



Meeting Minutes – Meeting 7

Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Thunder Bay and District

Date: October 22, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present : Sherry Fournier, CCR (Co-Chair)
Patty Haney, Parent
Alina Cameron, Parent
Adrianna Atkins, Parent
Krista Smith, Parent
Carolyn Mancuso, Own Practice: Ignite Behaviour Consulting
Liz Hathazi, Creative Therapy Associates
Melissa Bianco – SGDSB
Nicole Deschamps, GJCC

Regrets: Danielle Paananen (Chair)

Item	
1.0	Welcome
	The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Sherry Fournier. Since goals are in the implementation phase, meetings will now focus on updates and monitoring of all goals implementation and when required some modification. As always, work will still occur in between meetings.
2.0	Approval of the Agenda – October 22, 2020
	The agenda was approved by the committee.
3.0	Approval of the Minutes
	The minutes of September 17 were approved by the committee with an amendment to add Alina Cameron as being present.

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4.0	<p>Updates – CCR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MCCSS Todd Smith Announcement – a quick overview of the announcement was shared. 2) Family Foundational Services – registrations as of Friday, October 16 – Total 405. CCR continues to work with Northern Collaborative partners on a regular basis. The most common discussion is related to the sessions. Specifically, if they are not filled can they offer another. Based on feedback families are most interested in the sessions that include a session followed by multiple individual consultations. Many families do not have their OAP reference number; we are also helping with this. 3) CCR Website –our developers have been working on improved home and service-filtering pages (based on feedback from families). A small group of parents from the Committees have been asked to form a focus group and provide additional feedback on the new pages. The plan is to have the new improved site live in early November. 4) Regional Family Service Coordinator – almost 80 contacts in the last two weeks from families and professionals. As we hoped this role is supporting families in choosing the family foundational services best for them, connecting families to local resources, filling communication gaps, and responding to inquiries from professionals. This week we are also beginning to offer a one-hour clinical consult if clinician support is required to assist a family in selecting the best service. 5) Diagnostic Hub – CCR was successful in securing funding to complete more assessments as the age of diagnosis in the north is very late. CCR is currently funded for 156, we have funding for an additional 165. To date we have secured providers to complete 110. This investment has significantly reduced the waitlists throughout the region. In addition to completing more assessments CCR will fill the gap(s) that exist within the region in the interim until a permanent solution is in place (i.e. Thunder Bay). 6) Report Launch – opportunity to present at the Provincial OAP Working Group, the report was well received. Plans underway to organize opportunities for the Chair of each committee to meet with senior leaders and Minister’s to share the overall work but also address some of the regional goals.
5.0	<p>Monitor implementation / course correct if required</p> <p><u>District Goal for Thunder Bay district</u></p> <p>Providers can now utilize grants to provide services to families. The concern is time frame to utilize those grants by March 31, 2021. Sherry will approach the Ministry with a request to extend the use of those grants until June and this to also be applied to all goals. If the Ministry shows interest, perhaps access to this money next year can be granted. Updates will be provided upon Ministry’s response.</p> <p><u>Regional Goals</u></p>

Enhanced Service Capacity within First Nations' Communities – Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) will take the lead, CCR will support.

Lack of post-secondary institutions within the North Region – The Chair of each committee along with CCR will lead this goal. A number of committee members interested in this work as well however we will start with a meeting of the Chair's, develop a plan and then engage others. (Sherry to coordinate a meeting with the Chair's).

*Access to service providers in rural and remote communities....*CCR will take the lead on this goal. We just informed providers today that this is now available. All costs related to travel including staff travel time will be available. This will support providers in delivering service in rural and remote communities and will also ensure the family does not have to use funding for travel costs. The committee had advised that this opportunity should also be made available to families as well. Sherry will continue discussions with MCCSS.

*Lack of Pre and Post Diagnosis support*CCR will take the lead and coordinate a meeting with interested parents (from all 4 committees) to discuss this goal. Develop a relationship with parent advocates and mentors in each district and discuss how we can work together to ensure families receive all of these important supports (including – should we consider hosting a formal training opportunity about becoming a mentor). This goal will also include inviting families to participate in the PARC Study (Pediatric Autism Research Cohort) presented by Stelios Georgiades at CCRs Annual General meeting. Committee members requested additional details about the PARC Study. Sherry has reached out to McMaster to provide a summary of the PARC Study and as soon as it is received it will be shared with all committee members.

Access to services to support youth – Similar to the pre and post diagnosis CCR will coordinate a meeting with interested parents from the 4 committees to meet, discuss this goal, and generate a list of the specialty clinics that would be helpful. The goal is to organize 2-3 specialty clinics before March 31, 2021.

*Lack of availability of trained professionals in the North Region has resulted in parents and caregivers expressing interest in obtaining credentials....*this will be achieved through Family Foundational Services.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Trevor will work with the lead for each goal to ensure we are collecting all relevant data and anecdotal information.

This will be shared with committee members at the monthly meetings and will inform the final report in March 2021.

6.0	Next Steps
	<p>CCR to schedule the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion with the Committee Chair's • Group discussion with parents – Pre and Post Diagnostic Goal • Group discussion with parents – Access to Services to Support Youth • Meet with Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) to formalize lead role • Request to MCCSS – funding extension (to June 30), also request access grant be available to families
7.0	Adjournment
	<p>The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting Nov 19th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm</p>
8.0	Committee Action Items
	<p>Members are asked to provide the following by next meeting to npoitras@ccrconnect.ca .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback, amendments for minutes