b>” be approved as the Coalition’s new Vision.  Motion carried with two opposed: Sandy Lee/Laura Forget</p> <p>A discussion took place how best to involve Council members in the strategic planning process. A planning meeting will be arranged for Council members to provide input. Those that are unable to attend can provide feedback electronically.</p> <p>Kathy spoke about trying to align the Coalition’s strategic plan with the priorities of member agencies and asked members to share their strategic plans.</p>	Member to send their strategic plans to Kathy.
7.	2018 Provincial Election	<p>At the last Council meeting there was a call for ideas what the Coalition should be advocating for.</p> <p>Time will be spent at the March Council meeting discussing ideas re election issues to focus on related to child, youth and family services in our community. There was some good information developed for the previous election that may be adapted, along with any advocacy statements being developed by member agencies.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to consider what deliverables related to children, youth and families we would like to see in relation to the 1.9 billion dollars being promised for mental health.</p> <p>There is also an opportunity to cast a vote for the top 3 things you want in the budget until 5pm tomorrow through Budget Talks Ontario.</p>	<p>Members to bring a couple of ideas to March Council meeting, and send agency’s advocacy statements to Julie.</p> <p>Julie to send link to Budget Talk Ontario.</p>
8.	Member Flash Updates: 10.1 Roundtable Updates	<b>Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions</b> – Geraldine updated on the increase in their protection mandate through CYFSA., the work being done on reconciliation with indigenous communities, restoring of	A presentation re new language/youth service agreement will be sent

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	<p>jurisdictions/moving indigenous services, and collecting data for the Human Rights Commission to report where services are provided.</p> <p><b>Catulpa</b> – Lesley provided an update on the provincial FASD strategy. 26 million over 4 years. CTN was identified as the host agency and contracted with Catulpa to host 2 positions.</p> <p><b>MCYS</b> – there are some CYFSA materials available that have been sent to MCYS funded organizations (going to be revised) which are available for those interested.</p> <p><b>New Path</b> – Liz circulated a flyer on behalf of the Seasons Centre for their upcoming education day on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Liz provided an update on the work being done for Moving on Mental Health, the consolidation from 3-2 houses to address their deficit in residential services, and on the proposal for a youth wellness hub in Midland through the LHIN's Child and Adolescent Steering Committee which has been shortlisted and had an interview.</p> <p><b>Catholic Family Services</b> - Michelle provided an update on the walk-in clinics they have operating in Simcoe and Muskoka and that New Path has contracted with CFS to offer the Partner Abuse Program until March 31/18, except in Barrie and Collingwood where New Path will continue to offer these services. Michelle also spoke about shared space opportunities with NW Properties for social services partners at the health campus at the corner of Big Bay Point; information regarding a lunch and learn will be sent out.</p> <p><b>CS Viamonde</b> are hosting 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and have an Open Doors event in February.</p> <p><b>EarlyON</b> is up and running across the county with 9 main sites and 21 satellite sites. Stay tuned for provincial promotions.</p> <p><b>Simcoe Community Services</b> - Claudine Cousins, the new CEO, started Monday and will be attending Council meetings.</p> <p><b>RVRHC</b> – Mary reported on the opening of the youth mental health beds and that they are working with the Ministry of Education and school board on a day program for a classroom.</p> <p><b>CMHA</b> has an OTN office in Innisfil if someone needs to access this service. Jim also spoke about the money coming out of the Ministry of Health being used to increase workers in many programs.</p>	<p>to Julie for circulation.</p> <p>Danette to send materials to Julie for circulation.</p> <p>Michelle has cards with clinic information available.</p> <p>Michelle to send invitation to Julie for sharing.</p> <p>Karine to send information to Julie for circulation.</p>

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	<p><b>SCDSB</b> – Danielle spoke about the work being done around mental health and wellbeing in schools and in raising the awareness of student/staff/partners.</p> <p><b>YMCA</b> – Janette spoke about the Youth Employment Program and working with Transcom to support eligible employees.</p> <p><b>SMCDSB</b> – Pat spoke about the Summit of the Ontario Coalition for Child and Youth Mental Health taking place at the Beansville Centre.</p> <p><b>LHIN</b> – Chris advised there is an information session re non-medical treatment for postpartum depression on March 29<sup>th</sup> and that CMHA launched Bounceback, a free telephone coaching service for mid-moderate depression and anxiety for ages 15 up. Referral through primary care is preferred but can self-refer.</p> <p><b>SMDHU</b> went through a baby friendly initiative and were successful in receiving international designation, have a recognition event in February, and are working with partners/ hospitals re their designation processes.</p> <p><b>County of Simcoe</b> - Sandy spoke about the changes to the childcare area re fees subsidy, EarlyOn, and child care providers, and that a new manager has been hired. Social housing is very busy re needing new units. The #itstarts takes place again this year if interested.</p> <p><b>Kerry's Place</b> - Tracy gave an update on the Ontario Autism Program. Lots of information is available on MCYS' website.</p> <p><b>Chigamik</b> is part of a structured therapy pilot in north Simcoe. They have hired 2 psychotherapists who are open to the community, and have received a grant with Canada Food Centres, launching a healthy food subsidy pilot through their weekly affordable market.</p> <p><b>Barrie Police</b> is one of the lead services working on developing a sexual violence advocacy review model. They are also working on a drug strategy with the focus on prevention/harm reduction. A grant funding the Human Trafficking initiative was received and other grants are in the approval process</p>	<p>Pat to send details for Julie to share with members.</p> <p>Chris to send flyer to Julie to circulate.</p>
11.	Exit Ticket Report – November 23, 2017	The results of the exit tickets from the November 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting were reviewed, with an outstanding 92% response rate!

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2018, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, 60 Bell Farm Road, Barrie**