



Thunder Bay and District - Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

Context

In the fall of 2019 Child & Community Resources (CCR) submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) to support the development of the Northern Collaborative.

The Northern Collaborative was designed to plan beyond CCR and focus our efforts on supporting local service providers to increase service options and professional capacity, with special attention dedicated to rural and remote communities, bilingual and culturally inclusive services.

MCCSS supported CCR's proposal and has confirmed funding to March 31, 2021, for the Northern Collaborative.

Scope of Work

Building on the success of the Diagnostic Hub model, the Thunder Bay and District Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee will:

- Work in collaboration with families and professionals to develop a capacity-building strategy which will include short and long-term strategies to recruit, train and retain professionals in the Thunder bay and District;
- Provide advice and recommendations to CCR on allocation of funding to support professional capacity-building strategies (funding of \$150,000);
- Engage stakeholders (as required), to obtain additional feedback and insight; and
- Monitor and evaluate progress, leverage innovation, and share lessons learned.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The committee includes 10 members (five parents and five professionals), from the public and private sector. The committee is accountable to CCR and will play a critical role in ensuring the development of a capacity-building strategy.

Chair

The Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee will be Chaired by CCR's Executive Director. The Chair will provide leadership and decision-support on the capacity-building strategy and associated funding allocations.

Co-Chair

Committee members will be invited to express interest in assuming the role of Co-Chair. If more than one member expresses interest, the committee will engage in a voting process to select the incumbent.

The Co-Chair will work in collaboration with the Chair to set the agenda and chair the meeting.

Committee Members

Committee members will attend scheduled meetings, review, and comment on meeting materials, provide advice and guidance and seek advice from other stakeholders as required.

Administrative Support

CCR will provide the administrative support for all committee meetings. This includes coordinating meeting schedules and minute taking. Administrative support will also be provided between meetings, which may include distributing materials, and acting as the point-person for questions between meetings.

Meeting Frequency and Duration

The Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee will meet regularly. A meeting schedule (dates and times) will be established at the first meeting.

The term of the committee is from June 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Meetings will be 90 minutes in length.

Communication

The work of the committee is intended to be transparent and engaging. To ensure we are consistent in our communication, a standing agenda item will be implemented to review meeting content, minutes, actions, and next steps. Meeting minutes will be made public on CCR's website as means to maintain transparency with stakeholders.