



**Best Start Network  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2013  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Ontario Early Years Centre Brant**

**Present:** Marie Josee Baril, Deanna Searle, Lisa Kyper, Kim Romano, Luisa Pappert, Melodie Spencer, Brenda Blancher, Doreen Dekker, Adele Gawley, Barb Mitchell, Maria Timpener, Anca Gaston, Paula Thomlison, Rita Stratford, Christina Rajsic, Jane Angus, Kathy Dickens, Shelley McCarthy, Cathy Medway (recorder)

**Regrets:** Sharon Brooks, Sue Norden, Karen Calligan, Marg Barr, Florence Ngenzebuhoro

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	Success story –	<p>Jane Angus shared that Contact Brant has just completed work with the Centre of Excellence (funded by MCYS) on an evaluation project of our Intake and Referral. Contact Brant’s work highlights some best practices for clear pathways to services.</p> <p>Barb Mitchell shared that the Ready Set Go calendar will be released the first week of January 2014. Barb sends a big Thank you out to Paula Thomlison and her team for all her previous years of assistance in creating this very valuable calendar to our new JK/SK students.</p>	
2.0	<p>Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes</p> <p>Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda</p>	<p>There were no additions to the agenda</p> <p>Kim welcomed everyone to the table. Introductions were given.</p>	

3.0	<p>Approve Minutes of October 3, 2013</p> <p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Receive information:</u> Neighborhood mapping – Anca Gaston BCHU</p>	<p>As a follow up from the last Network Meeting Anca Gaston presented a summary of the results of the KP Survey and EDI scores broken down by neighborhood.</p> <p>To begin, Anca Gaston gave a brief overview of the Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS) (completed by parents)and (EDI)Early Development Instrument(completed by SK teachers) . Three years of data, 2006, 2009 and 2012 show time trends by neighborhoods.</p> <p>Discussion followed the presentation regarding housing, infusion of services in neighborhoods, the effect of scores due to Full Day Learning, Ministry of Education infusion of resources for teachers, families and schools, arrival of university and, impact of social media.</p> <p>All factors considered we are reminded that we need to let neighborhoods take the lead in their community to see what resources they want.</p> <p>Provincial comparison of scores can be found on BCHU website.</p> <p>Anca will return in January to look at KPS scores in the four specific neighborhoods which have shown a decline</p>	<p>THE MINUTES OF THE October 3, 2013 meeting was approved</p> <p>Moved by Luisa Pappert</p> <p>Seconded by Deanna Searle</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>This PowerPoint presentation can lead to future collaboration with Sherry Haines and Sue Evenden at Ontario Works.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ourneighbourhoods.ca">www.ourneighbourhoods.ca</a></p> <p><a href="mailto:shaines@brantford.ca">shaines@brantford.ca</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bchu.org/content/view/865/202/">http://www.bchu.org/content/view/865/202/</a></p> <p>Add to January agenda. Invite Sue, Sherry and Joe from Ontario Works</p>
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	4.3 Best Start Magazine Ads/ Articles - discussion	<p>Best Start Magazine committee is looking for ads and articles for the spring edition.</p> <p>Day Care Owners and Operators will be included in the email distribution group when the information is sent out November 18, 2013. Front line workers will be encouraged to submit articles.</p>	
5.0	5.1 <u>Receive information: :</u> Ontario Early Years Framework	<p>The revised Ontario Early years Framework is due out in the Spring. It will build on existing framework.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/OntarioEarlyYears.pdf">http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/OntarioEarlyYears.pdf</a></p>
6.	6.1 Success Story	<p>Paula shared the Brantford Film Festival is week of November 14 to 16, featuring adult, children and independent films, information post cards were shared.</p> <p>Kids Can Fly, Parachute Group is slowly growing.</p> <p>This target audience not affecting post partum group at Library. Both groups are doing well.</p> <p>Kim will be bringing greetings at the ECE Awards Banquet which celebrates ECEs as a whole.</p>	
	6.2 Next meeting date	January 9, 2014	<p>January Agenda</p> <p>Anca presentation</p> <p>Dan Temprile – Mayors Initiative</p>