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:**

* Simcoe County Youth Justice Advisory Group

**Contact person and phone:**

Co-Chairs:

* Janette McGee (YMCA)
* Paula Teeter (MCYS – YJ)

**Other members of your initiative:**

* See attached distribution list

**Purpose of your network or initiative:**

Simcoe County Youth Justice Advisory Group (YJAG) is a cross sector County-wide advisory group whose purpose is to enhance service integration in order to improve services for youth involved, or at risk of becoming involved, in the Youth Justice service system

**How long in existence:**

* Since 2007

**Major accomplishments in the past year:**

* Logic model outlining short term, medium and long term goals/and desired outcomes.

Originating from the Logic model, was the development of priorities and tasks that could be undertaken working towards the timed and identified goals. Currently, there are small task groups, each with individual project goals, but ultimately merging within the Logic model and long term goals.

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| 1. Increase police/courts awareness of available diversion measures. |
| 1. Increase awareness of the importance of academic success and access to services/supports that increase academic success for youth at risk within and outside of school classrooms. |
| 1. Increase awareness of predictors for youth at risk for YJ involvement including the impact of substance abuse on healthy youth development and outcomes. |
| 1. Create, establish and/or strengthen collaborative and inclusive linkages across YJ, CMH and CAS systems. |
| 1. Create, establish and/or strengthen collaborative and inclusive linkages with school boards. |
| 1. Increase recognition and awareness of FASD within YJ services and community partners. |

All of these small task groups have concluded their work (except #2 which is still working on some statistics moving forward)

* Meeting to move further into our logic model with new tasks and small groups – to be confirmed June 14 meeting.
* Large gains in collaboration, partnerships and relationship building especially with Police Services, FASD, Education and FNMI. There is a real sense of wanting to engage and continue.
* Revised and updated the terms of reference.

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

**The work of the YJAG aligns with the Coalition’s goals in the following ways:**

* Aims to streamline and integrate services between agencies
* Increase sensitivity for culturally diverse communities such as FNMI and francophone populations
* Increase access to mental health services
* Encourage youth participation in needs assessment and planning

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

* This is an on-going group with goals, expectations and commitment from the Ministry.

**How are you evaluating your success?**

* Through frequent work group update meetings
* Monthly updates to work plans

Revisiting and evaluating work plans and outcomes with the logic model

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

* Member agencies to continue to support staff to attend this group and the associated work groups.

**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: Date:**

| **Coalition-Wide Goal** | **Does this presentation/initiative meet this goal?(please circle one)** | **Comments** |
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| **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. If this is a new project is there a launch plan? | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. If this is an existing project can it sustain itself? (is there a commitment to do so) | Yes  No  N/A |  |
| 1. Are resources clearly outlined and available? | Yes  No  N/A |  |