



Working together so that all children and youth in Leeds & Grenville are safe, healthy, and valued

**Meeting Notes
Lead Table
November 3, 2021**

In Attendance: Lorena Crosbie CMHLG (chair); Sue Poldervaart RNJ; Tom Turner DSLG; Trish Buote UWLG; Emily Farrell Brockville Library; Michelle Neville CDSBEO; Melissa Francis Immigration Partnership; Christine Radford UWLG; Margaret Van Beers KidsInclusive; Jane Rudolph EEC; Robyn Holmes Connect Youth; Kim Gavan BDACI; Marci Bruyere CRCHC; Lesley Hubbard Girls Inc.; Patricia Kyle LLAGMH; Rob Adams YMCA; Margaret Fancy EKIOC; Laurie Bourne MacKeigan ARCC; Jane Fullarton BBBS

1. Welcome and Reflection

Lorena welcomed members.

Margaret read a reflection related to National Day of the Child on November 20.
(Attached to minutes)

2. Introductions – Table introductions were made.

**3. Approval of Agenda
Approved.**

**4. Approval of Meeting Notes October 6
Approved.**

5. Agency Profile – RNJ Youth Services (PowerPoint attached to minutes)

A discussion followed related to increasing community awareness of RNJ through possible rebranding.

Sue reported that RNJ board is aware of potential risk related to service overlap and funding gaps (Connections)

Action: Sue will provide suggestions for content of advocacy letter to Ministry of Education re: Connections.

a) Mutually Reinforcing Activities/Continuous Communication Report on Equity Survey (Kimberly, Debbie, Robyn, Melissa, Margaret)

■ Next steps

Committee members shared a draft workplan for the next year
(attached to minutes)

The workplan was approved.

b) #IPledgeChallenge – EKIOC – photo

A group photo of pledges was taken and will be shared on social media

c) Coordinating Christmas Efforts – how do we share information/access support

Members discussed how to share information about needs of clients at Christmas, particularly requests that come in at the last minute
Margaret shared the template that was circulated last year outlining support available from various agencies.

Action: agreement to circulate a list again this year.

Margaret will coordinate.

Members to complete and return information by November 15.

d) School updates (Don and Michelle)

Michelle reported that intervention and not prevention services are allowed in schools

e) Announcement by Connect Youth (Robyn)

Connect Youth has received a \$300 000 grant to address youth homelessness. They will be leasing the site of former LCBO at Brockville Shopping Centre. Some of the space will be for community partner use.

6. Discussion – Moving Towards the New Normal

The trend in online support offers multiple services to families often not local. More options can impact target #s

Will virtual services be the new normal? Kim commented that virtual services create barriers for those living in poverty or with low literacy levels.

There was agreement that a conversation needs to be further conversation.

7. Backbone – Coordinator’s Report (in agenda package)

Margaret highlighted:

Plans to explore a workshop with frontline Early Years Service Providers to discuss key issues.

Triple P – there are funds available to support training.

There will be a fulsome update in the new year.

Next Meeting

December 1