



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

Meeting Notes Lead Table April 7, 2021

In Attendance: Sue Poldervaart RNJ (chair); Margaret Van Beers KidsInclusive; Sonya Jodoin VSLG; Karen Woods UCLG; Tom Turner DSLG; Bev Heuving Interval House; Emily Farrell LG libraries; Cecilia Clapson EEC; Kimberley Gavan BDACI; Marci Bruyere Country Roads; Jane Fullarton BBBS; Debbie Jonkman FCSLLG; Laurie Bourne Mackeigan ARCC; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Christena Kube; CDSBEO; Don Lewis UCDSB; Chris Radford UWLG; Margaret Fancy EKIOC; Naomi McNeil MDS (guest); Robyn Holmes Connect Youth

1. Introductions – Sue invited introductions.

**2. Approval of Agenda
Approved**

**3. Approval of Meeting Notes March 3
Approved**

4. Mutual Reinforcing Activities – Continuous Communication

i) Status of Municipal Drug Strategies

➤ **Brockville MDS – Naomi McNeil**

In 2020:

- 165 reported drug overdoses in LG
- 40% are never reported
- 14 overdose deaths
- 85% involved fentanyl use

MDS Pillars:

- Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment
- Justice

Poverty and Trauma play a big role

Advocacy around evidence-based treatments

Pillar groups are made up of local experts and community members. The voice of lived experience is key (Harm reduction pillar)

Accumulating qualitative data on lived experience

Looking to apply for funding

How can EKIOC or CYI support the prevention pillar?
Decision that this work links closely with CYI. Margaret and Don will bring to that group

➤ **South Grenville and Gananoque**

South Grenville appears to be on hold. Jane Hess is looking for support at Health Unit.

Gananoque MDS put together a report that has gone to Council.

➤ **Identification of gaps**

Decision to continue conversation at CYI

➤ **How Community Partners can Support**

School Boards –

Don reported that Greg Francis (Brockville Police) and Jen Adams (Health Unit) will lead a virtual assembly at TISS on April 8

There will be a community meeting with parents related to fentanyl use. Don will forward the date.

Michelle reported that CDSBEO is working with Lung Association around vaping and cannabis

ii) **Following up on 2-1-1 Presentation**

Discussion on where we collectively want to go in terms of using 2-1-1

Margaret VB asked if it would make sense to do a service navigation check-in among our network members

With attention and discussion is there a way we can better integrate it?

211 provides community level data – can we make an investment in keeping data accurate and up to date?

2-1-1 is a starting point – an addition to what's in place

Kimberley Gavan and Jane F. commented that 211 feels antiquated. There is a richness in relationships leading to “warm handoff”

➤ **Developing a Coordinated Approach**

Kim Gavan, Margaret VB and Cecilia Clapson will form a work group to bring back recommendations.

iii) **Asset Builder Event**

➤ **Do we want to go ahead?** Consensus to go ahead with event. Kim suggested recognizing teams for their work as opposed to individuals. Emphasis on connectedness... working together

➤ **Who will work on it?** Margaret F., Michelle Neville, and a staff person from BDACI

5. **Continuous Communication**

i) **Update on Ontario Health Teams (Lorena) (tabled)**

ii) **Update on Schools**

No news on what is happening after April break

New quadmester after break

April 19 is Virtual Learning Day

iii) Good News

Funding for Mobile Sexual Assault Centre – ARCC and Victim Services \$687000 has been received from provincial government for a mobile sexual assault centre. This will greatly benefit rural communities.

Funding for Children’s Treatment Centres – Margaret VB announced a provincial investment of \$60 million a year for new annualized funding. This will allow expansion of services; working towards a more integrated service system.

Members congratulated Don Lewis on his appointment of Acting Superintendent of Education for UCSB.

6. Backbone

Coordinator’s Report

Margaret reminded members of Safety and Wellbeing Planning Community Partners Day on April 23 and Equality Diversity and Inclusion planning on April 28.

**7. Next Meeting
May 5**