

Community Youth Initiative

MEETING NOTES

December 13, 2019, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
438 Laurier Avenue, Brockville

In Attendance: Sue Poldervaart RNJ (co-chair); Emily Farrell Brockville Public Library, Elisabeth Meyer EEC ; Alison Inglis UCDSB; Louise Mulder UCDSB; Erin Lee Marcotte FCSLLG; Tom Fournier Brockville Police; Margaret Fancy EKIOC.

- 1.0 Review and Additions to Agenda – Sue reviewed agenda... she suggested that the meeting focus on reviewing the workplan, providing updates on progress and identifying next steps.
- 2.0 Review of November 15, 2019 Meeting Notes -- Approved
- 3.0 Review of Workplan – (See separate document attached with updates to the workplan.

Youth Activities and Programming in Community

- a) Calendar – Emily hasn't done a calendar as yet
Action: Emily will follow up with Don Lewis to establish a subcommittee to work on this.
Alison suggested that there be a reminder to youth on day of event
Youth defined as Grades 7 to 12
Question: who owns the administration of this?
Action: get feedback from youth about what platform is best for getting information out – quick poll at Stingers as kids are signing in
- b) Programming - Sue reported that attendance at Stingers has decreased. There was discussion about the registration form being a barrier
Actions: Sue will follow up with Andrew Partners to promote Stingers on sites
Sue talked to Lorena about being creative about MPP ... e.g. sponsoring a group to take guitar lessons
Youth Drop in – BBBS – just got \$10000

- c) Advocacy and Transportation – start time of school day is problematic for high school – we would like to advocate as a group for a school day that is more aligned with adolescent development

Action: Alison, Don and Louise to guide the group re: how to advocate

Next Steps to include presentation to Youth Advisory Council (Brockville) re: access to bussing

Use data that has been collected

Partner with existing organizations

Action: follow up with Cameron Wales/Jane Fullarton, who sit on

Transportation committee (Marg. F) – review taskforce report

Could bus be available after youth events with large attendance

Margaret can reach out to rec. directors in various communities

Safety

How does this link to Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan? Plan has gone to in camera meeting of Brockville Council. A presentation has been made to Gananoque Council. Group would like to provide input on some of the implementation pieces.

Municipal drug strategy

Tom – will meet with city staff to talk about needle clean up – will target areas that were identified in some of the data collected in summer

Vision is for community to advocate for MDS

Jan 29 is a potential date for a community education

Look to putting disposal containers in public bathrooms

Taking more guns and knives from addicts

Gang activity – how to keep gangs from forming

Alison – City of Glasgow – community focus on decreasing knife crimes

Got everyone involved.

The Glasgow approach

Action: Alison will send Glasgow study to members.

Keep an eye on Planet Youth – active in Lanark, we need to watch and bring back information from the progress of this group to LG. Alison is on planning committee

Wellness

CMHLG has been working with LLGMHA ... LLGAMH is willing to offer a staff for one day a week. Looking at different models of service

Alison spoke about the need for extended hours for walk in clinic

Alison would be happy to help offer addictions support in schools.

Emily – what is being done to support families?

Schools are limited in terms of how they can talk about harm reduction

Education –

Harm reduction, human trafficking

Library can offer space for community information sessions

Jane and Don – can provide public education re: different drugs

Facebook live was suggested as a good medium for providing education

Justice Partners

Many of same partners

Action: Louise will be the liaison with this group

Purpose: share, update what's happening in various agencies

Next Meeting Date: Friday, January 10 @1:00 – Family and Children's
Services, 438 Laurier Blvd. Brockville

Meetings will be the 2nd Friday of every month at 1:00

Meeting notes prepared by Marg Fancy