Thank you for the work that you and your network, task group or project is doing within the framework of the Child Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County. The Coalition’s Planning Table has the role of overseeing the Coalition’s Strategic Plan and encouraging the many initiatives affiliated with the Coalition to align with each other and with the goals of the Coalition. In order to do this effectively, the Table has asked the various groups (networks and initiatives) affiliated with the Coalition to report to it on a rotating basis. **Please fill in the following form and bring it with you to the Planning Table meeting.** The second page of this document is a copy of the guidelines Planning Table members will be using when listening to your report on the work of your network or initiative.

**Date: April 9th, 2013**

**Name of network or initiative reporting: Basic Needs Task Group**

**Contact person and phone: Heather Bebb Co-Chair 705.722.3131 Ext. 1039**

**Other members of your initiative: Representatives from the following agencies are represented at BNTG:**

* **SCDSB**
* **SMDHU**
* **County of Simcoe**
* **Best Start Network**
* **CAPC/CPNP**
* **BANAC**
* **Youth Haven**
* **David Busby Street Centre**
* **UWGSC**
* **CFSSC**
* **BMNPH**
* **211/Community**

**Purpose of your network or initiative:**

* To provide leadership and guidance to the Coalition in addressing access to basic needs at the community level.

**How long in existence: 15 years**

**Major accomplishments in the past year:**

1. **Bridges Out of Poverty Training > Orientation sessions held in spring 2012**
2. **Bridges Out of Poverty > Train the Trainer Session held April> 62 individuals attended**
3. **Creation of Bridges Leadership Council to provide support to trained facilitators/QA oversite**
   1. **Have provided two follow up meetings to support trainers with review of curriculum and share ideas re training tips**
   2. **Creation and revision of standardized PPT that is (or soon will be) accessible via Coalition website to all trainers in Simcoe County**
4. **In process:**

* **Survey of participants in any Bridges training activities in the County (for approval today)**
* **Review of the “When Working Together” Advocacy Report to identify possible areas related to Basic Needs advocacy for highlighting and recommendation to the Planning Table**
* **Working in partnership with the CDP Consortium to identify a common set of domains related to poverty in Simcoe County**

**How do you see your project relating to the Coalition’s strategic goals attached:**

Improve services to more effectively meet basic needs (e.g. adequate income, food, shelter)

1) Ensure effective liaison with Coalition through strategic planning (BNTG & terms of reference planned within Coalition context).

2) Explore use of local data (create and upload data tables; use of Coalition website; build relationship and use of Data Consortium; review Coalition Advocacy report).

3) Create communication strategies for basic needs issues (broadsheets; communication strategy on living wage; follow up policy activities).

4) Formulate Coalition approach to poverty issues (use Bridges Out of Poverty and Simcoe County capacity including orientations, train-the-trainer sessions, pilot projects, etc).

**Please comment on the sustainability of your project or how it will wind down: Ongoing; Long history of commitment by participating agencies. May change it s role with the evolution of a county-wide poverty action committee.**

**How are you evaluating your success?**

* **Logic model which guides our workplan and is reviewed/revised annually**
* **Surveys such as pre-post evaluation of participants in training in 2011**
* **Survey being proposed today**

**How can the Coalition help your group succeed?**

* **Continue to ensure focus on Basic Needs as a fundamental and critical component of the Coalition’s work**
  + **It is no one agency’s responsibility and yet it is collectively all of our shared responsibility**
* **Can the Coalition more strongly encourage and/or require its members to adopt recommended best practices identified through the Broadsheets on Food and Housing e.g. healthy food at client activities, adopt no plastic water bottle policies**
* **Consider what a commitment to action on poverty looks like:**
  + **At the Coalition level**
  + **At a member agency level**
* **Support the use of the survey to staff who have participated in Bridges Out of Poverty Training**

**If you have questions please contact Kristina Veenstra, Coalition Executive Assistant at** [**kristina@simcoecountycoalition.ca**](mailto:kristina@simcoecountycoalition.ca)

**Name of Network or Task Group:**

| **Coalition-Wide Goal** | **Does this presentation/initiative meet this goal?(please circle one)** | **Comments** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Create one community plan for all children, youth and family services.** | | |
| 1. Streamline and integrate services between agencies | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Improve services to more effectively meet basic needs (e.g. adequate income, food, shelter) | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Increase sensitivity and equality of service access for culturally diverse communities (has this been addressed?) | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Increase capacity to serve children and youth with mental health needs | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Ensure the participation of youth and families in the planning process—to make it more applicable (e.g. Triple P we could add “youth or parents” in the planning process) | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Encourage use of best practices, evidence-based approaches, and improved program evaluation | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Connect to the health care and other relevant planning processes in the County | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Is there an evaluation plan? | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Has group demonstrated sustainability?  * Is there a launch plan (if applicable)? * Is this a short term program? * If an ongoing, can program sustain itself ? * Are resources clearly outlined and available? | Yes No N/A  Yes No N/A  Yes No N/A  Yes No N/A |  |