



## Every Kid in Our Communities

*Working together so that all children and youth in Leeds & Grenville are safe, healthy and valued*

### Meeting Notes – Lead Table

Via Zoom

January 6, 2021

**In Attendance: Cecilia Clapson EEC; Karen Woods UCLG; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Kimberley Gavan BDACI; Jane Hess LLGHU; Christine Radford United Way; Sue Poldervaart RNJ; Melissa Francis Immigration Partnership; Mary Lynn Villeneuve Volunteer Centre; Sonya Jodoin VSLG; Emily Farrell Brockville Library; Margaret Van Beers KidsInclusive; Greg Francis Brockville Police Services; Jane Fullarton BBBS; Tom Turner DSLG; Alison Inglis UCDSB; Laurie Bourne-Mackeigan ARCC; Bev Heuvig Interval House; Don Lewis UCDSB; Lesley Hubbard Girls Inc.; Marci Bruyere CRCHC; Margaret Fancy EKIOC**

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Approved

#### 3. Approval of Meeting Notes December 2

Business Arising – (addressed in agenda)

#### 4. Collective Impact

##### ✚ Common Agenda

**Topic of cross-sector interest –**

**Wellness Access for Youth (WAY) (Gwendy Lapp) (ppt attached)**

***A collaborative “hub” model in North Grenville***

Gwendy outlined the partnerships that came together to plan for the hub, services provided and projects to date. She highlighted an opportunity for youth engagement training on February 4.

Discussion – What principles/practices might be incorporated into our collaborative work.

Members discussed:

- Single point of access
- Diverse partners (e.g., Hospital)
- Collaborative governance model with Terms of Agreement signed by all partners
- Parent voice (PLEO)
- Service navigator
- Ongoing youth engagement efforts

## ✚ **Continuous Communication**

### **School updates/partner support (Michelle, Alison, Don)**

- As expected with lockdown community partners cannot enter schools
- Students are expected to attend in person
- Alison has reminded schools that social workers are available to assist and that community partners are still needed
- Funding received for stability and transportation to support kids in care
- Teachers are not essential workers for emergency childcare

### **Discussion – Supporting staff wellbeing during COVID**

- Health Unit provided \$25 and thank you cards to support wellness
- Sonya – set up counselling for staff
- Emily – social committee at library set up mini-contests for prizes  
Being proactive about communication
- Rob holds virtual town hall every two months. Important for leaders to acknowledge their own feelings. Christmas celebration pizza for all staff

**Actions: Margaret will forward “checking in” activities to use with staff from Tamarack**

**Staff and leader wellbeing will remain a standing item on the agenda**

## ✚ **Mutually Reinforcing Activities**

Issues/projects inviting feedback/collaboration

Jane – looking for volunteers to contribute time at a clinic

Sonya –VSLG received a human trafficking grant

Connect Youth – received funding for mobile resources for youth

Sue P – still building on coordinated effort for Youth Activity Kits Project

## ✚ **Backbone**

Coordinator’s Report (Margaret) (posted)

Margaret highlighted Early Years Service Providers Committee’s plans to support virtual WTK activities. Members interested in participating should contact Margaret

**Next Meeting: February 3**