



MEETING NOTES
Best Start Window of Focus
Planning for Child and Family Centres
September 8, 2011
Laurier Fire Hall
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

PRESENT: Su Bertolo Raby, OEYC; Rachele Blanchette, Ministry of Education; Shannon Brown, UCLG; Linda Coleman, Country Roads CHC; Peter Coughlin, Child & Youth Wellness Centre; Jessica Deschamp-Baird, UCLG; Marg Fancy, EKIOC; Cindy Goodfellow, Language Express; Harold Hess, Linklater Public School UCDSB; Gillian Jackson, DSLG-ICCP; Kathylyn Jodoin, MTJB Child Care Centre Inc.; Lori Johnston, Brockville & Area YMCA; Judy Lee, OEYC; Cathy Millard, LGLHU; Dixie O'Reilly, ICDP; Ruth Shay, MTJB Child Care Centre Inc.; Patricia Sutherland, Brockville Public Library; Marg van Beers, Child Development Centre; Maxine Weber, (Chair) SER Autism Intervention Program

1. Welcome and Introductions:
Maxine Webber, Chair welcomed committee members in attendance.
2. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved with 2 additions:
Under 7. Reports/Updates:
 - i) Child care – Shannon Brown
And under 8. New Business:
 - c) ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis) – Maxine Webber
3. Approval of Meeting Notes, May 12, July 5
Meeting notes were approved as circulated.
4. Presentation on EDI Subdomains (Jessica Deschamp-Baird)
Social and Emotional Domains
To be emailed/posted to EKIOC web site.
5. Action Items Arising from previous meeting notes
May 12:
 - Morley/Margaret to follow up with Vicki Johnston and Margaret Van Beers re: updates on service to children in North Grenville
 - In process; complicated. Gaps in services identified and are on the table now. Will take some time. Multiple agencies involved in multiple discussions. Marg van Beers to keep us informed of progress.
 - Members to inquire at individual agency to see if there is interest in pooled funding for Best Start pamphlet
 - IDP and DSLG can contribute
 - OEYC (maybe)Defer to next meeting to give others time to inquire at their agency.

ACTION: Marg to send out email with relevant information for agencies to use in their inquiries re: funding for this project.

July 5:

- Jessica to make changes to parent survey questions as per comments/suggestions from committee members (For Decision: Approval of Survey, When/Where to Distribute)
 - Jessica gave update of parent survey. Copy of survey to be emailed to members for review.
 - Copy of minutes of meeting to plan implementation (Parent Survey Work Group) to be emailed to members.
 - The group agreed with the general plan. Timelines may vary based on the outcome of the Best Start Child & Family Centre working group meeting who will discuss geography and where to focus.

- Gillian, Dixie, Jessica, Margaret to work on grant submission for Innovation Fund under Core Area, "Effective In-Service Training and Mentoring"
 - Approved for \$30,000
 - Proposed budget reviewed
 - Cathy and Dixie to help Marg with draft of contract for person to develop and write modules in consultation with Best Start Network

6. Business Arising

- Aboriginal Planning
 - Aboriginal Planning Fund 2011-2012. Plan reviewed and agreed upon.

- Planning for Child and Family Centres
 - Confirming workgroup and priorities
 - Workgroup membership: to look at June 10th day outcomes and plan.
 - Marg acknowledged that an error was made on membership list for this working group
 - Shannon, Marg van Beers, Dixie, Cathy and Jessica as a support ad hoc will comprise this group.

7. Reports / Updates

- a) Coordinator

- b) 18-Month Strategy Committee (Cathy Millard)
 - Next meeting is in October.

- c) MCYS

- d) Service Integration (Gillian Jackson)
 - Reports on meetings May 26, June 23, August 25
 - Lunch and Learns – consistent facilitators and format has been established. Gananoque, North Leeds, Brockville, North and South Grenville will be ongoing locations.
 - Marketing and Communication related to the Child and Family Centres brochure is underway.
 - No consistent child care report on this committee. Identified as gap

 - Approval of Universal Screening Logic Model (Cathy Millard)
 - NDDS – Logic Model reviewed and approved.

- e) Special Needs Reference Committee (Margaret van Beers)
 - September 29, is next meeting in Frankville.
 - Expression of interest related to speech and language serviced. Proposal submitted which was not accepted but CCAC, school board, PSL and CDC met to discuss gaps in service.
 - PSL →school transition gap.
 - At school: school board, SLP's and CCAC SLPs overlap gaps. The conversation will continue 2 X per year in spite of not receiving funding.
 - Gananoque pilot project. Step into kindergarten pilot went well. Learning gained. Good attendance. Harold reports a smooth transition to school for those who attended. Inservice for Ready to Learn staff. Evaluation to go to Student Support Leadership

Initiative.

- f) French Language Network (Cathy Gladu)
No report at this time.
 - g) Ministry of Education (Rachelle Blanchette)
 - o 20% of Ontario schools have full day kindergarten. Training has been done by Ministry of Education to this point. Now transitioning train the trainer at the board level. Phase 3 of transfer: January 1, 2012 licensing for child care to go to MOE. Adding quality assurance to title of new branch.
 - o Early Learning Framework website now up and running. Rachelle encouraged members to review website. Agencies can link to their websites.
 - o Jacques Torjman – priority for this year is to reinforce relationships between boards and municipalities. Joint meeting planned this fall.
Website version of the Early Learning Framework: www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/oelf/
 - h) ELP Committee (Margaret)
Nothing new to report at this time.
 - i) Childcare – Shannon Brown
 - o At present no wait for childcare fee subsidy. Those on wait list often didn't need subsidy by the time they were called. Childcare professional development day – ½ day this year versus a full day. Anticipating 150 attendees.
 - o United Counties – new branding process. Print resources to be re-done. Due in Ontario in late fall.
 - o OEYC program booklets available now. Copies were distributed.
- 8. New Business**
- a) Read to Every Kid Breakfast October 12
 - o Year 3, will run again. Breakfast October 12, 2011 for service providers @ 8:45 am at health unit. Invitation to follow.
 - o \$10,000 from court fund for books and to fund program.
 - b) Reviewing our BSN Plan
To be done at October meeting.
 - c) ABA – (Applied Behaviour Analysis) Maxine Webber
Taking referrals. This is a new service for autistic children.
- 9. Next BSN Meeting – October 13, 2011 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at Laurier Fire Hall**