



COALITION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 23, 2017
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	Kacsuta, Keith/John Howard	Adams, Linda/Waypoint	Harris, Jim/CMHA
Greenwood, Kimberley (Vice Chair)/ Barrie Police	Levesque, Yves/ CSC MonAvenir	Armstrong, Rob/YMCA	Hillier, Pam/211
Bergin, Michelle/CFSSC	Manners, Kathryn (Coordinator)	Beaucage, Gertie/Banac	Hough, Phil (Past Chair)/OSMH
Blue, Danette/MCYS	McAlpine, Julie (Recorder)	Biddell, Dale/United Way	Jeffery, David /Chigamik
Brens, Chris/NSM LHIN	McKeeman, Elizabeth/New Path	Casault, Pierre/La Clé	Hirstwood, Karen/Catulpa
Carney, Patrick/SMCDSB	Mink, Danielle/SCDSB	Collins, Joy/NSM LHIN	Kapteyn, Michele/SCS
Carter, Tracey/Child Advocacy Centre	Muscat, Brian/Georgian College	Cooper, Marion/LHIN	Kennedy, Joan/Seasons Centre
Clarke, John/Mackenzie Health	Nielson, Hanne/SCDSB	Croteau, Gerry/Gilbert Centre	Leduc, Rhonda/Elizabeth Fry
Dooley-Phillips, Geraldine/SMFC	Shelley, Brian/YMCA	Csekey, Sarah/Orillia Library	Mansell, Tracy/Kerry's Place
Fisher, Michelle /211	Shoreman, Carolyn/SMDHU	Dawson, Kristen/Gilda's Place	McLearn, Melanie/SMFC
Forget, Laura/BANAC	Simmons-Physick, Chris/Kinark	Evans, Eric/Morton Youth Services	Newby, Glen/New Path
Janssen, Jan/County of Simcoe	Vallis-Page, Christine/E3	Ferguson, Jacquie/Kerry's Place	Thomas, Mary/United Way
Junke, Rosslyn/United Way	Vanderbyl, Christine/OEYC	Francoeur, Claire/CS Viamonde	Thompson, Joy/Elizabeth Fry
	Webb, Mary/RVRHC	Gowers, Lucy/Youth Haven	Verreault, Tricia, CS Viamonde
		Green, Colin/Gilbert Centre	Watts, Leslie/Catulpa
		Harding, Suzanne/CS Viamonde	

Guests: Lora D'Ambrosio (Award recipient)
Christa Outhwaite (co-op student, Mackenzie Health)
Erika Haney (presenter)
Jennifer van Gennip (presenter)

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1.	Welcome & Roundtable	Louise welcomed everyone to today's Council meeting including new members Christine Vallis-Page, CEO at E3 Community Services, Brian Muscat, ED Student and Learning Services at Georgian College replacing Suzanne Addison-Toor, and Janette McGee, YMCA Simcoe Muskoka replacing Brian Shelley. A roundtable introduction took place.	
2.	Awards and Recognition Presentation		
3.	Consent Agenda 2.1 Council Minutes September 28, 2017 2.2 Planning Table Minutes September 12	The Consent Agenda had been sent out to members prior to the meeting for review and there were no requests for any items to be removed for additional discussion.	

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	and October 10, 2017 2.3 Executive Committee Minutes June 15, September 18 and October 16, 2017 2.4 Approval of Agenda 2.5 Statement of Operations October 31, 2017	Motion: Moved by Yves Levesque, seconded by Brian Shelley, that the Consent Agenda package of November 23, 2017, be approved. All in favour; carried.	
4.	HST/Input Tax Credit Reassessment	As discussed at the September Council meeting, we were awaiting a response from CRA regarding the submission package from BDO in relation to the Coalition's HST situation. BDO was asked to follow-up with CRA who advised they had misplaced the package which had been couriered to them in June. Louise provided some context with regards to the Auditor General's report with issues being experienced along these lines. The documentation was refaxed on October 31 st and we continue to await a response.	Continue to provide updates to Council.
5.	Member Dues Report	Louise was pleased to announce we have received membership fees from all our members, totaling \$112,245 (an increase of \$400 over last year), with one partial payment outstanding. Louise thanked everyone for their support.	
6.	2017 Members' Report	The 2017 Members' Report had been scrolling through on the screen today. It will be sent out with the Weekly News and Updates and can also be found on the Coalition website.	
7.	Coalition 2018-2021 Strategic Plan	<p>As discussed at the last Council meeting, it is time to put a new strategic plan in place. Discussion has been taking place at Executive Committee meetings around how to proceed with this work. Kathy Manners, the Coalition's Coordinator, has extensive experience in strategic planning and was interested in taking on this role in addition to her work as Coordinator. This was discussed in-camera at the last Executive Committee meeting. Kathy provided a projection which seemed in line with external facilitators and based on her connection with the Coalition and experience, the Executive Committee unanimously approved contracting with Kathy to separately lead the new three year strategic plan.</p> <p>Louise introduced Kathy who spoke about the process going forward and wanting to make it a living document that people feel connected to.</p> <p>Kathy provided the highlights of the first meeting of the Strategic Plan Working Group which included Tracey Carter, Lesley Watts, Melanie McLearn, John Clarke, and Anna Drexler, and reviewed the timeline. A survey will be going out to members to test impact which will determine the direction we need to go.</p>	Members are invited to contact Kathy if interested in participating on the working group.

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		<p>The current strategic plan was reviewed. We are having some trouble finding the full plan.</p> <p>A discussion around resiliency took place and if it is still considered impactful. Perspectives from the school board, YMCA, 211 and John Clarke were shared. The Coalition's four strategic directions had been pulled out of the seven resiliency definitions so everyone around the table could relate.</p>	Please send Kathy/ Julie the full plan if you have a copy of it.
8.	Safe Sleep Campaign	Deferred.	Defer to next agenda.
9.	2018 Provincial Election	<p>Melanie McLearn is the Coalition's Advocacy/Government Relations Officer and will take the lead for the 2018 election. Melanie was unable to attend today but has requested feedback from Council regarding the 2018 provincial election. The Coalition gets involved in some way for every election to bring forward issues related to children, youth and families.</p> <p>Some organizations identify priorities and develop materials to be provided to those who are standing/running for their position on specific topics. Other agencies identified limitations to being able to do this and valued the Coalition's voice to ask questions at all candidates' meetings.</p> <p>It would be helpful to share documents from all sources to pick out what resonates with the Coalition. Members were asked to start to think about what we want to say as a Coalition and time will be allocated at the last two Council meetings before the summer to focus on the election.</p>	<p>Forward election questions/ ideas to Julie to collect for Melanie.</p> <p>Add 2018 Provincial Election to March and May 2018 Council agendas.</p>
10.	CYFS Action – Call to Action	Deferred.	Defer to next agenda.
11.	Hot Topic: Living Wage	<p>Louise introduced Rosslyn Junke from United Way Simcoe/Muskoka, Erika Haney from Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and Jennifer van Gennip, Redwood Park Communities/Co-Chair of Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness who gave an informative presentation on what a Living Wage looks like for Simcoe County.</p>  <p>20171123 Coalition Living Wage Slide dec</p> <p>An overview was provided on what constitutes a living wage, the framework principles and the benefits for an individual and employer. The 2016 Living Wage calculation for Simcoe County is \$17.74</p> <p>Following the presentation, members were asked to engage in a group discussion around becoming a living wage employer; what</p>	

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		<p>organizations can do to make things easier for low wage earners to participate in the workforce; and if their organization would attend a forum about the cost of living/becoming a living wage employer. Members shared their thoughts/comments around having to balance budgets, offering alternative benefits to paying an hourly wage; youth workers and how contracts with service providers would be handled.</p> <p>Further information is available on the Poverty Reduction Task Group's page on the Coalition website and opportunities for presentations are available. http://www.simcoecountycoalition.ca/poverty-reduction-task-group/</p>	
12.	Member Flash Updates: 11.1 Roundtable Updates	<p>Barrie Police Services – Chief Kimberley Greenwood gave an update on the opioid crisis in Simcoe County and the shift to education; acknowledged the Children's Advocacy Centre is up and running, and discussed the review of sexual assault occurrences from 2015/16 resulting in some best practices, and a provincial working group. The Safer Ontario Act which includes the Police Services Act has been tabled.</p> <p>YMCA – Brian Shelley reported on the YMCA/Lakehead partnership with the Coalition for leadership training. 26 individuals took level 2, level 3 will be offered in the new year and level 1 will roll out in February. Financial assistance is available exclusively to Coalition organizations. Rezoning of the Grove St. property for apartment usage has passed. The Y is looking for space in the downtown core for a hub model. The Y has a new Youth Quest Program for employment for youth at risk, which includes a paid job placement.</p> <p>New Path – Liz McKeeman has printed material on New Path's walk in clinics if anyone is interested. Their provincial association is working on an advocacy letter writing campaign to Premier Wynne to increase funding for children's mental health.</p> <p>Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre - Mary Webb advised the children/youth mental health in-patient program will open before Christmas and are hoping to recruit an additional psychiatrist for the out-patient program.</p> <p>John Howard Society - Keith Kascata reported on the launch of the youth mental health walk in clinics in Barrie and Orillia; next month are opening a reintegration centre in Orillia and have also been asked to do more groups at Beaver Creek for those soon to be released.</p> <p>Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions – Geraldine Dooley-Phillips</p>	<p>Contact Brian Shelley for more information.</p> <p>Contact Liz for walk-in material and letter writing campaign details.</p>

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		<p>reported they are looking to see whether their staff can be trained in the use of naloxone, continuing to work on the amalgamation of Simcoe/Muskoka and supporting MOMH. An update was also provided on the work happening with regards to reconciliation related to the residential school system and the transition of services to First Nations in the development of a child welfare agency. A presentation to Council around the reconciliation issue in January was discussed.</p> <p>Catholic Family Services – Michelle Bergin requested input for creative ideas for suitable office space in Huntsville for the expansion of their walk-in clinics. They are also looking for ideas/partnerships how to offer their Partner Assault Response Program to non-mandated clients.</p> <p>NSM LHIN – Chris Brens advised the Child Youth Mental Health Council has funded 114 licenses for the Strongest Families program to be used by the end of March.</p> <p>SMCDSB – Pat Carney provided an update on the activities from the Addiction Awareness week.</p> <p>Ontario Autism Program – John Clarke reported this program continues to be in the works and spoke about how partners from the Coalition came together for this initiative and how it is lining up with MOMH and Special Needs Strategy.</p> <p>Children’s Treatment Network – Louise Paul reported that CTN had just received a three year grant for \$336,000 from the Ontario Trillium to continue to expand their family mentor program in York and Simcoe to focus on families with children and youth with autism. Louise also spoke about CTN, as one of the coordinating agencies for the Special Needs Strategy (SNS), linking with indigenous communities. CTN has partnered with four other coordinating agencies to provide funding for Coordinated Service Planners in their communities to fit with their culture/community.</p>	<p>Connect with Michelle if you have clients to refer, interested in hosting a group, etc.</p> <p>Contact Chris or Barrie Community Health Centre for more details. Julie to circulate Strongest Families information.</p>
10.	Exit Ticket Report – September 28, 2017	<p>The results of the exit tickets from the September 28th meeting were reviewed and we were pleased to see a 77% return rate.</p> <p>As this is the last Council meeting for 2017, Louise wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm</p>	

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2018, Simcoe County District School Board, 1170 Hwy 26, Midhurst