

## **AGENDA**

February 22, 2021, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Teams Meeting

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In Attendance: Don Lewis (chair)UCDSB; Patricia Kyle LLGAMH; Laurie Bourne Mackeigan ARCC; Tom Fournier Brockville Police; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Sue Poldervaart RNJ Youth Services; Jeremy Zeran Brockville YAC; Jane Hess Health Unit; Trish Buote UWLG; Rob Adams YMCA; Cameron Wales Brockville City Council; Christina Kiebe CDSBEO; Sarah VSLG; Debbie Jonkman FCSSLG

### Welcome/Introductions

1.0 Review and Additions to Agenda  
Approved

2.0 Review of January 18, 2021 Meeting Notes  
Approved

2.1 Business arising

### Youth Activities

- Sue P reported that Stingers has started up again
- Rob reported that Y drop in opening on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to social distancing a couple of spaces have been converted to allow more youth to attend

Y is working with Connect youth and Girls Inc.

3.0 Patricia Kyle, CEO – LLGAMH

Patricia introduced herself and expressed interest on working with CYI group to address issues related to youth. Don provided an update on the agreement between LLGAMH, RNJ, CMHLG, Open Doors, CDSBEO, and UCDSB that would provide for a designated youth worker. He commented on the emphasis on getting youth to services. The Activity Kit Project has been used to help distribute information about service to youth. Margaret and Trish reported on the Gananoque youth recreation project. They had a successful meeting with Mayor Lojko and Councillor Harper and will be hearing back from them about a proposal to fund a coordination position

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Youth engagement coordination – Margaret reported that the new Youth Engagement coordinator at CMHLG is still developing a workplan and

working with the Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement. The plan still is to pull all the youth engagement pieces together under her role.

#### 4.1.1 Calendar of Events – do we need a calendar?

Margaret suggested that we need a lead for this goal

Sue P. suggested that we need to go back to youth.

How do we reach out to them?

Michelle suggested that kids from Stingers are a good focus group.

Don and Michelle commented that perhaps time to move ahead.

Need to know how kids get information

Discussion about offering gift cards for participation

Don will follow up with Rob re: days that Y is open

#### 4.1.2 Clarifying platform for communication

### 4.2 Work plan review

#### 4.2.1 What we've achieved

##### Calendar of events –

First step – talk to youth

How do we promote what's going on in community?

What is our scope? Agreement that it needs to be Counties wide. If we don't keep this as our focus we will lose it.

Margaret will reach out to Gwendy Lapp at WAY to attend the next meeting

Connect Youth is also key here

Sue pointed out that Activity Kits project was meant to pull together information... in short term this could be a way of reaching out to youth across LG.

##### Timetable for school day

Tabled for now but will remain on plan for future conversations with Boards

Transportation advocacy

Cameron recommended targeting the fall for a pilot

Jane Hess suggested 2022 might be a more realistic target

MDS (Tom Fournier)

### 3 Task groups

Focussing on peer-to-peer interaction to address social isolation

Adding programmes through LLGAMH

Asset building is key as part of prevention

Working on destigmatization – health care issue as opposed to

Police issue

Jane – Health Unit has received Health Canada grant for

substance use – have hired peer support workers

Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans link to MDS –

Margaret mentioned that there was concern that MDS in Prescott

is no longer meeting. Jane will follow up

#### Public Education

Michelle felt the Lung Association might assist with this.

Michelle will send the contact information with Don

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

This will be homework for next meeting

Don will follow up with getting student voice at Y and Stingers

#### 5.0 Roundtable/Other Business

Jeremy will look at developing a tool that can reflect what is happening for youth.

Next Meeting – March 15 2:30