


COALITION COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, November 26, 2020
1:00 – 3:00pm
Videoconference

MINUTES

Attended		Regrets	
Vanderbyl, Christine (Vice Chair)/ EarlyOn	Johnstone, Rhonda for Linda Adams/ Waypoint	Bergin, Michelle/CFSSC	Jessop, Lauren, Barrie Public Library
McLearn, Melanie (Past Chair) / SMFC	Junke, Rosslyn/United Way	Bernard, Sylvia/La Clé	Kennedy, Joan/Seasons Centre
Berard, Mandy/Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag	Leworthy, Jocelyn/Gilda's Club	Blue, Danette/MCCSS	Lackey, Nicole, RVRHC Leduc,
Clarke, John/Mackenzie Health	Manners, Kathy (Coordinator)	Cousins, Claudine (Vice Chair)/ Empower Simcoe	Rhonda/Elizabeth Fry
Croteau, Gerry/Gilbert Centre	McAlpine, Julie (Recorder)	Fisher, Michelle /211	Macdonald, Dawn, CAC
D'Ambrosio, Lora/County of Simcoe	McCarthy, Suzanna, John Howard	Gorbell, Lianne, YMCA	Mansell, Tracy/Kerry's Place
Dooley-Phillips, Geraldine/SMFC	Mink, Danielle, Georgian College	Harris, Jim/New Path	Nielsen, Hanne/SCDSB
Forget, Laura/BANAC	Paul, Serge/CSViamonde	Jackson, Brenda/BANAC	Sontong, Kim/NSM LHIN
Gates, Valerie, Barrie Police	Quesnelle, Chantelle/SMCDSB	Jeffery, David /Chigamik	Weisher, Kimberley, SMCDSB
Gowers, Lucy/Youth Haven	Riggin Mary for Karen Eisler, /CTN		West, Kelly/Kerry's Place
Grdisa, Valerie/CMHA	Roussel, Ann/CSC MonAvenir		
Greenwood, Kimberley/Barrie Police	Shoreman, Carolyn/SMDHU		
Hirstwood, Karen/Catulpa	Simmons-Physick, Chris/Kinark		
Franks, Dawn, SCDSB	Thomson, James, New Path Foundation		
	Vallis-Page, Christine/E3		
	Weeks, Leanne, RVH		
	Watts, Leslie/Catulpa		
Guests: Christine Bushey, Vanessa Hurley, SMDHU			


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1.	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (LAS)	Christine VanderByl, acting Chair for Claudine Cousins, welcomed everyone to the meeting Christine spoke about working with our indigenous partners to revise the Coalition's LAS. We are also looking for members to volunteers to read the	Advise Julie if interested in

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	<p>LAS at future meetings and share a personal reflection. Anyone interested can connect with Julie to be scheduled for a Council meeting. Kathy is also available to help with the reflection piece.</p> <p>Christine gave the LAS and provided a personal reflection around Christian Island, "the land of the white rolling sands".</p>	<p>reading the LAS at a Council meeting.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda 2.1 Council Minutes 2.2 Integrated Planning Table Minutes 2.3 Executive Committee Minutes 3.4 Approval of Agenda 3.5 Statement of Operations</p>	<p>Motion: Moved by Gerry Croteau, seconded by Mandy Berard that the Consent Agenda package of November 26, 2020, be approved. Motion was approved by poll: All in favour; carried.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Award of Excellence / Coalition Claps</p>	<p>Award of Excellence Christine reviewed the criteria for the Award of Excellence. Two excellent nominations were received. The award was presented to Lesley Watts who was recognized as a mentor, collaborator and active participant in the work of the Coalition. Lesley's dedication in advancing the priorities and goals of the Coalition through her dedication in advocating for people impacted by poverty and raising awareness of the importance of infant and early childhood intervention and prevention was highlighted. Members congratulated Lesley and shared their experiences working with Lesley. Lesley thanked the Coalition and colleagues for their kind words in honouring her with this award.</p> <p>Coalition Claps Coalition Claps were given to John Clarke and the Centre for Behavioural Health Sciences' Team for identifying a new system need and working collaboratively with CTN on the launch of evidence based training sessions on the Foundational Elements of Telehealth: System Capacity Building, in response to the need to move service delivery via telehealth as a result of COVID-19. John provided an overview of the project</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Hot Topic: No Money for Food is Cent\$less</p>	<p>Christine welcomed presenters Christine Bushey and Vanessa Hurley from SMDHU who provided a presentation on behalf of the Poverty Reduction Task Group on No Money for Food is Cent\$less.</p> <p>Christine thanked the presenters and the floor was opened for questions. Continued advocacy and opportunities to reduce food insecurity is still needed. The efforts from the Advocacy Group in creating a position paper on Basic Income and a Living Wage was noted. The Advocacy Group will continue to receive information that can be acted upon from a Coalition perspective. Materials are available on the website or from Christine and Vanessa directly.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  CYFSC_NMFFIC Presentation.pdf Contact the presenters if interested in a presentation for your organization. </div>

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5.	2020/21 Membership	John reported 36 out of 38 membership dues have been received totalling \$106,000 and reflected on the strength and commitment to the community this illustrated.	
6.	Calls for Communications Officer / Anti-Oppression Framework Ad Hoc Committee	<p>Communications Officer Melanie Slade Morrison will be stepping down from the role of Communications Officer for the Coalition due to work priorities. Melanie was thanked for the support she has provided over the past six years. Christine provided an overview of the position and a callout to replace Melanie was issued.</p> <p>Anti-Oppression Framework Ad Hoc Committee Further to the discussion that took place at Council on racial disparity, the Executive Committee approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to work on an anti-oppression framework. This committee will be led by Christine with the goal for the completion of this work by March 21st, Anti-Oppression Day.</p>	<p>Advise Kathy or Julie if interested in the Communications Officer role.</p> <p>Advise Christine, Kathy or Julie if interested in joining or have any questions.</p>
7.	Coalition Investment Fund	<p>James Thomson, Trustee for the Coalition, provided a report with regards to the surplus funds in the Coalition's account that are a result of unspent membership fees and funds from underspending year to year. Discussion took place at Executive with regards to how best to utilize these funds to ensure long term sustainability of the Coalition as well as being able to access funds to allocate for strategic initiatives. The Executive Committee agreed to investigate putting \$145,000 into an investment fund that was a mix of short and long term investments that would generate revenue and maintain and strengthen the Coalition's reserve. As some of these funds are a result of membership fees, approval of a motion to invest these funds would be needed from members.</p> <p>Members were asked for their input regarding the investment plan. Discussion included it seemed like a large amount of money to move, have all options been considered, adjusting membership fees for the upcoming membership year i.e. subsidizing membership fees for organizations facing financial hardship or reducing fees for member agencies especially during these challenging times.</p> <p>James advised these issues have been discussed by Executive. The current bank balance is \$223,000. \$145,000 was the amount considered to be a safe amount to invest based on the end of March 2020, in terms of not impacting operations for the remainder of this fiscal year. If \$145,000 is moved over it would go into short and long term investment so funds can be accessed if needed for strategic initiatives or possibly subsidies. Putting some money in longer term investments would help to build reserves and support sustainability of membership. Looking for conversations from the membership's standpoint what are the pressures/challenges and how we can use funds more proactively.</p> <p>James will bring the discussion today back to the Executive Committee to include consideration of other pressure points i.e. subsidies, returning a portion</p>	<p>Send in any additional feedback to James or Julie.</p> <p>Bring Investment Fund discussion back to Executive.</p>

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		of the member fees paid, reducing fees for the next cycle. The motion will be tabled until the next Council meeting.	
8.	Advocacy Group Update	<p>Lucy commented on the great presentation on food insecurity today and how connecting people to appropriate services is just as important. It was discussed at the last Advocacy meeting how critical it is as a Coalition and individual organizations to do everything we can to build connections for the people we serve in the community and to make it part of our mandate as a practice and be accountable for making these connections.</p> <p>The challenges and barriers people are facing, which are amplified during the pandemic, result in people being displaced from services and supports. The Advocacy Group has been working on a position paper on the importance of connection to community and will be reaching out to MP/MPPs. A meeting is being scheduled with Jill Dunlop in the new year to share our position papers, introduce the Coalition and engage in dialogue.</p> <p>Discussion was opened up on what agencies are doing to connect people who use their services to the community.</p> <p>Ongoing programming, outreach/connecting to community, moving people into a hotel to be able to continue to provide services, providing support to other agencies, making community referrals, ensuring staff have knowledge on services provided by other organizations were some of the examples shared.</p> <p>Some suggestions for making better connections included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring information is updated on organizations' website and 211 • having reflective discussions how to recreate relationships with people and partners as organizations return to services • promotion of other programs. Reaching out to providers, what can we do differently or more of. Help families to get everything that is of use and value to them. <p>The discussion then moved on to what the Coalition can do collectively to facilitate connection to community for children, youth and families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the position paper to identify how as an organization you are building community connectedness, reflect on what you are doing currently and what else could be done i.e. potential gaps. • increased community cooperation - seeing supports for vulnerable communities from different community groups; people came together for a reason, then realized the impact • use Coalition funds/resources creatively 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Coalition weekly updates was identified as a way to keep people informed and creates connections • improve referral process - how to change referrals and making connections work to being a requirement (expectation) of the job • shared trainings - collaborations so staff can make connections (tag colleague) • Take service delivery to the next level - make it an expectation of the job. Integrate values into job descriptions so have to demonstrate how achieving, build into Coalition membership framework • up to date list of current services - someone to confirm all resource information is correct/have it live somewhere (211) • re-engage Coalition members so all on the same page, reaffirm making commitment as a member • have a facilitated process for a deeper discussion how organizations can work together and what agreements are needed <p>Geraldine reflected that we have all kinds of communities and spoke about the opportunity to support Shak's World in terms of a place that is shared space. The idea of all of us sharing one space would be a way of demonstrating something concrete and would serve youth.</p> <p>Christine noted there is an opportunity to further this conversation through the Advocacy Group and/or perhaps the Anti-Oppression Framework Committee. Kathy also mentioned that as we prepare to go into the next cycle of strategic planning for the Coalition it has been suggested Connection to Community could be a strategic direction.</p>	<p>Send additional comments or feedback to Kathy and Julie.</p>
9.	<p>Ontario Health Teams</p> <p>Valerie Grdisa provided an update on the Ontario Health Teams (OHT) in our region and provided an overview of the evolution to this system.</p> <p>The Barrie OHT is in development, South Georgian Bay and Couchiching have been approved and are underway and their population is fragile seniors. Through Waypoint's leadership and all the mental health and addiction agencies, there is an OHT for specialized populations focused on children and youth, seniors and indigenous populations. The discussions that are happening are around understanding the social determinants of health and how important it is to have broader inter-sectoral planning discussions.</p>	 <p>OHTs in Central Ontario Region.pptx</p>
10.	<p>Member Flash/COVID-19 Updates</p> <p>John Howard Society has been provided with funding from UWSM and Barrie Community Foundations to provide support for individuals with low or no digital access to attend virtual court hearings starting next week at 80 Bradford. They are also developing protocols for offsite service delivery if unable to attend the physical location. Creating materials to be dispersed in the community.</p>	<p>Contact Suzanna with any questions</p>

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	<p>County of Simcoe - Lora provided an update on the 2020 enumeration which took place Nov. 17-23 with point in time on November 17th and also commented on the support received from outreach, housing providers. It was different this year with people in place due to the motel model. Will bring back the summary on the data. Continuing to work on lessons learned during COVID, the survey asked if people are homeless as a result of COVID pressures.</p> <p>North Simcoe Youth Hub - Rhonda advised the funding for the three year pilot with Waypoint as lead and multiple partners ends March 2021 but will be getting ongoing base funding to continue with components as a permanent services.</p> <p>SMCDSB - Chantelle reported that as a result of recent Ministry funding, mental health staff for elementary and secondary schools have been hired, as well as the creation of an educator mental health website (a centralized place for easy access of resources). There is space for links to community agencies - could look at how to use that for referrals. Trying to figure out who are not seeking/ being referred for help (virtual students).</p> <p>United Way - Trillium has a call for funding for their Resilient Communities Fund - deadline is Dec. 9th. UWSM have just allocated another \$520,000 to 21 projects across Simcoe Muskoka to support vulnerable populations via the Federal Emergency Community Support Fund - to be spent by Mar 31.</p> <p>Community Connection continues to offer Urgent Needs Fund in collaboration with 211 handling intake and assessment to connect people with resources and then consideration for UNF - funds are distributed via 6 regional agency leads.</p>	<p>Reminder to update your records with 211.</p>

Next Update Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2021, 1:00-3:00pm/COVID-19 Update 3:00-3:30pm