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: December 11th, 2012**

**Name of network or initiative reporting:**

**Crisis Steering Committee for Youth and Families in Simcoe County**

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**Purpose of your network or initiative:**

**Vision**

Single point access to a timely, flexible accessible 24/7 crisis response system that strives to resolve immediate crisis in the least intrusive manner by drawing upon a range of possible responses (e.g., telephone, mobile response, emergency services, follow-up/linkage) for all children, youth and families in Simcoe County.

**Mandate**

The Simcoe County Crisis Response Services Steering Committee provides a structure for cross-sectoral, collaborative planning to ensure the delivery of integrated crisis response services for all children, youth and families and caregivers in Simcoe County. Specifically the Steering Committee provides:

* Direction-setting and decision-making regarding the overall direction, role, function and performance monitoring for the crisis response service system within Simcoe County’s broader continuum of care for children and youth.
* Further development and on-going nurturing and facilitation of crisis service system partnerships.
* Communication with stakeholders regarding the role and function of crisis service system within Simcoe County’s broader child and youth service system.
* Ongoing education of crisis response system staff.
* On-going monitoring of the performance of the youth mobile crisis service against established goals, objectives, and performance measures.
* A forum for clear and prompt feedback on the crisis response services and collective problem solving to resolve system issues.
* Reporting to stakeholders regarding the performance of the crisis service system against established goals and objectives.

**How long in existence: 5 years**

**Major accomplishments in the past year:**

* Assumed responsibility for the monitoring of the Protocol for Youth at High Risk for Suicide
* Enhanced communication about crisis service delivery in the county with key partners
* Clarification of roles and responsibilities with key partners

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

* Yes – streamlining, improving access for all youth and families to crisis services in Simcoe County.

**Please comment on the sustainability of your project or how it will wind down:**

* ongoing

**How are you evaluating your success?**

* Observation, committee feedback and community feedback

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

**If you have questions please contact Kristina Veenstra, Coalition Executive Assistant at** **kristina@simcoecountycoalition.ca**

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| **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**NoN/A | Full collaboration with CMHA with ongoing attention to improving/streamlining access |
| 1. Improve services to more effectively meet basic needs (e.g. adequate income, food, shelter)
 | **Yes**NoN/A | Staff created and use ‘basic needs’ resource booklet regularly |
| 1. Increase sensitivity and equality of service access for culturally diverse communities (has this been addressed?)
 | **Yes**NoN/A | Improvement s in this area are still needed – we access Kinark’s Family Worker – First Nations Métis liaison. |
| 1. Increase capacity to serve children and youth with mental health needs
 | **Yes**NoN/A | Use of the crisis service continues to increase – 30 new referrals each monthOct and Nov. 38 and 39 new referrals3 FTE – 105 hrs per week |
| 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**NoN/A | * Most often parents calling – in almost all cases we also speak with the youth
 |
| 1. Encourage use of best practices, evidence-based approaches, and improved program evaluation
 | **Yes**NoN/A | * Staff are trained in the delivery of Triple P – Primary Care and Single session
 |
| 1. Connect to the health care and other relevant planning processes in the County
 | **Yes**NoN/A | * Emergency room risk assessments in all hospitals
 |
| 1. Is there an evaluation plan?
 | Yes**No**N/A | * Evaluation 2 years ago – Eric Sutton - lead
 |
| 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/AYes  **No** N/A**Yes**  No N/A**Yes**  No N/A |  |