



**Best Start Network  
Meeting Minutes**  
April 5, 2012  
**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Ontario Early Years Centre Brant**

**Present:** Jane Angus, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Luisa Pappert, Sharon Brooks, Sarah Roarke, Rita Stratford, Anca Gaston, Melodie Spencer, Shelley McCarthy, Marg Barr. Kim Romano, Franklin Leukam, Cathy Medway (recorder)

**Regrets:** Doreen Dekker, Deanna Searle, Karen Calligan, Maria Timpener, Diane Jamieson, Dan Temprile, Kathy Dickens, Marie Josee Baril, Sherry Lewis, Nancy Baverstock. Leslie Thomas, Trish Kings.

**Guests:** Sherry Haines, Monique Goold, Kathryn McIntyre

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of previous minutes	Marg welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were made.  The meeting started at 9:40am  Addition to the agenda: 5.4 Slovak Village Community Fair	THE MINUTES OF THE February 2, 2012 meeting approved  Moved by Anca Gaston  Seconded By Sharon Brooks
2.0	Business arising from Previous Minutes  2.1 <a href="#">Post Partum Mood Disorder</a>	The working group has been meeting with other communities to explore different models and means of public education especially during mental health week.  The group wants to get the message out for public awareness of PPD and reduce the stigma attached and define PPD as working towards wellness.	  <a href="#">Post Partum Depression Work Plan.docx</a> (attached)  <a href="#">PPD short and long term goals.docx</a> (attached)

	2.2 Review of draft SIC TOR and vote.	<p>Post cards were circulated among the table.</p> <p>In future funding may be requested for collecting data, raising awareness, professional development for front line workers and for providing an array of supports through email, phone, group sessions and individual therapys.</p> <p>PPD will be hosting a table at the Parent Fair and will be surveying parents. Survey also available on line and at the OEYC.</p> <p>Melodie has ordered PPD reading material that will be kept at the OEYC Library.</p> <p>There was no further discussion.</p>	<p>A motion to approve the SIC TOR was put forth and all members voted were in favour of approving the terms.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>It was noted that the BS Network chart should be amended.</p>
3.0	3.1 Best Start Updates	No new news	
4.0	Best Start Work Plan		
	4.1 2012 BS Network Task – 6 month update last completed December 8, 2012.	6 month review of tasks will be held in June. Reminder will be sent out to working groups. Kim would like to see more specific tasks and will be discussed at the planning day.	

<p>4.2 Ministry of Children and Youth Services</p>	<p>No new news. Florence encourages this network to look at integration of services. The Early Years budget remains status quo.</p> <p>Anca reports KPS Survey is now complete each family will receive a free book when completing the survey during the month of May.</p> <p>EDI is complete, data will be available in the fall.</p> <p>Florence requested information on how the additional planning dollars were spent. Kim reviewed Child Care \$1000 to ECE job fair \$3000 to updating Best Start Website</p> <p>And Melodie spoke to the OEYC year end professional dollars for PDD , Kids Can Fly, Otterville event April 20<sup>th</sup>, HN Reach and OEYC: Brant Early Years Study, In house training – Geo cashing (high tech. treasure hunt)</p> <p>April 23, ten year anniversary Family event, geo cashing on OEYC property (stay vacation for families) Utilizes GPS and smart phone technologies.</p> <p>Early Learning Child Care Development team training</p> <p>Integrating templates include Parent Fair, Best Start Magazine, BELN, Hub renaming, ECE job education fair</p>	
<p>4.3 Ministry of Education</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	
<p>4.4 Service Update</p>	<p>2275 licensed child care spaces 62 infants, 232 toddlers, 691 preschools, 314 school age (JK SK) and 973 school age children in service. 1572 are city residents and 703 are county residents. Preschool spaces are tight within our community.</p>	

5.0	<p>4.5 Aboriginal Advisory Committee</p> <p>4.6 SIC Committee</p> <p>4.7 Best Start Magazine</p> <p>4.8 Best Start Parent Fair</p> <p>5.1 HUB Proposal from OW Brant</p>	<p>Families applying for referral or IPP status in February 2012 are now receiving services.</p> <p>March 26 city council heard that 50% of ELK will be implemented by September 2012. Transition Surveys were sent out to owners and operators. Child Care Services Manager continues to support child care spaces throughout this transition.</p> <p>We have received the signed contracts. Brantford Native Housing is now officially the operator of the Aboriginal Best Start Programs.</p> <p>TOR approved as above. (see 2.2) Doreen Dekker is the Chair of SIC some existing action items for the committee are Safe Schools, Barriers and Parks &amp; Recreation</p> <p>Delivery anticipated on April 11, 2012 to various community agencies. Copies of the cover pages were circulated. All present agreed that we will go to tender for printing future editions as it was felt to be a valuable resource.</p> <p>Planning is complete for this event, poster was circulated Parent Fair to be held April 14 from 10 to 2pm. Network members are invited to attend the event.</p> <p>Report accepted as read. Poster circulated</p> <p>Presentation from Kathryn McIntyre (OW) Sherry Haines (OW) and Monique Goold (GEDSB - BV)</p> <p>In working with the Mayor Friel's Prosperity Initiative as well as a compensatory school activity a set of partnerships and connections of family to school and school to community</p>	<p>Kim has extended an invitation to join the transition steering committee and will pass message on at the supervisor's network</p> <p>Please contact Kim if you are interested.</p> <p>Email Melanie Mears if you require copies of the poster at <a href="mailto:mmears@brantford.ca">mmears@brantford.ca</a></p>
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	<p>5.2 Recruitment &amp; Retention, Child Care Mentors</p>	<p>and community to neighbourhoods needs to be built.</p> <p>How can we turn one neighbourhood around? The history of effects of poverty on children was extensively studied</p> <p>Survey that Bellview's parents completed showed families would like information on children's cooking, community garden, quit smoking. Partnerships include BCHU, school boards, Mohawk College, Child &amp; Youth workers.</p> <p>HUB is an "add on" to the BSELP site they see at Bellview. It is seen as a valuable resource and want to see how their project and Best Start Network can work together.</p> <p>It is the general consensus that the Best Start Network will support the Hub at Bellview School as part of service integration and part of best practice.</p> <p>Melodie is available to assist the group. Anca suggested a musical mentorship program and Shelley McCarthy will share Family Counseling's experience and research they have developed through their Families and Schools Together.</p> <p>This recommendation was discussed. Steering committee has invited Guidance Councilors from both boards to our next meeting. Our goal is to see how we can support them, provide them with information on what we are looking for in ECE students. Looking at putting together packages for students to take home ie recruitment brochure etc. packages, advertisements and a website for jobs. R &amp; R team have a new logo and would monitor website and looking at creating a facebook page.</p>	<p>Florence has indicated that MCYS and Ministry of EDU would support such an initiative</p> <p>As part of service integration a representative from the Best Start Network will be available to sit on the steering committee for this HUB initiative with OW and the GEDSB Bellview school.</p> <p>Powerpoint Presentation (attached)</p> <p>Recommendation: To Best Start Network to begin discussions around compensation from local colleges for child care mentors who support ECE students in their placements, may include training etc.</p>
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