



Coordinator/Business Report October 1, 2014

Reports from Windows of Focus

A. Early Years Window of Focus

1) Best Start Network Meeting September 11

- a) Nathalie Daoust from the Ministry of Education provided an update on current direction/goals.
- b) Priority areas were reviewed to determine current status of priority action areas and upcoming pressures/issues (Developmental Screening, Transition to School (including expansion of West Leeds Pilot), support for Aboriginal families, support for French language population, Service integration, Data, Support for Early Literacy)
- c) Alexis Green who is leading the Red Flags revision will meet with ad hoc committee supporting Checkered Flags to determine how the two can be presented as a seamless document.
- d) Step into Kindergarten programs were offered at the 3 West Leeds schools during August. Classes were full and anecdotal feedback very positive. Both English Boards have committed to providing in lieu time for ECEs to lead the program in other schools that express an interest. Members agreed that interested schools need to be identified early in the school year to allow for planning by community partners and school boards.
- e) French Catholic School Board will now have a representative on BSN.

2) Read to Every Kid Every Day

Titles have been chosen and ordered. Important Dates:

Community partners breakfast – September 25 – about 30 community partners joined us for announcement of the nominated books and distribution of kits.

Official Launch – October 4, 10 a.m. Front of Yonge Library

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.

B School Age

1) Children's Mental Health Initiatives Workgroup

September 16 Meeting was postponed until youth indicators are finalized.

- 2) **Youth Services Workgroup – Meeting September 9** – Members reviewed each of the priority areas on the Stepping Up Placemat and added to the list of how Leeds-Grenville partners are already addressing each. These will be collated and overlap/gaps/opportunities identified. A regular meeting date will be established for this group.

- 3) **Meeting with LLG Private Group Home Operators – September 24**—Community partners shared information about protocols/resources that might assist operators in their work (Threat Assessment, Suicide Intervention, Checkered Flags etc.) There was agreement that these meetings are valuable. Group home operators would like an opportunity to address their concerns with community partners.

4) C. Intersection

- 1) **Triple P Next Meeting: – October 15 , 9:30 to 11:30 Health Unit**
A smaller group will be met on September 6 to discuss data collection and plan for meeting to expand workgroups. There was discussion about collecting data that “makes sense”, i.e. number of families attending Parent Cafes, Seminars etc.
- 2) **Access to Recreation Meeting September 4** – Members decided to approach the issue on a community by community basis. The following process was identified:
- a) Review of EDI profiles and other data to determine priority communities
 - b) Meetings set up with community partners in identified communities to determine needs/strengths, share asset indicators
 - c) Focus will be on after school
 - d) Target date: January start
 - e) Volunteers for each community meeting need to be identified.
- Danika Wentzel (Health Unit) and Beth Steel (YMCA) will co-chair this committee
Next Meeting: October 9 9:30 UCDSB

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

4) **Bridges out of Poverty Training October 2 – Smiths Falls**

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bridges-out-of-poverty-strategies-for-professionals-and-communities-tickets-12242394331?aff=es2&rank=1>

- 5) **Fall Newsletter Ministry of Education** – Tom Jordan has kindly provided a copy of Ministry of Education Fall Newsletter. It provides an overview of direction/priorities; very useful reference for community partners. (Posted with agenda etc.)
- 6) **Meeting with Health Nexus** – Jessica Deschamp-Baird, Gillian Jackson and I were excited to meet with Health Nexus staff who shared the results of our partner survey. There were many interesting observations about how we are working together and at what levels. The survey will be shared in December.
- 7) **Healthy Kids Challenge** – as you know our application for the grant has been approved. Thanks to the workgroup (Keith, Elaine Murkin, Claire Farella Health Unit, Sue Dunfield Rideau Lakes, Karen McDonald-Hurley, and Kim Little (who chaired and kept us on track). We are very excited to move ahead with the planning.

8) Meetings

October 2 – Bridges out of Poverty Smiths Falls
October 4 – Read to Every Kid Launch 10 a.m. Front of Yonge Library
October 6 – West Leeds Pilot Luncheon 1p.m. Riva Gananoque
October 8 – Healthy Community Partnership 1p.m. Smiths Falls Health Unit
October 9 – Access to Recreation Committee 9:30 Upper Canada District School Board
October 9 – Best Start Network 1:30 to 3:30 Upper Canada District School Board
October 15 – Triple P Workgroup 9:30 to 11:30 Health Unit
October 16 – Youth Justice Community Partners 9:30 to 11 RNJ
October 20 – Rural Homelessness Forum Codes Mills Perth
October 21 – Developmental Assets Workgroup 9:30 Health Unit
October 24 – Special Needs Strategy Workgroup 10 to 12 Frankville
October 30 – Healthy Kids Challenge Workgroup 1:30 to 3 UCLG

9) Updates from Members

- Welcome to Diana Deakin Thomas, new CEO of Brockville and area YMCA
- Congratulations to Candice Kaine who will be retiring in early November

