

## Community Youth Initiative

### **AGENDA**

March 15, 2021, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Teams Meeting

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In Attendance: Don Lewis UCDSB (chair); Margaret Fancy EKIOC; Trish Buote UWLG; Sue Poldervaart RNJ; Cameron Wales Brockville City Council; Jeremy Zeran BYAC; Gwendy Lapp WAY; Alison Inglis UCDSB; Victoria Robertson EEC; Sarah VSLG; Debbie Jonkman FCSLLG; Jane Hess Health Unit;

1.0 Review and Additions to Agenda  
Approved

2.0 Review of February 22, 2021 Meeting Notes  
Approved

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Welcome to Gwendy Lapp, WAY (Wellness Access for Youth)

Gwendy provided an overview of WAY:

- Started in 2016
- Collaborative effort lead by Kemptville General Hospital and CMHLG
- Service providers unsure of where to refer children and youth who were struggling
- Additional partners were engaged (LLGAMH, PLEO, RNJ, Health Unit, Connect Youth, DSLG)
- Not a bricks and mortar hub
- Connect Youth provides navigation

Discussion about combining 800 number for other communities

Cameron asked if BGH has been approached

3.2 Update re connecting with Youth – Jeremy Zeran et al

Jeremy reported that he had spoken with Hope at Stingers about attendance and who is participating.

He also commented on the inconsistency related to social media posts on what is being offered for youth.

Jeremy suggested a centralized platform for flow of information.

How can we make it easy for service providers to post to a page?

Could we get a youth to manage a branded page?

Action: Jeremy will check with youth at Stingers and YMCA.

How do we access grant support?

Suggested Canada Summer Jobs and EEC.  
Need to look at metrics.

Youth Activity Kits – funding runs out at end of month. Need to find creative ways to fund this

Summer programmes for youth – How has COVID affected what agencies planned to offer in the summer?

Action: Margaret will conduct a survey of agencies to determine what is being offered in the summer

### 3.3 Gan Update – Margaret

Planning for youth recreation in Gananoque continues:

The YMCA has prepared a high-level budget to coordinate programs

Michael Stanley (BDACI) has been working to build grassroots support

Mayor Lojko has committed municipal funds to the project.

United Way funding is being explored.

### 3.4 Work plan review

#### 3.4.1 What are gaps now/next steps

Members are asked to bring ideas to next meeting.

## 4.0 Roundtable/Other Business

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 19, 2021

Agenda items: