

ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2021

10:00 – 11:30am

Videoconference

Attended:	Guests :	Regrets
James Thomson Claudine Cousins (Chair) - <i>departed 10:30am</i> Suzanna McCarthy (Co-Chair) Lucy Gowers (Chair) - <i>departed 11:05am</i> Kathy Manners Catherine Howes	Rebecca Lum - <i>departed 10:30am</i> Hannah Phillips - <i>departed 10:30am</i> Hon. Jill Dunlop - <i>departed 10:30am</i> Jayme Allen - <i>departed 10:30am</i>	Lesley Watts

Item	Minutes	Action
1. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 21, 2020 	Deferred to Feb 8, 2021 Meeting	Catherine to add to Feb 8, 2021 Advocacy Meeting Agenda.
2. Meeting with Jill Dunlop, MPP	<p>Claudine made an introduction of Advocacy Group members. Kathy reviewed the Vision/Mission/Values of Coalition, the Coalition structure and history, and the Coalition Committees. Lucy reviewed the Coalition Advocacy Issues sent previously.</p> <p>Minister Dunlop reviewed the Provincial Government Priorities and her portfolio as Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernization of Child Welfare System • Human Trafficking • Children's Mental • Issues of Adoption • Indigenous Women's Advisory Council <p>Lucy reviewed two specific Coalition Advocacy Issues for Minister Dunlop to carry forward, Connection To Community & Basic Living Wage. The committee discussed with Minister Dunlop, the Coalition's difficulty and ongoing process of forming a relationship with the local Health Team. The committee suggested it would be valuable to have a standing meeting with Minister Dunlop as a way to continue to drive awareness of</p>	<p>Lucy to follow up with Jill Dunlop in 6 months to arrange for 2nd meeting. Aim to meet twice/year.</p> <p>Lucy to invite MP Shipley to next meeting (Catherine to follow up with office on details)</p> <p>Connection to Ontario Health Teams and how to align with Coalition work</p>

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		<p>the Coalition as a potential province-wide model of collaboration for efficient use of limited funding.</p> <p>The committee decided to note for the upcoming Strategic Plan to align Coalition priorities with priorities of MPs/MPPs (portfolio guidelines) as a way to create advocacy at local/provincial/federal level.</p>	
3.	<p>Digital Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter Campaign 	<p>Committee discussed security concerns regarding Letter Campaign. Suggestions were made regarding a possible Member API login to prevent use by the public.</p>	<p>Catherine to discuss with Fireside possible solutions for security/privacy concerns.</p>
4.	<p>Connection to Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Results Working Group/Next Steps 	<p>Connection to Community</p> <p><u>Survey Results</u> Kathy reported on a summary of survey results. Only 11 responses received. Committee decided to redeploy survey to Coalition and leverage time at the Coalition meeting to stress the importance of this data and encourage full participation of Coalition members.</p> <p><u>Working Group/Next Steps</u> Lucy will present Advocacy update at Exec Meeting. Survey to be pushed again at Coalition Meeting to encourage more participation.</p>	<p>Remind Coalition members about survey at Jan 28th meeting during Advocacy Group Update.</p> <p>Work on developing shared definition of “Connection to Community”</p>
5.	Next Steps	Determine shared definition and approaches for Connection to Community.	

Next Meeting: February 8, 2021, 10:00-11:30am