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<p><b>4.3 Report - Children's Services – 2006 Child Care Service Plan Update (ATTACHED) – Pat Heidebrecht</b></p>	<p><b>4.3 Memo: MCYS 2006 Child Care Service Plan Update (ATTACHED)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The MCYS memo on 2006/2007 Best Start allocations and Child Care service plans was circulated. An update to the 2005-2008 Child Care Plan is required by May 31<sup>st</sup> reflecting changes as a result of the termination of the Early Learning and Child Care agreement.</li> <li>• The drafted response was reviewed. There has been a reduction in funding of over 3 million, and no capital funding allocated for 2007. Projects for Grimsby and West Lincoln will move forward in 2006, funded by the 2005 unconditional grant. As funds will not cover capital dollars, it is hoped that the Ministry of Education will assist with this for 2007. It was noted that the Ministry of Education has stipulated that this information would need to be included in the plan. J. Fallis will meet with Community Services regarding this next week.</li> <li>• Of the 108K originally allocated for planning, \$44,250 has been committed. The region is prepared to offset this differential for the upcoming year in order that the NCPC and EYN can move forward. In order to meet the hub component, it is recommended that the NCPC capitalize on existing partnerships by examining opportunities with the Ontario Early Years Centres and Family Resource Centres.</li> <li>• Recommendations in consideration of these changes have been identified. The group discussed expanding recommendations to include the broader vision of Best Start. Recommendations will be amended to include concerns regarding ongoing sustainability, recognition of the vision of Best Start, and leveraging alternative funding opportunities.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>5. PRESENTATION: Overview of Indicators for Early Child Development (ATTACHED) – Sandra Noel &amp; Jackie Van Lankveld</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S. Noel and J. Van Lankveld provided an overview of the Early Years Niagara Research Advisory Group (EYNRAG) and key indicators that influence early child development (attached)</li> <li>• A Research Inventory has also been completed by EYNRAG and will be shared with the group.</li> <li>• The EYNRAG Planning Working Group will be meeting to discuss the development of a report card on the status of children in Niagara and available resources. The vision is that of a community venture, including child care, early ID, policing, and children's aid, so that it is a fulsome look at the children of Niagara.</li> <li>• The Data Analysis website is also in development and is intended to act as a clearinghouse for all research and data on early child</li> </ul>		

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	<p>development in Niagara. Both the website and the report card could be used by the public as a source to extract data for reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCPC is asked to assist in developing the report card; connecting the group to research resources &amp; expertise; setting the foundation for indicators.</li> <li>• T. Ferguson recommended that the NCPC support EYNRAG in developing the framework for the report card; endorsing the work of the planning committee; advocating for a research agenda.</li> <li>• M. Andrewes noted that the NCPC will dedicate an upcoming meeting to review its organizational structure and needs to take into account its relationship with adjunct groups, including EYNRAG.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>6. CORRESPONDENCE</b>  <b>6.1 Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), Pauline Daling, April 25'06</b></p>	<p><b>6.1 OMSSA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), representing the majority of CMSMs, has forwarded a letter offering support for local advocacy strategies. B. Hutchings will update the NCPC as to any developments.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. NETWORK REPORTS</b>  <b>7.1 MCYS – P. Moore</b></p> <p><b>7.2 Niagara Best Start Francophone Advisory Committee – J. Blais-Breton</b></p> <p><b>7.3 Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Circle</b></p>	<p><b>7.1 Ministry of Children and Youth Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P. Moore reported that there is no expectation that communities will be held to the specifics of their plan because they have not received the funding they anticipated. However, it is expected that MCYS will be examining the vision with the integration piece.</li> <li>• At the last NCPC meeting there was questioning of the \$1200/month – how it will be managed and whether there will be a claw back. Although there is no policy in place at the present time, McGuinty is on record that there will be no claw back.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.2 Niagara Best Start Francophone Advisory Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The French language community plan was approved on May 3'06, following consultation with Kathryn O'Hagan Todd, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, and a consultant. The plan will be presented to P. Heidebrecht on May 15'06.</li> <li>• J. Blais-Breton reported that her role has changed with the Ministry of Health but she will remain as a member of the NCPC at the present time. It was noted that a designate could come in place if necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>7.3 Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Circle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report from the Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Circle was deferred to the next meeting.</li> </ul>		



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	<p>communities are moving forward with expanding sites that are already acting as hubs, such as OEYCs. St. David's is also planning for a hub linked to the KIWANIS club and within walking distance of schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Blais-Breton added that there is also a Francophone demo site in Hillsdale, as well as an aboriginal hub.</li> <li>• A. Wing reported that Dr. Clinton participated in the annual Rotary District 7090 Conference, May 5-6, with the theme of youth and literacy. The conference was a success, with 35 inbound exchange students in attendance and hundreds of books collected. 13 clubs were recognized with an award for early literacy projects, the first of its kind in the district.</li> </ul>		
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.		

#### NCPC MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE		LOCATION Corporate Learning Centre Inspiration Room 3340 Schmon Parkway (rear entrance) <b>*unless otherwise indicated</b>	DATE		LOCATION Corporate Learning Centre Inspiration Room 3340 Schmon Parkway (rear entrance) <b>*unless otherwise indicated</b>
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			August	11	Corporate Learning Centre
			September	8	Corporate Learning Centre
			October	13	Corporate Learning Centre
			November	10	Corporate Learning Centre
June	9	<b>Winifred Cropper</b>	December	8	Corporate Learning Centre