



Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2016
10:30am until 11:30am.
Contact Brant, 643 Park Road North


Present: Melodie Spencer, Debbie Eberth, Maria Timpener, Rita Stratford, Patrice Kean, Karen Calligan, Connie McAllister, Jennifer MacDonald, Kim Romano, Shelley McCarthy, Tracey Thomas, Flora Ennis, Jane Angus, Cathy Medway (recorder)




Guest: Kathy Lickley representing BCHU for Christina Rajsic

Regrets: Linda Devos, Anca Gaston, Barb Mitchell, Christina Rajsic, Luisa Pappert, Adele Gawley, Deanna Searle

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story /Lesson's Learned –	The Spring Fall Edition of the best start magazine will be ready for print and delivery by April 20 th .	
2.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes	We are lucky to have many community agencies contributing their knowledge and expertise. Thank you.	Minutes were approved with updates as noted by Jane Angus and, seconded by Patrice Kean All in favour: CARRIED
	Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda	One addition to the agenda: 6.2 Ontario Early Years & Family Centres	
	Approve Minutes of January 7, 2016	Kim welcomed the group to the table and introductions were made around the table.	

<p>3.0</p>	<p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Review and Discuss:</u> Udated statistics for % of ECE job placements compared to five years ago – Mohawk College</p>	<p>Melodie presented statistics regarding percentage of ECE graduates across the provinces. 24 colleges offer the ECE program with 60 programs running. Powerpoint presentation showed enrolment cycles, demographics, graduation rate and graduate employment rate and salary range.</p> <p>ECE program is over prescribed with 90% employment rate</p> <p>Discussion by the group indicated that challenges faced by ECE graduates are supply and demand and salary. Many are waiting for a call from the school boards.</p> <p>School boards have 114 ECE employed and are currently in the process of hiring 42 supply ECE.</p> <p>Union rep. for RECE reports challenges continue in finding supply staff so full time staff can attend professional development.</p> <p>Many full time ECE in day care centres are leaving positions for supply with school boards Kim indicated that General Operating dollars can be used to offset the cost of supply teachers in day care centres. Discussion followed that School Boards expressed an interest in being added to the Child Care After Hours tours and joining the CCAC membership.</p> <p>Discussion followed that parents have expressed concerns that they may not be able to access School Age Child Care programs due to irregular work schedules.</p> <p>Operators should be encouraged to offer flex care.</p>	
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4.0	<p>Best Start Updates</p> <p>4.1 <u>Subcommittee Reports: Receive Information:</u> Aboriginal Advisory, SIC Committee, Best Start Magazine, Best Start Parent Fair, Child Care Advisory Committee, Recruitment and Retention Committee</p>	<p>Kim shared the Child Care Advisory Committee subcommittee report which was sent out electronically prior to meeting and confirmed that Best Start Parent Fair subcommittee report was received electronically,</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  March3 CCAC BEST START SUBCOMMITTI </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Feb - BS parent fair report.docx </div> </div> <p>Action: Current and future planning, narrowing focus of plan and setting goals Planning documents attached</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  DOC030816-03082016125142.pdf </div>
5.0	<p>BSN Strategic Planning</p> <p>5.1 <u>Receive Information:</u> decision making: Current and future planning, narrowing focus of plan</p>	<p>Spring/Summer Best Start Magazine is due out April 20, 2016</p>	
6.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>6.1 <u>Receive Information,</u> Child Care Early years Act (CCEYA)</p> <p>6.2 <u>Receive Information:</u> OEYC and Family Centres</p>	<p>Due to timing of the meeting we decided to look at the priorities and goals ahead of our planned April 18th meeting via survey monkey to start to reduce the number of goals and prioritize. We will then build on those priorities and plan for the next three years at our April meeting. Jenn Kirkham will join us at the planning meeting</p> <p>Kim shared planning information for 2015 and future planning allotments for 2016. There is still time to apply for funding, although she expressed large amounts are now dispersed.</p> <p>No new news.</p>	

7.0	<p>Success Story</p> <p>Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Family Counseling Resource Centres (FRC), BCHU (DAC) PFLC and OEYC now under the management role of the CSM (Kim) (Consolidated Municipal Services Manager) Transitioning by 2018.FRC's currently are.</p> <p>Karen shared information about the recent announcement regarding Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFCs). Currently, there is approximately \$97 million in provincial funding that supports “family support programs” (including OEYC, Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Family Resource Centres and Better Beginnings Better Futures) In January 2018, these four programs will transition to the CSM (City of Brantford) and become OEYCFCs. To support this transition, the Ministry will be developing service guidelines and a new provincial funding model to ensure equitable access to a core set of services in OEYCFCs across the province. (see public plan attached)</p> <p>MCYS funding for the Best Start demo sites located in four communities (Hamilton, Chatham-Kent, Lambton and Timiskaming) is winding down this month. Funding that was previously transferred from MCYS to MEDU for family support programs will be included in new funding formula.</p> <p>Next meeting April 14, 2016</p>	
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