



**Meeting Notes**  
**Lead Table**  
**January 8, 2014**

**In Attendance:** Kevin Kapler CMHLG (co-chair); Dixie O'Reilly ICDP; Margaret Van Beers CDC Hotel Dieu; Allan Hogan FCSLLG; Sue Poldervaart RNJ; Jane Hess Health Unit; Loretta Corbeil United Way; Elizabeth Langlois Connect Youth; Elizabeth Green Making Play Possible; Jen McMaster UCDSB; Susan Turnbull CRCHC; Linda Chadwick LG libraries; Kim Little UCLG; Tom Jordan CDSBEO; Donna Vanderkloet BDACI; Sue Watts EEC; Sara Hammel TRICas; Jennifer Torode BGH; Danika Wentzel HCP; Harold Hess BSN; Sandra Devaney YMCA; Lois Dewey HCP; Maxine Weber SERAP; Gwendy Lapp Triple P; Tanis Brown Triple P

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Approval of Meeting Notes November 6**

**4. Actions Arising from November Meeting**

- a) Members will review the data entry for 211 within their own organizations. Kevin reminded members to continue to review entries on a program by program basis.
- b) Members will sign EKIOC membership agreements

Margaret reported that the signed agreements are posted on the website. Forms can be obtained at <http://everykid.on.ca/?s=membership+agreement&submit=Go>

- c) Members to send pictures of assets in action to Dave H for asset modules.  
None received as yet

**5. Business arising from previous meeting –**

- a) **Reviewing our Priorities** – reviewing our outcomes from December 4 and identifying next

Steps (Elizabeth Green and Margaret F.) Elizabeth presented the summary reports from the planning day. Members had no changes/additions. Members were asked to order the identified priorities and submit to Elizabeth. The summary reports will reflect the ordering. (Attached)

Jennifer T. asked how we define age of youth. Members agreed that this is something that needs to be clarified.

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There was discussion about the priority related to youth: *Focus on creating and reporting youth friendly communities*. Members asked about the criteria for youth friendly designation. Margaret commented that the criteria are very “mental well-being focused” and correlate well with Developmental Assets.

**Action: Margaret will send youth friendly criteria to members.**

There was also a question about how we are reaching out to at risk youth. Margaret responded that at risk youth are being reached through the work of agencies and coalitions like Youth Justice Community Partners.

Priorities will be shared with all EKIOC workgroups.

A discussion followed about how we track our success. Margaret F. spoke to work that has been done by Vibrant Communities and others around Collective Impact which identifies tools for shared measurement. **Action:** Margaret will forward articles on Collective Impact to members. [file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/mfancy/My%20Documents/ECD%20Planning/Collective%20Impact%20\\_%20Stanford%20Social%20Innovation%20Review.htm](file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/mfancy/My%20Documents/ECD%20Planning/Collective%20Impact%20_%20Stanford%20Social%20Innovation%20Review.htm)

There was discussion also about the priority: *Actively support poverty and prosperity initiatives in Leeds-Grenville*. Jane commented that the poverty issue is “bigger than Every Kid” and that representation on the Poverty Roundtable will be a mechanism for staying involved. Loretta, Kevin and Margaret already sit at the table. Loretta reported that the Poverty Roundtable has joined Vibrant Communities. <http://vibrantcommunities.ca/>

## 6. New Business

### a) Transition to Kindergarten Update—Margaret VB

Margaret reported that she, Margaret F. and Gillian Jackson from DSLG met with Val Allen and Tom Jordan Early Years Leads for UCDSB and CDSBEO respectively, to discuss the next steps for the West Leeds Pilot. The pilot has run for 3 years and funding is no longer available for the week long in school component (i.e. children attend school for a week in August for a play-based program run by ECEs and supported by other community partners. The 3 year summary evaluation of the report was shared with Tom and Val. It indicated that children and parents were less anxious about transition to school; parents are more likely to connect with school and community partners. The program costs about \$40 per child. Tom and Val indicated that they

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would like to pursue the idea of expanding the model across the Board. It has a proven track record (evidence-based and won award from Learning Partnership).

**b)** Refreshing our Workgroups – Margaret F.

Margaret commented that she will be contacting all workgroup chairs to discuss “refreshing” membership and upcoming priorities for the workgroups. In some cases the work of one group overlaps with the work of others. Margaret pointed out that a great deal of work has been done to support youth. She will be pulling together chairs of all the committees working with youth to share work being done and to identify gaps and possible overlap.

**c)** Update on Tricas/RNJ initiatives (Sue P. Sara)

Sara spoke about two projects:

i) Finding Our Way project -- youth recognized the need to coordinate services and identified family and friends and their first point of contact.

ii) On Our Way – this project was done in partnership with YJC and targeted youth transitioning into the justice system with the idea of looking at collaborative treatment planning. Tools for community partners to use in assessing youth at risk of addiction were shared.

Sue P. reported that, building on the two initiatives; RNJ and TriCAS brought together a Community of Interest, service providers working with youth at risk who want to meet more regularly. At the December meeting this group identified a goal of reaching out to engage families.

The Centre of Excellence will provide Knowledge Brokers for this initiative.

Members interested in joining the Community of Interest are asked to contact Sue P.

(rnj@cogeco.net)

Funding for this initiative is from CAMH and runs out at end of March.

Jane reported that the Health Unit will be hiring Peer Youth Leaders around the issues of Addictions and Mental Health. There is a requirement for a local advisory committee.

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**d) Update on Youth Housing Unit (Elizabeth L.)**

Elizabeth reported that Connect Youth has been contracted by UCLG to provide support/staff for a transitional housing unit for one youth age 16 to 21. There is a 21 day limit on residency and the unit is open to youth across Leeds-Grenville. The posting for a part time support worker has gone out. Margaret congratulated Connect Youth for reaching out to community partners for advice on this initiative.

## **7. Business Reports**

**a) Report from MCYS – Lesley Benderavage – no report**

**b) Report from Healthy Communities Partnership (Lois Dewey)**

Lois reported that the focus of HCP has been on the launch of the Healthy Communities Vision. The Stewardship Committee would like to get 100,000 endorsements for the vision.

**c) Coordinator’s Report (Margaret Fancy) (posted)**

Margaret reminded members of the closing event for Read to Every Kid on January 25 at new Elizabethtown-Kitley library.

Margaret reported on the value of attending the Rural Transportation Summit in Bancroft on November 15. There were representatives from MTO, Rural Secretariat, university research departments and a number of communities like LG who are working on the issue. She will summarize the summit for Transportation workgroup.

**Revisiting Service Coordination**

**d) Report from ASD Workgroup (standing agenda item) Kevin Kapler**

## **8. Roundtable Sharing/Updates**

EEC –Sue Watts reported that the Youth Employment Fund (geared to youth 15 to 29) has placed 21 youth. EEC will be providing ongoing job training relate to hiring trends.



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United Way – Loretta reported that United Way reached its fundraising goal.

She also informed members that she brought 2-1-1 magnets for distribution

Sue congratulated Elinor Utting (BDACI) Brandy Smith (Brockville Library) for their organization of Brockville Lunch and Learn. There were 13 in attendance for a presentation on social housing.

**Next Meeting – February 5, 2014**

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