

FNMI PLANNING WORKING GROUP MINUTES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017, 9:30-11:30AM, COMMUNITY WELLBEING CENTRE, TYENDINAGA

IN ATTENDANCE: Nicole Brant, Tracey Gazley, Callie Hill, Margo Russell-Bird, Donna Kaye, Jessica Anderson, Sarah Phoenix, Susan Ramsay, Wendy Anderson

REGRETS: Allison Brant, Susan Sweetman, Robin Simpson, Julie K London, Tracey Dale, Holly Olmstead, Brandi Hildebrand, Diana Barlow, Johanna Goodfellow, Sarah Dunkley, Angela Maracle, Diane Martin, Holly Olmstead

PURPOSE:

- ✓ To complete the 2016/17 Early Child Development – FNMI Planning Template for approval by the Children and Youth Services Network and submission to the Ministry of Education.
- To engage and strengthen relationships among service providers serving indigenous children, youth and families, and work together to plan for the delivery of more seamless and integrated services for FNMI children and families throughout HPE.

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| 1. Opening and introductions | Tracey offered a smudge. Sarah Phoenix from North Hastings Children’s Services welcomed! | | |
| 2. Accept minutes from Nov. 18th | Accepted | | All minutes are available at www.hpechildrenandyouth.ca |
| 3. Business arising: a) Traditional Lands Statement | The group agreed upon the need for a statement at the beginning of CYSN meetings, acknowledging traditional lands. | | The group will review the handout of examples provided by Callie, and a statement will be drafted at our next meeting |

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| b) Special Needs Resourcing | <p>Wendy reported on her conversation with Rachelle Blanchette (MEDU Child Care Advisor) about enhanced support funding arrangements for children in Tyendinaga. While the licensed capacity at the Child Care Centre was used to calculate funding, discretion is possible to support the licensed morning program at Head Start as needs arise.</p> <p>Nicole's inquiry revealed a misunderstanding that Head Start was receiving its own funding for enhanced support. Nicole advised that a Head Start staff has been providing temporary support but that this cannot be sustained as enrollment increases.</p> <p>Margo advised that the Children's Treatment Centre and Preschool Speech and Language can offer supports at Head Start.</p> | | <p>Nicole will contact Steve Lindsay, the new program manager at Eksa'Okon: 'a, to discuss enhanced support arrangements at Head Start.</p> <p>Rachelle had advised that Nicole is welcome to contact her directly with any concerns or questions:</p> <p>Rachelle.Blanchette@ontario.ca Kingston Office: 613-536-7331 Blackberry: 613-484-8360</p> <p>Wendy to add Steve to her FNMI distribution list - daycaremanager@mbq-tmt.org</p> <p>CTC Phone: 613-969-7400 x 2247</p> |
| 4. Work Plan a) Circle in a Box | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy advised that the CYSN approved \$2,000 in funding to sponsor additional workshops, and that Good Minds have agreed to facilitate February 16, 21, 24 • Locations were discussed and | | <p>Wendy will start working on locations immediately, and consult with Tracey and keep the group apprised via email as required.</p> |

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| <p>b) Translation Update</p> <p>c) Special Needs Strategy</p> | <p>recommendations made for Centre Hastings and Quinte West. Belleville and Prince Edward were also discussed as possible locations for future sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations will be extended to Alderville • Elders from the north and Tyendinaga will need to be arranged once dates and locations have been established. • Wendy referred to the email message from NDDS, discussing Mina’s review of the final draft. Acknowledgement of Mina’s work is being looked into. They will get back to us. • The launch will be deferred to 2017/18 • A conversation followed regarding legislation and funding to support and protect Indigenous languages. Details on this are not clear at the local level. • Margo asked for TMT contacts with regards to consultation on the special needs strategy. Since a new Director will not be in place until month end, the Chief is Acting Director. Also, Joe Brant is Principal at Quinte Mohawk School. | | <p>Wendy recommended: http://www.children.gov.on.ca/hdocs/English/professionals/indigenous/index.aspx</p> <p>Jessica sent: https://news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2016/05/the-journey-together-ontarios-commitment-to-reconciliation-with-indigenous-peoples.html</p> <p>R. Donald Maracle - rdonm@mbq-tmt.org Chief’s Assistant – charlesm@mbq-tmt.org</p> <p>joe.brant@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca</p> |

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| d) Alderville Connection Update e) KFL&A Connection Update f) No Wrong Door Training g) ABC Fair - Bancroft | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margo advised that Susan Sweetman and Diane Pick (Northumberland) are planning to reach out to Alderville. • Wendy spoke to her KFL&A counterpart, Kimberly Bain, about cross-border opportunities. Their circle wondered if we would be willing to review an indigenous webpage being developed. • Wendy advised Kimberly about the future launch of the NDDS translation. • Wendy will send a No Wrong Door training invitation to MBQ contacts, ideally for a session in March. • Jessica and Sarah requested suggestions on hearing screening for their annual information and screening event on the Friday of March Break. The challenge is that a quiet space is needed which their current location at the Legion Hall cannot accommodate. Various ideas were discussed and will be taken back for consideration by organizers. | | <p>Hopefully Susan can report at our next meeting.</p> <p>The group agreed to this task.</p> <p>Wendy to forward Kimberly's contact info to Tracey.</p> |

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| 4. Next steps | We will review and tidy up our 2016/17 work plan, in preparation for the next fiscal year, and work on a traditional lands statement. | | |
| 6. New business | Callie announced a Book and Resource Fair on January 26 th from 2-7pm at the Library. Tracey announced the Have a Heart breakfast and letter signing to be held on February 3 rd at the Community Centre, and the Have a Heart celebration in Ottawa on February 14 th | | Callie to send flyer to share Tracey to send flyers to share |
| 7. Next meeting date | Friday, March 10, 2017, 9:30-11:30am Community Wellbeing Centre, Tyendinaga | | |
| 8. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 11:30am | | |