



Coordinator/Business Report November 5, 2014

Reports from Windows of Focus

A. Early Years Window of Focus

1) Best Start Network Meeting October 9, 2014

a) Supporting French language Population

Area on website devoted to French language resources <http://everykid.on.ca/french-language-resources/>

Decision to explore a survey of service providers and potentially families to determine need for and availability of services in LG. We will explore working with Lanark on Tricounty survey.

b) Discussion on EDI –Members were asked to identify training needs. Jessica is working on training modules for EDI.

There was a suggestion that a two minute promo of EDI that service providers could use at staff meetings be prepared

c) Special Needs Strategy – There was discussion about the process for developing and implementing a new standard developmental screen for preschool children; Core components to optimize screening will use: “Many eyes”, “Many measures”, “Many situations” and “Many times” . In the interim we will continue to use Nippissing Screening Tool.

d) Transition to School – Tom and Margaret VB

Next steps: determine school interest in summer program (i.e. program at Linklater, St. Joseph and TIES) and determine capacity of community partners to support

Revamp regional committees that support FDK

Review WTK process/resources within the context of meaningful parent engagement

December meeting will be devoted to Transition to Kindergarten

e) Lunch and Learns – there is a will to go ahead. We need leadership in Gananoque and Prescott **(for discussion at Lead Table)**

Next Meeting November 13

2) Read to Every Kid Every Day

Official Closing – January 24, 10 a.m. Joshua Bates Centre Athens

Requests for additional funding have been submitted to TD Canada Trust and United Way.

3) Red Flags –revised document now available. It will be posted online. Those wishing a hard copy should contact Alexis Green alexis.green@healthunit.org

4) How Does Learning Happen? This is a professional learning resource for childcare and other professionals working with young children.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/HowLearningHappens.pdf>

We will be discussing the guiding principles and key messages from the document at our

B School Age

1) Children's Mental Health Initiatives Workgroup

Next meeting TBD.

2) Youth Services Workgroup – Meeting November 3 – there will be a report from this committee at Lead Table. **Next Meeting: December 1 (first Mondays of the month)**

3) Rural Youth Homelessness Summit – Perth October 20 – Sue P, Margaret and Elizabeth L. attended the summit. Keynote speaker Stephen Gaetz emphasized that solutions to youth homelessness need to be based on youth development/specific needs of young people. He emphasized that there needs to be an integrated systems approach to address homelessness (Health, Education, Corrections, Child Protection plus police, landlords, private sector) The focus needs to be transitions to adulthood, NOT transitions to independence. Prevention must include working with schools. Intervention based on 4 core principles: **Immediate access to housing with no preconditions, Youth choice and self-determination, Positive youth development focus, Individualized client-specific supports. (More information to be presented at Lead Table)**

4) Youth Engagement – Youth Engagement Squad meeting November 4 EEC. The Health Unit is offering two day training on meaningful Youth Engagement on November 20 and 21st at Health Unit in Smiths Falls. Click on [Eventbrite](#) to register.

5) C. Intersection

1) Triple P Next Meeting: – October 15 , 9:30 to 11:30 Health Unit

Practitioner Day November 3

School Boards becoming more engaged with Triple P

Tanis invited to present to Lanark BSN and Planning table

Next Meeting: November 12 9:30 Health Unit

2) Access to Recreation Meeting October 9

Members reviewed EDI data to determine neighbourhoods with highest vulnerability

There was a discussion about other sources of data and how best to avoid duplication.

We need to know where the gaps are in communities.

We need to have goals and objective; terms of reference.

We need to identify what the community sees as barriers and what the community wants.

Gap analysis, why is there a gap, how do we fill that gap?

Next Meeting: November 14 9:30 a.m. Health Unit

3) United Way – We were invited to submit an application for discretionary funds as they relate to United Way goals/pillars. The timeline was extremely short. We applied for \$5000 to support Read to Every Kid. Thanks Linda for the help with this. **Update: we passed Phase 1...Phase 2 due November 10**

We need to develop a more coordinated approach to applying for this funding in the future.

4) Developmental Assets Meeting October 21 – (Tawnya Boileau) Tawnya to draft a TOR and circulate to members for feedback. It was agreed upon that we would develop our TOR first, and then discuss direction/activities & recruitment of additional members at the next meeting. **Next Meeting: November 18 9:30 to 11 We need new members for this group!**

5) Special Needs Strategy Meeting November 24 (Margaret VB) Margaret provided an update on the Regional Meeting in Ottawa. The meeting brought together signatories for each proposal Proposals are to be prepared related to two areas: Integrated Service

Planning and Pediatric Rehabilitation. Timelines are short. Members agreed we would work as one table. \$40 000 is available for each proposal. A small group was identified to bring back recommendations re: budget spending to the next meeting (Margaret VB, Donna Davidson, Lanark Community Programs; Donna Vanderkloet BDACI). Members were encouraged to review the strategy and resources before the next meeting.

<http://specialneedsstrategy.children.gov.on.ca>.

Next Meeting November 12, 1 p.m. Frankville Resource Centre

6) Transportation – Meeting October 10 – Sue Watts will provide a full report at the Lead Table meeting. Next Meeting December 4 2p.m. EEC

7) Meetings

November 10 – Regional Planners Meeting Kingston 12 to 4

November 12 – Special Needs Strategy Frankville 1p.m

November 12 – Healthy Communities Partnership 1 p.m. Health Unit

November 13 – Best Start 1:30 to 3:30 UCDSB

November 14 – Access to Recreation Committee 9:30 Health Unit

November 18 – Developmental Assets 9:30 to 11

November 19 – Triple P Health Unit 9:30 to noon

November 19, 20 – ASIST Training Brockville

November 20 – Youth Justice Partners 9:30 RNJ

November 20 – Rural Recreation Summit 8:30 to 2:30 North Grenville Municipal Complex

November 20, 21 – Youth Engagement Training 9:30 to 3:30 Health Unit Smiths Falls

November 25 – Child and Family Centre Committee 9:30 to 11:30 UCLG

November 28 – Coordinating and Planning Meeting 1:30 to 3 Health Unit

December 1 – Youth Service Providers EEC

December 3 – Lead Table 9:30 to 11:30 UCDSB