

COMMUNITY YOUTH INITIATIVE
 WORKPLAN
 Updated: September 24, 2021

Objective/Theme	Activities	Person Responsible
Youth Activities and Programming in the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -calendar of events –what is happening and where? How do we feed into this? -searchable map for youth, where youth can actually search for things on their phones Update September 29 YMCA drop ins have started – has run at capacity (15) – space is shared with community Jade Cote will take on responsibility of updating calendar Sue P reported that a “Stingers on the Move” is possible to fill gaps outside of Brockville Youth Activities Project – activities being distributed every 2 weeks Youth Job Connection (EEC) will be reaching out to determine need in communities -Vision would be for any organization to upload events -question- who owns the administration of this? -getting feedback from youth about what platform is best – quick poll at Stingers on Tuesday night as they are signing in -age range –grade 7 to 12 -need to explore the registration/liability forms at Stingers – this has been expressed as prohibitive by some youth - Sue to follow up with Andrew. Sue will be promoting again. -Explore how to creatively use Making Play Possible funds (i.e. for a group of kids, rather than individual). Group needs to think about ideas and gain input from youth. -Explore support for weekend activities (Jane F pursuing Trillium grant) Update July 7 – Successes Some feedback gained through Stingers at Y Friday night groups and through TKOK consultation. Need to explore common platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Emily to follow up with Don Lewis to start sub group Sue P Partners to promote Stingers on sites

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	<p>Action: Role this into work of youth engagement committee Suggestion of accessing MPP funds Still exploring weekend activities. Lorena reported that youth engagement position has been advertised.</p> <p>Jeremy- Working on ways to connect youth through social media, reaching out to youth on ways for they get / receive information; info through school announcements/flyers, identifying a variety of activities, importance of connecting partnership through their friends, value of word or mouth, Robyn – ability to support with transportation to activities and filling gaps with arts activities; Y programs beginning for youth double-vaccd;</p> <p>Sue – Youth Activity Kits wrapped up end of August as Covid specific project; 5000+ kits delivered; Stingers pop-ups, attendance increasing since school restarts, looking for agencies back to help run activities</p>	
Advocacy	<p>-start time of school day is problematic for high school/adolescents– we would like to advocate as a group for a school day that is more aligned with adolescent development Letter written by Erin Lee and Margaret and shared with Board chairs. Tabled because of COVID</p> <p>-transportation advocacy (free buses, buses available for youth specific nights e.g. Y youth night)– should we do this through Council’s youth advisory? Tom, Margaret, Jennifer Labelle, Cameron met with Brockville CEO. Pilot youth bussing plan approved by Council.</p>	<p>Allison, Don and Louise to guide the group re: how to advocate</p> <p>Margaret to speak with Cameron Wales</p>
Transportation	<p>-how do the bus routes and fees work to be youth friendly -is there a way we can be providing free bussing in the community -follow up with Cameron Wales/Jane Fullarton, who sit on transportation committee (Marg F) – review the taskforce report -Explore rural access to transportation for in town events, should go through Municipal Rec directors or committee – Margaret can follow up <u>July 7</u> Could we look at different routes at different times of day...</p>	

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	<p>Rural transportation – Margaret will connect with recreation directors and will continue research on best practices.</p> <p>Cameron will look into youth transportation pilot – is there a need for vouchers?</p> <p>Council approved pilot youth transit pilot project – tickets provided to agencies in community to assist with getting youth to activities, River route (Cardinal) ends at 5:30 pm;</p>	
Safety/Wellness	<p>-Consider Community Safety and Wellbeing plan –it’s complete but not sure how it’s been rolled out – and whether we can input some of the implementation pieces</p> <p>-Municipal Drug Strategy – Tom has attended meetings since we last met. Jan 10th meeting that Tom is attending with some City staff</p> <p>-harm reduction – needle clean up will target areas that were identified in some of the data collected in summer. Southwest end of Brockville is where greatest volume of needles are found.</p> <p>-vision is for community to advocate for MDS</p> <p>-Jen Adams has written proposal to use Wall St Church as a warming shelter</p> <p>-Jan 29th is a potential date for a community education</p> <p><u>July 7</u></p> <p>Tom spoke to Brockville CEO re: needle exchange boxes</p> <p>MDS – need to bring in youth piece</p> <p>Question – is there needle drop off at methadone clinic.</p> <p>Action Greg will follow up with Tom.</p> <p>Tom – MDS has had a couple of meetings so far. Would like a member from LLGAMH and looking for youth members</p> <p>Shawn will be contact for LLGAMH</p> <p>There have been 13 overdoses since March in LG.</p> <p>-Planet Youth – very active in Lanark, we need to watch and bring back info from how that is gaining traction and how it can link to Leeds-Grenville</p> <p><u>July 7</u></p> <p>Grade 10 surveys moving ahead in Lanark schools Michelle will continue to act as liaison.</p>	

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	<p>Questions re: COVID will be added to surveys. September 29 – Planet Youth is on hold for the time being December – Municipal Drug strategy Steering Committee has been established</p> <p>-CMH has been working with LLG Addictions and Mental Health to try and build capacity at CMH around addictions issues for youth (e.g. staff person from Addictions and Mental Health to spend day a week with CMH to work with their staff) -What other opportunities are there for addictions supports to be in schools ? Still a challenge accessing services through LLGAMH Often went through schools for referrals before COVID—challenge will be accessing kids in school Action: Don will reach out to Lorena and Shawn Souder for a meeting re: addiction services... this needs to come to larger meeting.</p> <p>Brockville MDS – connection for youth to community agencies re diversion, addictions support; work on at-stigma campaign</p> <p>Partnership with RNJ, CMHLG, School Boards and Addictions supporting youth access addictions support</p>	
Public Education	<p>-library can make space available for public info sessions -HT sessions -Jane Hess and Don – public education re: different drugs -Facebook livestreaming could be used as a communication mechanism -youth justice committee – Louise can be the liaison b/w it and this group July 7 –need to follow up on Facebook Livestreaming Michelle can potentially offer ASSIST training September 29 Don – there are still barriers for youth accessing services Lorena will schedule a meeting with Alison, Shawn, Don, Michelle and Sue P to discuss addiction services Sessions with MDS and addictions for community Both boards partnership with Lung Health re Vaping and Cannabis use;</p>	

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	Session coming from CDSBEO for youth re use; need for education for parents re impacts of vaping as well of the dangers from vaping use; potentially partner on a parent night re this as well.	
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