

Community Youth Initiative

Meeting Notes

January 18, 2020, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Teams Meeting

In Attendance: Don Lewis UCDSB; Trish Buote United Way; Jane Fullarton Big Brothers Big Sisters; Jeremy Zeran Brockville YAC; Emily Farrell BPL; Sheri McMullen CMHLG; Tom Fournier BPS; Louise Mulder UCDSB; Sue Poldervaart RNJ Youth Services; Sonya Jodoin; Victim Services; Victoria Robertson EEC; Alison Inglis UCDSB; Rob Adams YMCA; Margaret Fancy EKIOC

Welcome/Introductions

Don welcomed members

1.0 Review and Additions to Agenda

No Additions

2.0 Review of December 14, 2020 Meeting Notes

Approved

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Summary of work

Update on Gananoque – Margaret reported that Council has offered space above Lou Jeffries arena. With the lockdown it isn't possible to take advantage of the space immediately. There will be a push on promoting activity kits and circulating information about youth services. Michael Stanley (BDACI) is working on recruiting local champions.

Sue will meet with United Way to talk about possible funding

Update on Schools – Don reported that they plan to be back by January 25

Supposition that decisions will be made regionally

4.0 New Business

4.1 Youth engagement coordination

- Sheri McMullen community youth coordinator from CMHLG reported that she is in developmental stages of her role. She is working on a plan using Quality Standards developed by Centre of Excellence. Challenge to engage Real Talk members in virtual meetings.

- Rob provided information on YMCA Teen Drop In... 2 rooms for teens opened 5 days a week
Virtual programming is being offered
- Emily reported on curbside pickup at the Brockville Library; looking forward to face to face to be able to offer more programs downtown
- Sue P. reported that Activity Kits were having a positive impact on mental health. The project has passed its goal in terms of number of unique individuals served. Y activities will be added to calendar
- Jane F. reported that kids are looking to spend more face-to-face time

Discussion about the need to create central communication about what is happening for youth. Suggestions included calendar, Facebook, Instagram; need to determine best platform to use.

Rob suggested one Instagram account that everyone could use.

Alison suggested shared Instagram accounts, a central repository

Sheri asked if there are youth looking for a project... can we provide incentives

Poster outlining youth services – Jeremy will redesign for other social media platforms. Members encouraged to distribute widely.

4.2 MDS update – awareness

Tom reported that task groups have been created. They include:

Community Education – de-stigmatization

Looking at a community awareness campaign – will let this committee know how they can get the message out.

Engaging Persons with Lived Experience

Coordination of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Group met with MP, MPP

There is a correlation between strictness of lockdowns and overdoses

4.3 Update on youth addiction services

Alison and Michelle reported on an agreement that has been signed between LLGAMH, RNJ, CMHLG, Open Doors, CDSBEO, and UCDSB that would provide for a designated youth worker. Alison reported that a Coordinated Service Planning approach would be used.

5.0 Work plan refresh – tabled until next meeting

5.0 Roundtable/Other Business (deferred)

Next Meeting Date: Mon., Feb. 22 because of Family Day on 15th
Regular meeting date; 3rd Monday in month

Agenda items:

- Possible: invite to lead of mental health addictions