

Niagara Children's Planning Council Meeting (NCPC)
October 13, 2006, 9:00 – 11:30 PM
Corporate Learning Centre, Inspiration Room

Present: Margaret Andrewes (Co-Chair), Dr. R. Williams (Co-Chair), Angela Alfieri-Maiolo (Guest), Barbara Ally, Donna Cunningham, John Crocco, Eleanor Dolan, Lucette Farr, Pat Heidebrecht, Bruce Henry, Brian Hutchings, Margaret Jarrell, Cathy Jenkins, Wendy Jones, Linda Langston, Dori Madar (for Bill Charron), John McNamara, Patti Moore, Judy Reid, Glory Ressler (for Tammy McCormick-Ferguson), Lynda Reinhart, Wendy Sturgeon, Adèle Tanguay, Michelle Thacker, Jackie Van Lankveld, Kaarina Vogin (for Steve Novosedlik), Art Wing

Regrets: Jean-Luc Bernard, Jocelyn Blais-Breton, Anne Biscaro, Paul Collins, Richard Francki, Geraldina Jamieson, Odette Lamontagne, Daniel Lefebvre, Tammy McCormick-Ferguson, Steve Novosedlik, Ted Palmer, Sarah Pennisi, Kathy Thompson, Tim Wright

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1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Welcome and introductions were made.		
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The agenda was approved.		
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES	Moved by Linda Langston Seconded by Dori Madar <i>That the NCPC notes of September 8, 2006 be adopted as written. Carried.</i>		
4. PRESENTATION: "Trekzone – Our Community Strategy for a Healthy, Active Niagara" Dianne Coppola Pat Heidebrecht	Dianne Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Division and Strategic Lead for TREKZONE was introduced to the group. D. Coppola and P. Heidebrecht presented the Niagara TREKZONE community strategy for a healthy, active Niagara to the group (attached). A copy of the complete report of <i>The Regional Chairman's Leadership Round Table on Obesity Prevention</i> can be downloaded from the Niagara Region website. http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/government/initiatives/trekzone/pdf/TrekzoneStrategy.pdf . Those who would like to obtain a hardcopy of the full report, or share comments/ideas are to contact Dianne Coppola at dianne.coppola@regional.niagara.on.ca .		
5. Niagara Best Start Network & Children's Planning Council Terms of Reference – Revised MANDATE	M. Andrewes reported that the Task Group responsible for refining the mandate will be meeting before the next NCPC meeting. Anyone who is interested in assisting with this task should contact M. Andrewes.		

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<p>Margaret Andrewes Margaret Jarrell Dori Madar</p>			
<p>6. REPORT: Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council</p> <p>Wendy Sturgeon Tracey Zachariah</p>	<p>W. Sturgeon reported that the terms of reference for the Niagara Aboriginal Planning Council have been finalized and will be signed by all signatories at a media event scheduled for October 16'06 at the Niagara Regional Native Centre.</p> <p>W. Sturgeon thanked the Region and facilitator Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd for their support during this process.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference were reviewed. Priorities outlined include obtaining permanent representation on the Niagara Children's Planning Council and developing a plan to educate Niagara communities about Aboriginal cultural sensitivity through a presentation and tour of early learning and child care programs.</p> <p>It is asked that the Niagara Children's Planning Council endorse the terms of reference of the Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council.</p> <p>P. Heidebrecht commended the group for their collaboration and the hard work that is evident in the final product.</p> <p>M. Andrewes added that the Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council has the full support of the NCPC. Although structure and membership will be addressed at the next meeting, two representatives from the Aboriginal community are included in the original NCPC terms of reference.</p> <p>Moved by Linda Langston Seconded by Adele Tanguay <i>That the terms of reference of the Niagara Aboriginal Children's Planning Council be accepted and embraced. Carried.</i></p>		
<p>7. REPORT: NCPC Parenting Sub-Committee</p> <p>Linda Langston et al</p>	<p>L. Langston reported on behalf of the NCPC Parenting Subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alan Ralph of the Triple P Positive Parenting Program met with NCPC members and guests from MCYS and the Ontario Trillium Foundation on September 19'06. Dr. Ralph also spoke at the NCYS AGM. • The triple p program is evidence-based, integrated, and flexible. Several levels of intervention allow for variation in the approach 		

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	<p>for program delivery, while allowing for time to build community capacity. Strategies include media and Internet-based approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ralph also met with five local youths, who provided positive feedback on program strategies. It was an opportunity to have their concerns heard and validated and they expressed interest in participating again. • It was noted that a strategy for parenting programs must give consideration to social isolation and level of support in addition to parenting styles as a factor in positive parenting strategies. • Training strategies will also need to be examined. D.Cunningham and L. Langston may explore the possibility of partnership with Niagara College. 		
<p>8. REPORT: Ministry of Child & Youth Services – Hamilton/ Niagara Region</p> <p>Patti Moore</p>	<p>P. Moore provided the following report on behalf of the Ministry of Children & Youth Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The province has exceeded the expected number of 15K new spaces for the end of September, with most spaces running to-date. • An information session will be called for November 15 to look at next steps in 2007-08. Co-chairs of the NCPC will be invited to participate. • 2007-08 funding will not be available until January. Additional funding information for the Best Start Network will be available in January 2007. • MCYS will circulate a document to the network to provide input and ideas for community integration. 		
<p>9. New Business & Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Van Lankveld reported that a plan will be coming forward for a 120K enhancement to the base budget provided to meet Best Start targets in relation to literacy. • D. Cunningham reported that the Rotary Club of St. Catharines is holding a Wine Tasting and Charity Auction for the Children's Discovery Centre at Hernder Estate Wines on October 28, 7:00 PM. • W. Sturgeon reported that the Niagara Chapter of Native Women is sponsoring a free workshop on bereavement for adults. • M. Andrewes reported that a presentation was made before the Mary Ward Advisory Group on the NCPC. The meeting was very positive; and in many ways their work mirrors that of the NCPC. • Pat Heidebrecht reported that child care spaces in Nelles and Grand Avenue schools are scheduled to open in January 2007 and September 2007, respectively. 		

NPC MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE		LOCATION
November	10	District School Board of Niagara 191 Carlton Street -St. Catharines
December	8	District School Board of Niagara
January	12	District School Board of Niagara
February	9	LOCATION TBA
April	13	Niagara Catholic District School Board 427 Rice Road - Welland
May	11	Niagara Catholic District School Board
June	8	Niagara Catholic District School Board