







**Best Start Network
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015, 2015
9:30am until 11:30am.
OEYC: Brant**

Present: Barb Mitchell, Luisa Pappert, Anca Gaston, Jane Angus, Dale Kern, Adele Gawley, Connie McCallister, Melodie Spencer, Marie Josee Baril, Linda Devos, Shelly McCarthy Cathy Medway (recorder)

Regrets: Kathy Dickens, Karen Calligan, Deanna Searle, Marg Barr, Sharon Brooks, Kim Romano, Christina Rajsic, Rita Stratford, Franklin Leukam, Maria Timpener.

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.0	Success story –	<p>Jane Angus shared that Brant Suicide Prevention Committee has a new free mobile phone application. They have collaborated with Haldimand Norfolk and the target audience is Youth and Parents.</p> <p>The Be Safe phone app supports youth in developing a safety plan, will lead them to community resources and hopefully reduce the risk of suicide.</p> <p>There will be a candlelight service to promote suicide prevention and mental health at the Boys & Girls Club.</p>	 BeSafe Poster.docx
2.0	Welcome/Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes Call to Order, Additions to the Agenda Approve Minutes of June 4, 2015	<p>Melodie welcomed the group and introductions were made round the table.</p> <p>One change to the agenda, Christina will not be presenting today. Will be deferred to October Joint meeting.</p>	THE MINUTES OF THE June 4, 2015 meeting was approved Moved by Jane Angus Seconded by Luisa Pappert Carried

3.0	<p>Business arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>3.1 <u>Future meeting dates discussion</u>: Set dates for Fall 2015</p>	<p>Next BSN meeting, Tuesday October 6, 2015 scheduled to be a joint meeting with the Children’s and Youth Services committee with lunch provided, then November 5th, and first Thursday of each month onward. No meetings in December or July and August. Recommendation is to keep meeting monthly unless determined a meeting is not needed by Kim or Melodie.</p> <p>Next joint meeting will be in January and be set by Jane, Melodie and Kim.</p>	
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>Luisa Pappert shared the Child Care Advisory Committee will begin the Child Care After Hours tours October 7th at Montessori Children’s Academy and November 4th at A Child’s Paradise Too from 6:00pm until 7:30pm. Luisa will look into visiting the ELP and drop in centres in the area as well. Luisa and Barb Mitchell will coordinate these visits.</p> <p>CCAC still reviewing their TOR and will present at the November BSN meeting.</p> <p>SIC committee is hosting a workshop-Endearing the Day, October 7, 2015 – How to engage families. The flyer will be coming out soon.</p> <p>Best Start Magazine is in its final proofing stages and will be submitted for print around Thanksgiving.</p>	

<p>5.0</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>5.1 <u>Review:</u> Terms of Reference</p> <p>5.2 <u>Review</u> – Membership and sign off on commitment letter</p> <p>5.3 <u>Receive Information</u> – Results from Best Start Magazine Survey and Review of Best Start Network Committee Evaluation – Anca Gaston</p>	<p>Melodie reviewed the BSN TOR with the group. A few updates are required and Adele and Melodie will update and submit changes to Kevin to update website.</p> <p>Please sign and return commitment letter as soon as possible to Cathy Medway cmedway@brantford.ca</p> <p>Anca Gaston presented the results of the BS Magazine survey. There were 18 questions which included demographics and recommendations.</p> <p>After the presentation the group discussed demographics, ways to promote readership, providing postage paid surveys or monkey survey links/offer to scan a code and receive free parenting tips, more parent perspective articles</p> <p>Discussed twitter feed/facebook and more signage to promote magazine</p> <p>Increase marketing by sending flyers home with school boards.</p> <p>The Best Start Magazine Committee will meet with Anca for the magazine survey result presentation to brain storm and share ideas. Kim and Melodie arrange at a future date.</p> <p>Anca Gaston presented the results of the BSN Committee Evaluation survey. Discussion included meetings and content, membership participation, recruitment of new members and adding a quarterly update for strategic planning purposes as a standing agenda item. Kim, Melodie, and Safe Brant submitted a collective response on</p>	 <p>commitment letter Sept 2015.doc</p>  <p>BSN magazine evaluation results for :</p> <p>Action Item: Future meeting date with Best Start Magazine Committee</p>  <p>BSN committee evaluation results 201:</p>
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6.	<p>5.8 <u>Receive Information</u> : Introducing the Brant Health Atlas - Anca</p> <p>5.9 <u>Receive Information</u>: Finding Quality Child Care-Brant</p> <p>Adjournment & Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>6.1 Success Story</p>	<p>The Brant Health Atlas is an online source for local health statistics available through the BCHU website. www.bchu.org. under stats and reports.</p> <p>It looks at reproductive health & child development, shows neighborhood data, compares provincial averages and includes KPS information.</p> <p>Anca has offered to come to organizations and do presentations to staff on available statistical resources in order to help increase staff confidence for accessing information.</p> <p>Thank you Anca for all your hard work and the resources you have made available to the network.</p> <p>There are new changes around licensing. This booklet will be redeveloped to reflect the new child care guidelines in The Child Care and Early Years Act, effective August 31, 2015.</p> <p>Luisa Pappert shared that many of her home providers are using parenting centres in their neighborhoods. This summer they planned Fun Fridays – featuring their own Pan Am games with medals for the children.</p> <p>One of her parents (client of WW) treated about 25 children to a train ride at Mohawk Park.</p> <p>The day was enjoyed by all.</p>	
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	6.2 Next Meeting	Next meeting will be October 6 th at Contact Brant. This will be a joint meeting with the Children and Youth Services Committee. Stay tuned for agenda to follow.	