



Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
 February 2, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Ontario Early Years Centre Brant

Present: Jane Angus, Dan Temprile, Cathy Medway (recorder), Karen Calligan, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Luisa Pappert, Melissa Connor, Trish Kings, Debbie Carson, Sharon Brooks, Rita Stratford, Deanna Searle, Anca Gaston, Joyce Sinton, Melodie Spencer, Shelley McCarthy, Marie Josee Baril, Leslie Thomas, Maria Timpener, Marg Barr.

Regrets: Kim Romano, Sarah Roarke, Leslie Thomas, Sherry Lewis, Kathy Dickens, Shelley McCarthy, Franklin Leukum, Joyce Sinton, Paula Thomlison

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of previous minutes	<p>Marg welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were made.</p> <p>The meeting started at 9:45am.</p> <p>Addition to the agenda: 5.2 Recruitment and Retention</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE January 5 meeting approved bs minutes jan.doc Deanna Searle</p> <p>Seconded By Sharon Brooks</p>
2.0	Business arising from Previous Minutes	<p>2.1 Draft copy of the SIC TOR is in its final stages of review and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>2.2 PPD Group continues to discuss the gap in services and collecting an inventory of community resources. Both City of Brantford (211 information line) and Contact Brant(data base) provide information and resources to community.</p> <p>The group will network with City of Hamilton, Niagara and Peel region working groups.</p>	<p>Two goals for PDD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a working group 2. Develop an inventory of services

		It was reported that family doctors are on board to help identify moms who may require PPD support.	
3.0	3.1 Planning Dollars	\$3,000 has been allocated to updating the Best Start website which is managed by the City of Brantford and \$1,000 was used to promote ECE Recruitment and Retentions Job Fair on January 26, 2012.	THAT the best start network allocate \$3,000 to update, revise the best start website. Motion by Melodie Spencer/Rita Stratford Seconded By Maria Timpener All in favour CARRIED.
4.0	Best Start Work Plan		
	4.1 Ministry of Children and Youth Services	No new news with Ministry. Florence reports a lack of qualified French language ECEs. Many are hired before they even finish school. Nancy Baverstock is our local French language contact and can be contacted through Le Ballon Rouge.	
	4.2 Ministry of Education	Karen reports that 16 regions/CMSMs met to review Early Learning Framework and how we can continue to support children with special needs and how we can address summer care needs for full day kindergarten children. The ministry continues to explore funding models for fee, wage and special needs. Year five capital funding requests have gone out to school boards with child care and OEYC being a priority. Laurel Broten met with parents at King George School and discussed the impact of full day kindergarten. To date 80% of children 0 to 12 are using unlicensed child care. Best Start Network table can look at making connections to informal care sectors. Maybe using social media, videos,	

	<p>4.3 Service Update</p> <p>4.4 Aboriginal Advisory Committee</p>	<p>articles and events to promote licensed child care.</p> <p>Edu, MCYS and Social Services working together on a mental health strategy for 0 to 18 years of age to support early identification and lead to positive outcomes.</p> <p>Please see EduGains for more links/interviews and reflections.</p> <p>BHNCDSB reports very strong link between ECEs and classroom teachers.</p> <p>St. Mary's will be closing and children will be moving to Holy Cross. St. Pius will be closing with children moving to St. Bernards then after construction they will move into new school site on former St. Pius property and closing St. Bernards.</p> <p>BHNCDS will be added three new ELK schools are currently advertising for ECEs for September.</p> <p>GEDSB reports that kindergarten registration is ongoing and are adding 15 more ELK schools which will be 49% of schools.</p> <p>In April and May they will be recruiting ECE's.</p> <p>No new news to report at this time</p> <p>New Aboriginal Child Development Worker has been hired. Sara VanEvery began her employment on January 10, 2012.</p> <p>BNH has posted that Bellview program is under new management and will begin programming February 14, 2012. Proposed budget was located and they are awaiting</p>	<p>Report accepted as read</p> <p>bsaac.subcommittee report.jan3012.pdf</p>
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5.0	<p>4.5 SIC Committee</p> <p>4.6 Best Start Magazine</p> <p>5.1 Your Guide</p> <p>5.2 Recruitment and Retention Job Fair</p>	<p>the final invoice from Aboriginal Health Centre. BNH waiting for financial information to determine funding required to carry out activities.</p> <p>Continue to revise terms of reference and will bring draft copy to next network meeting for discussion.</p> <p>The Magazine Steering committee met this past week. Articles have been selected and tentatively slotted in the magazine.</p> <p>Committee meets again February 14 for final proofing and then ready for printing.</p> <p>Jane Angus on behalf of Your Guide Committee has requested a sponsorship commitment of \$1500. The sponsorship also includes up to a quarter page ad promotional space for the sponsor.</p> <p>Event was well attended, with 12 agency tables, approximately 85 people attended.</p> <p>\$1000 for event was allocated from Best Start Network and assisted with advertising in Burford Times, Brant News, Radio and Brant Jobs.</p> <p>OEYC has an active supply registry and their website has a job posting section for educators.</p>	<p>Action: Melodie to bring draft copy of SIC TOR to next meeting</p> <p>THAT the Best Start Network allocate \$1500 to support the fiscal year of April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 Your Guide publication</p> <p>your guide request for funding.docx</p> <p>Motion: Trish Kings</p> <p>Seconded by Anca Gaston</p>
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6.0	<p>Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>6.1 Next meeting March 1, 2012</p>	<p>General discussion was held around the table for quick agency updates.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned 11:40am.</p>	<p>Reminder to call/email your regrets to Cathy or send an alternate representative for each meeting.</p> <p>Next Meeting Dates March 1, 2012 April 5, 2012</p>