



Coalition Council MEETING MINUTES – September 25, 2014, Simcoe County District School Board, Midhurst, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Present:

Addison-Toor, Suzie	Carmichael, Susan (Past Chair)	Jackson, Brenda	Rae, Wanda
Andrews, Gail	Clarke, John (Vice Chair)	Jeffery, David	Samis, Chris
Armstrong, Rob	Cascagnette, Fiona	Keighley-Clarke, Tracey	Shoreman, Carolyn
Artelt-Evans, Angela	Cooper, Marion	McAlmont, Trevor	Simmons-Physick, Chris
Beal, Brian	Ferguson, Jacquie	McLeod, Kevin	Thurston, Sandy
Beaucage, Gertie	Fisher, Michelle (for P. Hillier)	McKeeman, Liz	Veenstra, Kristina
Biddell, Dale	Gallow, Marg	Mink, Danielle	Watson, Mary Jean
Blue, Danette	Hossack, David (for K. Greenwood)	Newby, Glen (Chair)	Woods, Deborah
	Hough, Phil	Paul, Louise	

Regrets:

Cole, Sandra	Godden, Edwina	Leduc, Rhonda	Graves, Marion
Casault, Pierre	Harris, Janet	Martins, Nadia	Roy, Suzanne
Dawson, Kristen	Harris, Jim	Moland, Marsha	Strickland, Michelle
Embacher, Lacey	Kennedy, Joan	Plewes, Susan	Sykes, Nathan
			Talon, Terry

Guests: Marg Scheures, Child Advocacy Centre.

Many thanks to the SCDSB for hosting today's meeting!

ITEM	STATUS	ACTION
1 –Welcome		
Welcome to all our guests and new members, Tracey Keighley-Clarke RVH, Dale Biddell United Way and Marion Cooper CCAC. Roundtable introductions were done. Glen spoke to the history of the Coalition coming together in 1999 to do integrated planning. We have grown to over 40 agencies plus funders. He asked that we continue with this commitment by sending in our membership fees on time and signing of our Memorandum of Understanding.		
2– Approval of Minutes		
All approved the minutes of our May 22, 2014 meeting. <i>Moved by: Kevin McLeod, Second by: Philip Hough; All in favour; No opposed.</i>		
3 – Approval of the Agenda		
All approved agenda with the changes to move the Infrastructure Table section up after Flash Member Updates. <i>Moved by: Fiona Cascagnette, Second by: David Jeffery; All in favour; No opposed.</i>		
4 – Flash Member Updates		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAS Kenya Trip – Another Opportunity: This past year CAS and SMCDSB partnered to send a group of grade 12 Crown Ward students to Kenya. The students received a grade 12 credit for attending classes January-June one weekend per month then went to Kenya for 14 days. The kids that went on the trip presented to the CAS Board of Directors and the changes, knowledge, resilience of the students was overwhelming. Time has been set aside for the December 4 Council agenda for this presentation. There is an opportunity for all of us to send kids from our community; it does cost money but it can be done through fundraising. This is a great way to bring our strategic goal of resilience into action. Special acknowledgement to Brian Beal from SMCDSB for all his support and leadership in getting this initiative up and running. • CAS: Is moving forward with the amalgamation with Muskoka. The Ministry is fully engaged with CAS with a plan to amalgamate by April 1, 2015. Project Manager will be posted soon, Executive Director will be selected and Executive Assistant Amalgamation was selected as Kristina Veenstra. • FNMI has been successful in acquiring a 4 year grant for healthy kids. A panel will issue a 9 month theme focusing on sleeping, eating and physical activity. • OSMH: Answered a call for submission for paediatric management clinic and it was accepted. They are one of nine in this regional program. It is ongoing funding. OSMH also has an LGBT Task Force and hope to become the lead in the region. In November they have a training session as an overview of LGBT health care within Simcoe/Muskoka. Also, Children’s Complex Care funding has yet to be confirmed. Barrie portion may be funded separately. • YMCA: October 28 is their AGM when they are bringing in a guest speaker and half day workshop on the developmental asset model. It will be at the Barrie Country Club from 9-12 p.m. To be sent out by e-mail. That evening the same individual will be speaking at their AGM about research around what has engaged youth and how do you light a spark in youth. This is a free workshop for approximately 40 people. • Barrie Police: Jr Constable Program ran during the summer for 6 kids with tremendous successful (ages 9-12 who had issues with justice). Funding through the Ministry was provided. It was a very inspirational program that will continue. • BANAC: created a 4 day CAT program and to go along with the training a viewing guide was developed on DVD. Copies of the DVD package was distributed for members. They are available online to order. It is also available in French. If you would like one send an e-mail to Brenda Jackson or Gertie Beaucage. They also wish to thank the Coalition members for their letters of support. Every one of them was included in the funding proposal. They have yet to hear back but will let everyone know. Lastly, CCAT registration was closed at 67 and there is a waiting list. They will be running the course again in the future. • Chigamik: Healthy Communities funding was received CONGRATS! It was also received in Collingwood. • SCDSB: Their special advisory committee is looking for new nominations. Chris Samis has packages for those interested. They are looking at representation ideally from children’s mental health and FNMI. It is a 4 year term and they meet once per month. Nominations have to be in before the end of November. • CFSSC: Wanda is leaving and has a new position in the Waterloo region. The news is just being shared. We will miss you Wanda! • RVH: in Simcoe Muskoka Regional Caner Program has a youth advisory Council. Tracey can bring some information to the next meeting for future collaboration. 	



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9 - Strategy Table Updates			
Infrastructure Table	GA	August 2014 Statement of Operations: copies of the statement were distributed to members prior to the meeting for review. There are some member fees that have yet to be received. Copies of the MOA was distribute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Approved the Statement of Operations from August 2014. Moved by: Rob Armstrong; 2nd by: David Jeffery; All in Favour; No Opposed; No Abstained.
	GA	Membership Fees: there are still some members who have yet to pay their fees. Secretariat members are following up via phone. Following this we will have to decide if their membership continues.	Contact Deb if you have any questions.
	TMc	LEAD and Next Cohort: Leadership Effectiveness and Development (LEAD) Co-hort was to begin in September and was extended to September 26 with an October start. We are at 10 registrations and need to be at 20 to run the program. Therefore, it seems we may have to cancel this year's co-hort and look for other options.	Deb to let members and registrants know if the program is running.
	TMc	Awards Proposal Revisions: Copies of the revised Awards Proposal which was distributed to members for review prior to the meeting. A small group consisting of Sandra Cole (SCS), Trevor McAlmont (The County) and Alison LaMantia (SCDSB) have met several times, drafted the proposal which was presented at our May 22 nd meeting. There were no changes or questions regarding the package which includes a nomination form and criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All approved; Moved by: Chris Samis; 2nd by: Fiona Cascagnette; All in Favour; No Opposed; No Abstained. • Many thanks to Alison, Trevor and Sandra for their hard work.
6 – System Transformation			



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danette spoke to the Moving on Mental Health initiative objectives and it is rolling out incrementally across the province according to original timelines. There have been 14 lead agencies announced in August for wave one community. Simcoe is not a wave one community. Kinark was the successful applicant for lead agency in York region. Congratulations! • Orientation for the lead agencies will occur in October over 3 days. Lead agencies will be responsible for establishing and ensuring access point(s) and also pathways for services are supported. There are a couple of things communities will be working on: a core child and youth mental health plan and a cross sectoral community plan. Wave one communities should have these plans completed by March 2015. • The application process is standardized but may be revised depending on lessons learned. We expect early in 2015 that the 3rd release will come. • Special Needs Strategy guidelines have gone out and are on the Ministry website. October 23 there is a central regional kick-off meeting. The deadline for a coordinated service plan is March 2015. 	
6 – Hot Topic – Coalition Strategic Plan		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the presentation for today was sent to members for information. The goal for today is to have a discussion with some input and agreement about where we are today. This is a working document and we need to ensure that it is making sense before we move any further. • Members reviewed the new Strategic Plan on a page. Our population outcome is still the same “Every child youth and family in Simcoe County becomes more resilient” and the resilience definition was discussed. • There is still work to do on determining indicators. For each meeting we have not back stepped on the indicators chosen so we are simply building on it. All indicators were discussed and next steps, questions that need to be asked. • Discussion ensued answering: Do we have consensus on this journey? Next steps? We need to engage stakeholders in determining what we do and align the roles/functions of Planning and Infrastructure Tables. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Members felt this plan reflects where we have come from since our Planning Day last year. ➢ Members are happy to see “compassionate community” added to the plan. The Search Institute was discussed as a resource. This is a great opportunity to have a whole County engage in this. ➢ We need to indicate where we are doing well so we can build on it instead of working from scratch. We have had a lot of anecdotal conversations and our huge desire is to have discussions over the next few months within this framework to determine who we have aligned with already as well as identifying gaps. ➢ Members discussed the Advocacy connection to this plan and needing to determine who is speaking for us, between us, within us as well as having a constant message. ➢ The resilience definition was discussed with the need to ensure a common understand of what resilience is keeping in mind that people outside of our service may not understand. We may need to consider different wording externally. Members looked at the definition once more to ensure this is what we all agree on. Some felt this was not a strength-based approach but others that this is about what is manageable and building the strength needed. It was suggested to go to developmental assets to help alter the definition to be perceived more strength-based. Some liked the word “adversity” and it speaks the truth about our kids and what they are facing. From a general public perspective, every child in Simcoe County will go through something where they will need to be resilient – now are in the future. The group to go back and revisit this. 	<p>Integrated Working Task Group to relook at the definition of resiliency and make it more strength-based as well as wording for the community.</p> <p>All approved moving forward with the understanding that there are further discussions still to take place.</p> <p>Many thanks to Trevor, Deb, Sandy and Liz for this summary and great conversation!</p>
7 – Child Advocacy Centre		



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	<p>MS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marg Scheures joined the group to present on the CAC in Orillia that opened January 2014. • It is about children only telling their story one time. It is a “house” where children have a suite of services and supports available under one roof. The centre is welcoming and non-threatening. CAC works with the family to ensure they are aware of what is happening. • Support people are neutral and look at all services from medical, justice, mental health, education etc. • Their funding runs out March 2015. They have reapplied to Justice Canada and looking for sustainable funding through the Ministry (Toronto has been successful). • Toronto has had to expand 3 times since October with most of their responses being 12 hours. They are partnered with Children’s Aid Society and have a Nurse Practitioner full-time. The other two centres are located in Niagara Falls (Kristen French Advocacy Centre) and Cornwall (opened same time as Orillia – Jan 2014). • CAC fundraiser is October 3. 	<p>Letters of support are appreciated to augment their funding. Marg to connect with Deb about membership and a letter.</p>
7 – Criteria for Support & Motions and Job Descriptions		
	<p>GN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of both documents were distributed prior to members for review and information. 	<p>All approved: Motion by: John Clarke, 2nd by: Marg Gallow; No opposed; No abstained.</p>
RVH Update on Adolescent Psychiatric Beds		



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	<p>TK-C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of marketing materials were distributed for member information. All available electronically from Tracey if needed. • We are the only LHIN in the province without designated Adolescent Mental Health Beds. RVH is the preferred place for these beds. They have converted 4 beds and is internally resourced. There is currently an adult psychiatrist and some are going out of area for help. They are not accepting transfers from hospitals as it is not a designated program. • They have completed the functional plan that addresses structure. They are engaging regionally for the next couple of months. • The plan is to recruit 2 psychiatrist for children and youth, they are starting to develop a staff plan (it is a phased in approach), education for existing staff due to the need, developing a comprehensive program with community partners. • There are to be 8 acute care beds, acute outpatient, acute day service and day hospital. Looking for OTN services. Renovations will begin shortly and will be phased in. They have identified space in the original hospital admin area. Drawings will come in a couple of months. • The program will work in partnership with providers, police, school boards, adult system (transition from 16-18 yrs) and other Ontario programs. • They will eventually be coming here for some letters of support (voice of their community – how will this bring value to us) and it will be a LHIN supported process. • Biggest challenge will be child psychiatry. They will also engage youth on this from across the region. New Path has a residential service, YMCA and OSMH have youth advisory groups. 	<p>THANK YOU Tracey for sharing as this is so refreshing! Many of our members have been working on this for many years.</p>
7 – Advocacy		
	<p>GN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board to Board Forum: Glen Newby and Susan Carmichael are looking to bring governance bodies together. They have both met with some of their board members a few times. New Path, CAS and the YMCA board chairs feel there is synergy to move this forward. They wish to discuss developmental assets for CEO’s, ED and Board Members as well as discuss the Coalition Strategic Plan. The overriding purpose is to ensure the sustainability of the Coalition is not only built into us as members but also within our Boards. It is also a topical interest as it was done in the past and Board members responded well to the networking and cross board fertilization. We recommend that this group proceed and arrange a meeting with a light meal to have members and a board member to meet. 	<p>Members felt this was a good idea and to move forward (looking at November and a breakfast). This will give our smaller members opportunity to generate conversations with the community.</p>



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**Next Meeting:
December 4, 2014 – 12:30-3:30 p.m.
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