



COALITION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

12:30 – 3:30pm

Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions – 60 Bell Farm Road, Barrie, ON

Thank you to Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions for hosting today's meeting.

Attended		Regrets	
Adams, Linda	Jackson, Jennifer	Armstrong, Rob	McAlmont, Trevor
Addison-Toor, Suzanne	Kacsuta, Keith	Biddell, Dale	McKeeman, Elizabeth
Beal, Brian	Kapteyn, Michele	Bishop, Greg	Mundle, Elaine
Beaucage, Gertie	Kennedy, Joan	Byrch, Ligaya	Paul, Louise
Bergin, Michelle	Leduc, Rhonda	Ferguson, Jacquie	Ramey, Rowley
Blue, Danette	Martins, Nadia	Fernandes, Katrina	Samis, Chris
Carmichael, Susan	McAlpine, Julie (Recorder)	Godden, Edwina	Shoreman, Carolyn
Carney, Patrick	Newby, Glen (Past Chair)	Greenwood, Kimberley	Sykes, Nathan
Cascagnette, Fiona	Roy, Suzanne	Hillier, Pam	Thurston, Sandy
Clarke, John (Chair)	Shelley, Brian	Hossack, Dave	
Cole, Sandra (Coordinator)	Shirley, Lori	Jannsen, Jan	
Collins, Joy	Silk, Bill	Jeffery, David	
Cooper, Marion	Simmons-Physick, Chris	Keighley-Clarke, Tracey	
Croteau, Gerry	Thomas, Mary	Lawson, Michelle	
Fisher, Michelle	Thompson, Joy		
Harris, Jim	Vanderbyl, Christine		
Hough, Phil	Watts, Leslie		
	Wheeler, Chris		

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1.	Welcome & Roundtable 1.1 Welcome – Julie McAlpine	John welcomed everyone and a roundtable introduction took place. John welcomed Joy Thompson, the new Executive Director at Elizabeth Fry to her first Coalition Council meeting. 1.1 John also welcomed Julie McAlpine, the new Executive Assistant supporting the Coalition.	
2.	Consent Agenda 2.1 Council Minutes Nov 26th 2015 2.2 Planning Table Minutes Nov 10th 2015, Dec 8th 2015. 2.3 Infrastructure Table Minutes Nov 12th 2015, Dec 10th 2015	A change to the Agenda was announced. Item #9 Advocacy Update will be moved up the agenda to Item #3 (flexible) as Fiona Cascagnette has to leave the meeting early. Moved: by Brian Shelley and seconded by Nadia Martins to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favour. Carried.	

	<p>2.4 Secretariat Table Minutes Nov 19th 2016</p> <p>2.5 Approval of Agenda</p> <p>2.6 Statement of Operations as December 31st 2015</p> <p>2.7 Coalition Memorandum of Association</p> <p>2.8 YMCA Lakehead Leadership Program Subsidy Guidelines/Application</p> <p>2.9 BNTG Poverty Definition</p>		
3.	Local Immigration Partnership	<p>Sandra Lee, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the Local Immigration Partnership through the County of Simcoe, and the services provided. This helped put in context, the impact the arrival of the Syrian refugees will actually have.</p> <p>There are 30 members on the partnership council. The Immigration website was launched in 2013 and has 300 pages of content.</p>	
4.	Syrian Refugee Arrival in Simcoe County	<p>Members of the Coalition took part in a teleconference took place in December to address the Syrian refugee issue. Sandra Cole reported on the outcome of the teleconference. We have great community resources such as the County of Simcoe, 211 and the YMCA – those are the resources and the experts that members can reach out for information and resource questions.</p> <p>Sandra has sent out links to resources and will continue to do so. If you have any information for sharing, send it to Sandra. Sandra now sits on the LIP Partnership Table and will be a link to the Coalition.</p>	Sandra to continue to send information out to members, as applicable.
5.	SMCYFS Logo and Rebranding	<p>Melanie Cooper, the Director of Communications and Community Relations presented the roll out for the newly amalgamated agency, Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions/Familiales de Simcoe Muskoka. This was a sneak peak; there will be an official launch via email.</p> <p>John offered congratulations on behalf of the Coalition.</p>	
6.	Hot Topic: Commit to Kids	<p>Jennifer Jackson, Executive Director, CAC of Simcoe/Muskoka gave a very informative presentation on the Commit to Kids program.</p> <p>The purpose of Commit to Kids is to create a safe environment for children by reducing the opportunity for sexual offences against children</p>	The link to the website which contains information on Commit to Kids will be sent to Coalition Council

		<p>and increasing the risk of detection. Commit to Kids asks organizations to evaluate their policies/procedures and helps refine them to keep boundaries safe.</p> <p>Jennifer responded to questions and provided some information around human trafficking, grooming behaviour, etc. Some discussion took place around using media i.e. texting.</p> <p>If your organization is interested in a presentation, contact Samantha Ward, Abuse Prevention Co-ordinator.</p> <p>This is a package with a fee to the organization. The package comes with videos and reproducible forms to assist with policies/procedures. It is free for programs to adopt at this time so take advantage while it is still free.</p>	members.
7.	OCAN	<p>Suzanne Addison-Toor presented with Shannon O'Donnell from Information Orillia, Frances Yarbrough from North Simcoe Victim Crisis Services and Inspector Pat Morris with the OPP, on Orillia's Community Action Network (O-CAN). This is a multi-agency network working towards improving community wellbeing, safety and security.</p> <p>There are over 50 member agencies. Orillia shares organizations across Simcoe county, some of these have satellites in Orillia and some sit on the O-CAN tables.</p> <p>Inspector Morris talked about sharing resources, measurement of indicators, and working with community partners. A reduction in calls for service has been seen in Orillia and Ramara. Questions were welcomed and answered. There was recognition that a linkage is needed with FNMI partners; it was suggested linking O-CAN to Brenda Jackson.</p>	
8.	Board to Board Forum Update	<p>Glen Newby spoke about the proposal to increase awareness of French Language Services in Simcoe County through board governance/policy. 16 participants attended Part 1 of the Board to Board forum that took place on December 4th and these same participants have been invited to attend Part 2 on February 25th to hear the key recommendations and next steps from the consultants. This information will be shared with</p>	

		Council. One of the next steps will be an application for year two which will be opened up to everyone at Council, not just the initial participants.	
9.	Advocacy Update	<p>Fiona Cascagnette has had an advocacy champion role in the Coalition over the past 3-4 years. Due to a new role with YMCA Ontario as part of her portfolio, Fiona is leaving this role which creates an exciting opportunity for someone to take on this work.</p> <p>Fiona spoke about the work she does. The Advocacy champion is called upon when there is something the Coalition feels the need to be concerned with, or raise awareness about. The Advocacy champion also participates at the Secretariat Table.</p> <p>John thanked you Fiona for all that she brought to this role and asked members to consider taking this work on. This role calls for someone who can recognize what issues need to be highlighted. It does not have to be someone from the Council table.</p> <p>Fiona also updated on the work that was done around the Communication Strategy at the last Council meeting. It was identified that the communication strategy is part of the Infrastructure Table workplan so this item will be taken back to Infrastructure.</p>	Anyone interested in considering this role, contact John or Sandra to take to Secretariat for discussion.
10.	Professional Development Opportunities for Coalition Partners	<p>Brian gave a presentation on staff development opportunities, including the YMCA/Lakehead University Leadership Partnership and the Coalition's Professional Development Fund. The YMCA Lakehead Leadership Program has a subsidy that is available; guidelines and application have now been developed regarding this subsidy.</p> <p>Forms will be available on the Members' section of the website for both opportunities, once the website has been updated. In the meantime, updated versions of the forms will be emailed to members.</p>	Email forms to Coalition members.
11.	Moving on Mental Health	<p>Glen Newby gave an update on Moving on Mental Health. Liz McKeeman at New Path has connected with five core service providers in Simcoe County on the Core Services Plan. New Path has the lead and is responsible for the plan involving Simcoe County.</p> <p>Board of Directors from the five core service providers will be coming together at a forum on February 20th to discuss a common vision/</p>	

		<p>commitment for kids' mental health challenges. Other agencies have made requests for their boards to participate but not this session, next year can probably be opened up to other boards.</p> <p>There is a partnership agreement with the Centre for Excellence in Ottawa to provide support to develop key performance measurements required by the Ministry for accountability and to develop some performance measures Simcoe County wants. The Centre for Excellence will be coming in February/March to help run some youth and family engagement forums.</p> <p>New Path has contracted with Sandra Cole over and above her work with the Coalition, to move forward the Community Mental Health Plan for Moving on Mental Health. Sandra will be emailing a survey template to 60 participants, many of whom are Coalition partners. The surveys will be going to senior management; please direct the survey to the appropriate people to complete. The deadline for completion is February 26th. Contact Sandra if you have any questions. The plan is due to MCYS by March. 31st.</p>	<p>Members to forward survey to appropriate person to complete and return by February 26th.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Member Flash Updates: 12.1 Roundtable Updates</p>	<p>Special Needs Strategy - Danette updated that phased implementation for co-ordinated service planning is underway. Conversation is beginning now, with implementation in April. The proposal met or exceeded the criteria for coordinated service planning. A meeting with the Ministry is scheduled for March 4. At that time more information will be provided on expectations/support from the Ministry perspective, questions from the community table, and dialogue around areas of concern identified in the feedback. Simcoe is among the first group moving forward. Well done! Simcoe will be able to proceed to implementation.</p> <p>The Gilbert Centre is launching gender diverse programming with an art show and introducing LGBTQ workers in mid-march. It is the only program of its kind currently in Simcoe County. Will send information so it can be distributed.</p> <p>John Howard Society - Keith Kascuta reported on a new program launched to help find jobs for adults 18+. There is also a program that</p>	

		<p>offers pardons for criminal records, charges less, and is very helpful.</p> <p>Brian Shelley – reported on an MTCU youth pre-apprenticeship program around culinary arts for youth at risk in Muskoka, in partnership with Georgian College. A great opportunity to connect youth with challenges at school.</p> <p>OEYC – Michele Kapteyn reported there is an Open House at the OEYC at 129 Ferris Lane, tomorrow afternoon (January 29th) for community partners from 1:30-3:30pm. The morning of February 27th is the grand opening.</p> <p>Jennifer Jackson announced there is a multidisciplinary training for partners regarding the investigation of children/child abuse at Liberty North March 10th. Hearing from people talk about how better integrated practices overcame obstacles regarding information sharing, doing problem solving to work together, etc. If interested in more information, email Jennifer Jackson.</p> <p>Sandra reported we have been having some website issues, resulting in glitches in updating information. We are working at sorting out the issue and thank you for your patience. Julie and Sandra will be doing some website training.</p> <p>Make sure your name is correct on your name card. If not, please flag for us so that we can have it corrected. Members were reminded to complete exit tickets.</p> <p>John brought the meeting to a close by reminding us that our focus is on resilience and when we look at today’s presentations, all were good examples of how communities and the Coalition are working hard in this direction.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.</p>	
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