



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

Present: Kim Romano, Cathy Medway (recorder), Karen Calligan, Sharon Brooks, Rita Stratford, Kathy Dickens, Deanna Searle, Anca Gaston, Joyce Sinton, Melodie Spencer, Shelley McCarthy, Josie Marie Baril, Leslie Thomas, Maria Timpener

Guest: Alexander Ray, (Coop Student) BCHU

Regrets: Jane Angus, Marg Barr, Sarah Roarke, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Luisa Pappert, Trish Kings, Paula Thomlison

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes	<p>Kim Romano welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were made.</p> <p>The meeting started at 9:45am.</p> <p>Addition to the agenda: Post Partum Support</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE November 3, 2011 meeting approved</p> <p>Melodie Spencer</p> <p>Seconded By Maria Timpener</p>
2.0	Business arising from Previous Minutes	<p>2.1 Doreen Dekker has accepted the chair position of the SIC committee.</p> <p>2.2 Draft copy of the SIC TOR is in its final stages of review and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>THAT Doreen Dekker be accepted as chair of the SIC Committee</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried</p>
3.0	3.1 Planning Dollars	<p>Kim announced that \$4,000 has been received for planning purposes and must be used by March 31st. Florence has asked that a proposal request be submitted before the dollars are released.</p>	

	<p>4.0 Best Start Work Plan</p> <p>4.1 Ministry of Children and Youth Services</p> <p>4.2 Ministry of Education</p>	<p>Discussion followed that the dollars may be used for a community forum, study of the needs and supports for parents, data collection and analysis, improving, enhancing the BSN website, parent outreach in different demographic areas, consulting with Hamilton/Niagara Best Start tables, discover why ECE's are leaving the field or engage a strategic speaker to ignite energy/interest into our working groups and subcommittees.</p> <p>Melodie and Kim will teleconference Florence to revisit the idea of using funding for Recruitment and Retention.</p> <p>Haldimand/Norfolk will not be partnering in Job Fair on January 25, 2012 but will put word out to their agencies.</p> <p>Reference was made to review the Vital Statistics presentation to remind everyone what the needs of parents are.</p> <p>Standing item to be reviewed quarterly.</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2012 licensing has been transferred to the Ministry of Education in the Early Learning Division.</p> <p>There are three branches in the Early Learning Division:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy Branch – child care and full day learning kindergarten (FDK). 2. Early Learning and Child Care Implementation Branch – CMSM funding and FDK implementation 3. Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch – child care licensing branch 	<p>Action: Please email Kim with your ideas or suggestions before next meeting Feb. 2</p>
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6.0	6.1 Longitudinal EDI Tracking and its implications for ECE	<p>Anca presented a power point presentation based out of Toronto. EDI is completed by Kindergarten teachers and determines readiness to learn in 5 key domains.</p> <p>Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS) is a standardized survey.</p> <p>Parents are given the incentive of a free book when they return the survey. Survey can be promoted through Lansdowne Children's Centre Newsletter, Best Start Magazine, Cheque inserts at OW, interpreters through YMCA English as a second language or have a co-op student go into homes to help complete survey with parents</p>	<p>Copies attached to minutes.</p> <p>BEST START 2012\Jan 5 Best Start.PPT</p> <p>2012\Standardized KPS 2012.pdf</p> <p>2012\Standardized KPS 2012-French.pdf</p> <p>Action: Bring KPS back to next meeting for discussion</p>
7.0	<p>Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>5.1 Next meeting February 2, 2012</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned 11:35am.</p>	<p>Reminder to call/email your regrets to Cathy or send an alternate representative for each meeting.</p> <p>Next Meeting Dates February 2 & March 1, 2012</p>

