



**Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2014
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Contact Brant - 643 Park Road North**

Present: Deanna Searle, Kim Romano, Luisa Pappert, Sharon Brooks, Melodie Spencer, Barb Mitchell, Maria Timpener, Rita Stratford, Jane Angus, Kathy Dickens, Marg Barr, Patrice Kean, Paula Thomlison, Anca Gaston, Shelley McCarthy, Susan Evenden, Cathy Medway (recorder)

Regrets: Christina Rajsic, Karen Calligan, Adele Gawley, Doreen Dekker, Sue Norden

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story –	With consent, Melodie read a “thank you” letter submitted by a parent who participated in the Triple P program. The letter reflected the Parent’s struggles and successes in parenting her children. She indicated that participating in Triple P made a big difference in how she related to her family and how she parented her children. She was able to utilize the tools she learned to create a positive, harmonious relationship with her family.	
2.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes	Melodie welcomed the group to the meeting.	
	Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda	There was one addition to the agenda Following 4.1 add: Sue Norden, Dan Temprile	
	Approve Minutes of February 6, 2014		THE MINUTES OF THE February 6, 2014 meeting was approved Moved by Marg Barr Seconded by Jane Angus Carried

3.0	<p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Receive information and Discuss:</u> Child Modernization Act</p>	<p>The Ministry of Education received about 500 responses of feedback from agencies and local owners and operators. They will now take the feedback under consideration as this process moves forward.</p> <p>Please see the link attached to follow the bill reading process.</p> <p>http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2913&detailPage=bills_detail_status</p>	
4.0	<p>Best Start Updates</p> <p>4.1 <u>Service Update: Receive Report:</u></p>	<p>As Kim began service update she shared that Karen Calligan said that she is very supportive of the work we do here in Brantford with Best Start and often promotes our work to other regions.</p> <p>Capacity dollars have been distributed. This can be used for First Aid, Triple P and individual professional development.</p> <p>General Operating dollars to operators is ready. Kim will be meeting one to one with owners/operators for planning purposes.</p> <p>The final draft of the new purchase of service agreement is with legal department.</p> <p>Parent Fair is April 12th, If you are interested in joining the Parent Fair committee please contact Melanie Mears at mmears@brantford.ca.</p>	

		<p>Aboriginal resource kits are available to borrow from OEYC.</p> <p>Discussion followed that we could use Aboriginal dollars to build on these resource kits, ask Sarah to demonstrate kits to agencies or make video tapes to support kits including language demonstration.</p> <p>April 4th is a Special Needs and CMSM teleconference to build on new strategies for children with special needs and to coordinated planning for children with complex needs, identify early risks, and to make the delivery of support services more seamless to access from birth to school years.</p> <p>Wish list has gone out to Laurier, we are in the early stages of processing an agreement with the University.</p> <p>Sue Norden has sent her resignation as community representative with the Best Start network. We wish to thank her for dedication and insight she shared with us over the years. Congratulations in your new role as "Glamma".</p> <p>If you know of anyone who could fit as a community representative please contact Kim or Melodie. Information about the Network can be found on the best start website in the orientation package.</p> <p>Dan Temprile is retiring. Josephine Capoli Atanas will be the new General Manager. The network may look at inviting Dan and Jo to the meeting in June to welcome Jo and thank Dan.</p>	
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	<p>4.2 Subcommittee Reports: <u>Receive Information:</u> Aboriginal Advisory, SIC Committee, Best Start Magazine, Best Start Parent Fair, Child Care Advisory Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>SIC had a planning session for their last meeting as they had not met since September and seemed to need some direction again now that their tasks were mostly complete from the strategic plan.</p> <p>From this meeting the group will be looking at developing a video clip possibly for the Best Start website, looking into front line training for staff on the services in all sites and some other projects such as narrowing down some goals for the next year.</p> <p>No other reports at this time.</p>	
5.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>5.1 <u>Receive information:</u> Healthy Kids Community Challenge</p>	<p>Susan Evenden gave an update/overview of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.</p> <p>The Brantford/Brant proposal was sent to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care March 14. The final request was \$1.48 million over four years. This is a tri county initiative in that Six Nations, Brantford and Brant recreation departments have agreed to partner. Should note that Six Nations council has endorsed the recreation department's involvement not Six Nations as a whole.</p> <p>Sue wished to thank the working group with the proposal and the BCHU for their input with editing. Results are expected in late May with the hope of planning in the summer and rolling out in the Fall of 2014. Times frames may be flexible.</p> <p>Sue then gave an update on the Neighborhood Hub. The focus of the Hub is resident and neighborhood engagement with the resident taking the lead.</p>	

6.	Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting 6.1 Success Story	<p>Eagle Place has lots of momentum going and are looking to find new members for working group, to create a terms of reference and to build social networks and diminish agency involvement.</p> <p>Some activities they are doing and working on is Easter Egg Hunt with free transportation to Mohawk Park, June carnival, community computer with public access, cooking activities with food advisors and Good Food Box, increase drop in programs for summer rec programs, mobile skate park, community garden.</p> <p>The focus is on all ages and stages from birth to seniors</p> <p>Sharon Brooks reports that the Post Partum Depression 1 800 telephone support line is live April 7th. Training for peer mentors is ongoing.</p> <p>This is a support line, not a crisis line.</p> <p>Sharon shared logo and printed material with the network. Congratulations to Sharon and her team.</p> <p>This meeting was followed by a joint Best Start Network and Children's Services Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Next meeting May 1, 2014 at OEYC 9:30am until 11:30am</p>
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