

Early Years Niagara Planning Council Meeting (EYNPC)
September 12th, 2008 8:30 – 11:30 PM
Niagara Children and Youth Services

Present: Margaret Andrewes (Co-Chair), Dr. Robin Williams (Co-Chair), Angela Alfieri-Maiolo, Kathy Bell, Anne Biscaro, Jocelyne Blais-Breton, Fiona Burgi, Jaynane Burning-Fields, Natalie Chaumont, Rhonda Clarke-Bruyn, John Crocco, Donna Cunningham, Lisa DeGasperis, Bonnie Filipchuk, Christine Graham, Lorraine Graham-Watson, Debra Harwood, Frank Iannantuono, Crystal Laforme, Linda Langston, Dawne Mach, Patti Moore, Sandra Noel, Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, Ted Palmer, Judy Reid, Lynda Reinhart, Glory Ressler, Chris Steven, Sandy Toth, Dr. Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Jackie Van Lankveld, Kaarina Vogin, Tracy Zachariah

Ministry

Representation: Rhonda Clarke-Bruyn, Lorraine Graham-Watson, Darryl Sturtevant, Sean Twyford,

Regrets: Janet Booth, Elke El Farsi, Tammy Ferguson, Carol Germyn, Bill Helmeczi, Brian Hutchings, Cathy Jenkins, Raymonde Lafond, Daniel Lefebvre, Catherine Mindorff, Florence Ngenzebuhoro, Dan Patterson, Allison Soave, Barb Sockovie, Kathy Thompson, Tim Wright

Copy: Jane Bonaldo (for Dr.Robin Williams), Suzanne McPetrie (for Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd), Joni Romano (DSBN), Zineb Sebbane-Allouche(for Daniel Lefebvre), Debbie Urbshott (for B.Hutchings)

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| 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS | Welcome and introductions were made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special acknowledgment presented to Linda Langston • Introductions to new member Jaynane Burning-Fields, Executive Director, Native Centre, St. Catharines and on the Panel of Experts for the Early Learning Framework and is part of the Best Start Working Group at the provincial level. • Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, NCDSB, will replace John Crocco at EYNPC meetings | | |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | The agenda was approved. | | |
| 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES | Moved by M. Vanderlee Seconded by S.Noel <i>That the EYNPC notes of June 13th, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i> | Moved by M. Vanderlee Seconded by S.Noel <i>That the EYNPC notes of June 13th, 2008 be adopted as written. Carried.</i> | |
| 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING NOTES | There is no business arising from previous minutes. | | |
| 5. CORRESPONDENCE | Correspondence circulated in folder during meeting | N.Chaumont to include in News Digest. | |
| 6. EYNPC NEW LEADERSHIP | J.Reid reported the call for nominations resulted in 3 nominations: Proposed Co-chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hutchings, Commissioner of Community Services, Regional | | |

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| | <p>Municipality of Niagara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barb Sockovie, , Executive Director of A Child’s World <p>Proposed Vice-chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Biscaro, Director of Family Health, Niagara Region Public Health. <p>Appointment of new leadership was moved by L.Langston and seconded by M. Vanderlee. Carried.</p> | <p>Appointment of new leadership was moved by L.Langston and seconded by M. Vanderlee. Carried.</p> | |
| <p>7. HUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Lisa DeGasperis, YMCA</p> | <p>L.DeGasperis reported on behalf of the HUB Development committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Early Years Services Strategic Planning Session will be held October 22nd, 2008 to develop concrete actions to further the integration of Early Years Services. | | |
| <p>8. EYN Research and Advisory Group – Community Report Overview</p> <p>Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Lead</p> | <p>M.Vanderlee reported on the status of the Community Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report intends to show trends over three year period • Indicators in report align with Children’s Charter • Draft introduction and first chapter will be distributed to committee and comments or omissions to be forwarded to S.Noel • Draft report to be presented with recommendations at October 17th EYNPC meeting • EYNRAG table to discuss how final report will be released on National Child Day, November 20th, 2008 • Final report will be distributed by CD and posted online. Limited hardcopies will be available • Suggested to form group to determine areas of report to be emphasized in executive summary. | <p>N.Chaumont to distribute draft introduction and first chapter along with September news digest.</p> | |
| <p>9. REPORTS OF INTEGRATED PLANNING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS:</p> <p>Report on Terms of Reference Status</p> | <p>Terms of reference Status Reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Planning and Accountability: to be developed • EYN Research Advisory Committee: approved • Coordination of Education, Screening and Early Identification Committee (COSEI): to be approved on Sept 16th, 2008 • Niagara Aboriginal Children’s Planning Council: approved • Niagara Best Start Francophone Advisory Committee: to be reviewed • Regional French Language Best Start Network (RFLN): approved and distributed to committee • Hub Development: to be reviewed • School Readiness Committee: to be reviewed • Children’s Rights Interest Group: to be reviewed • Debbie Zimmerman Early Years Niagara Literary Award: to be reviewed | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-month Wellness Strategy: to be developed • JK/SK Task Group: to be reviewed <p>Approved Terms of Reference will be posted on the early years website as a reference for all.</p> | | |
| <p>10. PARENTING PROGRAM TASK GROUP L.Langston, Lead</p> | <p>L.Langston reported on behalf of the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task group is at end stages: looking at universal parenting programs • Task group in need of additional members | <p>Agenda Planning and Accountability to recommend new members for task group.</p> <p>Final Report and all related materials to be forwarded to J.Reid.</p> | |
| <p>11. MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES P. Moore, Program Supervisor</p> | <p>P.Moore reported on behalf of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 2 programs run by Lynn Roach, Speech Services Niagara. Results to be released by next year • Early Learning Advisor Mandate suggestion: look at children from 0-6, not only 4-5 year olds. • 26 French-language spaces for St. Antoine in Niagara Falls were approved and funded. • MCYS providing 25 million in funding: 23 million for child care fee subsidy and 2 million dedicated to the Francophone community • A Provincial Best Start Symposium to be held to address key principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback will be requested for Ministry's Symposium topics | | |
| <p>12. REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA – COMMUNITY SERVICES K.O'Hagan-Todd, Director, Children's Services</p> | <p>K.O'Hagan-Todd reported on behalf of Children's Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Erie Rainbow child care has expanded for aboriginal infants • Report being finalized, endorsement needed • Moved forward with joint regional submission for full day forum hosted in Niagara. Involves 4 CMSMs –Haldimand, Brantford, Hamilton and Niagara | | |
| <p>13. BUSINESS EDUCATION COUNCIL Judy Reid, Manager, Labour Force Development</p> | <p>J.Reid reported on behalf of the Business Education Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Rights Poetry and Poster Celebration packages have been delivered. Submission deadline is October 17th. | | |
| <p>14. LIFE ACCORDING TO MAX Anne, Biscaro, Public Health</p> | <p>A.Biscaro presented draft version of Life of Max, full report to be presented in November.</p> | | |

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| <p>15. MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES</p> | <p>Assistant Deputy Minister Darryl Sturtevant Presentation of the Ministry's Strategic Framework.</p> <p>Realizing Potential: Our Children, Our Youth, Our Future</p> <p>http://www.gov.on.ca/children/graphics/244264.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document's focus is children, not families • Ministry funding is not for parents as parents, but instead as help to children • Research agenda needed • Program focus this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preschool speech services ○ Children Treatment Centres (CTCs) ○ Child Welfare ○ Mental Health ○ Integrated Health and Social Services <p>Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How involved should the government be in parenting? • How can we engage parents? • Government role should be unique to each community • Data shows at-risk parents least likely to engage in programs | | |

| EYNPC Meeting Schedule | |
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| DATE & Time | LOCATION |
| <p>9:00-11:30AM</p> <p>October 17th, 2008 November 14th, 2008 December 12th, 2008 January 9th, 2009 February 13th, 2009</p> | <p>PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION:</p> <p>Niagara Catholic District School Board 427 Rice Road Welland</p> |