

Community Youth Initiative

Meeting Notes

July 7, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Don Lewis UCDSB Chair; Sue Poldervaart RNJ Youth; Sonya Jodoin; Greg Francis Brockville Police; Debbie Jonkman FCSSLG; Tom Fournier Brockville Police; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Mary Lynn Villeneuve Volunteer Centre; Lorena Crosbie CMHLG; Cameron Wales Brockville City Council; Margaret Fancy EKIOC

Welcome/Introductions—Introductions were made. Don was welcomed as new chair for CYI.

1.0 Review and Additions to Agenda -- none

2.0 Review of June 23, 2020 Meeting Notes
Accepted.

3.0 Actions arising from the Meeting Notes

- Posters – distribution plan

There was discussion related to distribution of posters.

All members are asked to distribute widely on social media including Instagram and Snapchat.

Suggestions for distribution included:

Hospitals, Health Unit Parent Lifeline (Michelle); Municipalities (Margaret), Insert in youth activity kits; grocery stores, McDonalds, bathroom stalls (as COVID restrictions are lifted)

It was suggested that we get input from youth in terms of locations.

Reminder that items need to be shared a number of times.

Action: Members to contact Margaret if they need hard copies.

Thanks to Jeremy for doing the poster for us!

- Youth Engagement

Lorena reported that Real Talk group continues to meet every two weeks.

The facilitator's position is being reposted; Lorena suggested that the new role focus on community-wide youth engagement, pulling

together/coordinating the pieces of the work that is being done. There

was agreement that a youth engagement committee work as part of

Every Kid in our Communities (develop a workplan)

Michelle suggested connecting with Sources of Strength from CDSBEO.
Need to map projects, organizations.

Quarterly student engagement meetings were suggested

Action: Margaret will take the proposal for the committee to Lead Table for approval.

- Youth Activities Project (Sue P)

Sue reported that the project received \$54000 from United Way COVID fund. A coordinator will be hired for the project, leaving about \$20000 for supplies. The coordinator's position will be posted asap. Over 17 agencies have indicated an interest in participating; a partners meeting will be called soon. Age range for the project is 8 to 17.

There will need to be some fundraising.

Don asked about the need for representation from education and there was agreement that this would be valuable

- Homelessness Initiative (Sue P. for Victoria)

There will be two apartments available for youth by August 1

Interviews have taken place for a coordinator for the project. Connect Youth, RNJ and EEC are the lead partners.

4.0 COVID-19 Response and Planning

- Masking in Agencies

Lorena is reaching out to the Health Unit. CMHLG is looking at a balance between virtual and face to face.

Question – below what age do you not mask?

6.0 Successes to Date (see Workplan)

5.0 Review /Revision of Work Plan (see Workplan)

Actions Related to Workplan

Youth Activities and Programming –

- Common Platform – connect with work of youth engagement committee (Margaret, Sue P, Emily?)

Transportation

- Cameron to follow up on exploring more "youth friendly" routes and times
- Margaret will follow up with rural municipalities and continue research on

best practices

Safety/Wellness

MDS

- Greg will follow up with Tom Fournier about needle boxes at methadone clinic Addictions and Mental Health
- Don will connect with Lorena and Shawn Souder to set up meeting to discuss youth services

6.0 Roundtable/Other Business

Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2020 1-3

- Agenda items: Next steps from Workplan