



Meeting Minutes - Meeting 10

Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee - Kenora Rainy River District

March 22, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present : April Szpara, Parent (Chair)
Barb Stainke, Parent
Sheelagh Reid, KACL
Karly Janisse, SLFNHA
Joel Willet, FIREFLY
Suzanne Morris, grandparent, NWHU
Sarah Pyzer, KCDSB
Sherry Fournier, CCR
Trevor Bosse, CCR
Nathalie Poitras (Recorder)

Regrets: Christie Nerino, TNCDSB
Fallon Cody, Parent

Guest: Caroline Auclair

Item	
1.0	Welcome
	The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm central time by April Szpara.
2.0	Approval of Agenda – March 22, 2021 and approval of Minutes for February 1, 2021
	The Agenda for today's meeting was approved by all members present. The minutes dated February 1, 2021 were also approved.

3.0 Updates - CCR

Reflecting on the update sent by Sherry on March 16th, the group was asked if there were any questions regarding the information shared in the email. As mentioned in the update, MCCSS is rolling out a number of programs. Some programs involve the collaboration between HANDS, One Kids Place & CCR.

1. Entry to School : this program requires providers to work in collaboration with the school boards to serve children between the age of 3 and 5 for a 6 month period. The north region was selected as an early adopter and MCCSS requested that One Kids Place, CCR and HANDS work together with partners to respond to the application.

One Kids Place will lead this project and representation throughout the north will take part. It is anticipated that the partnership list will continue to grow as the group gains a better understanding of the expectations.

MCCSS was hoping to start this program by the end of this school year however with COVID, this may be delayed.

Committee members expressed concern that partners in this district were not included. Sherry advised that initially there were no children identified as eligible for the program in 2021-2022. That has since changed and Sherry confirmed that she will connect the partners to the process.

The committee discussed the history of late diagnosis and families requiring support to register for the OAP, especially in remote communities. All members expressed the importance of continuing to reduce wait times for diagnostic assessments, the need to assist families with registration and a commitment that all OAP services are responsive and culturally appropriate.

2. Caregiver Mediated : A number of providers in the north responded to the call for application however MCCSS has yet provided updates on the successful applicant(s) or information on the delivery of this program and its component.
3. Determination of Needs: this short-term project will be led by MCCSS and Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI). CCR is one of two organizations approached by MCCSS to support with the implementation of the service for the first 600 families. IIO will assume full duties following the 6-month planning. A total of 8 professionals in the north will be involved with the delivery. MCCSS confirmed invitation letters were sent to families last Friday.
4. Family Foundational Services: CCR received funding to continue delivering services. New offerings will be based on parent feedback. Members of the Northern Collaborative were contacted and invited to submit a plan for the full 12-month period. The CCR Northern Collaborative is growing; new partners will be joining in April 2021. CCR will continue to showcase current and new partners on the CCR website.

Item	Updates – CCR (cont'd)
	<p>5. <u>Diagnostic Hub</u>: CCR will continue to work with current and new partners in each district to enhance the current diagnostic process and referral pathway. In one district there is no pathway at all. CCR will work in collaboration with partners to address this significant gap, this is a priority. CCR will continue to advocate for additional funds to reduce the wait times and average age of diagnosis.</p> <p>Sherry confirmed that more funding was received to further support capacity building for the next 2 years. It is essential that we focus all funding and efforts to supporting providers in recruiting, training and retaining qualified professionals to deliver core services.</p>
4.0	Overview – Final Report
	<p>Trevor provided an overview of the draft “final report” which is still in the working process. The final version is expected to be shared and posted by end of April. This draft version will be shared with the group following the meeting.</p> <p>Sheelagh suggested that the report should identify results per regions where appropriate. Trevor will implement in the final draft.</p> <p>No questions were brought forth.</p>
5.0	Next Steps
	<p><u>Update from FIREFLY</u> – FIREFLY provided a progress report for the Respite project. Committee members congratulated FIREFLY on the work completed so far.</p> <p>Since this marks the last meeting for this fiscal, the Chairs will be discussing the possibility of continuing with the Advisory Committees but reduce the meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly meetings. Roundtables or adhoc committees will be formed if required. Members will be informed of the future approach. Committee members choosing to continue, thank you. Members choosing to complete the term now, we thank you for your commitment.</p> <p>April and Sherry acknowledged and thanked all committee members for their leadership and support over the last year. The final report will be posted to the CCR website at the end of April.</p>
6.0	Adjournment
	The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm central time.
7.0	<p>Committee Action Items</p> <p>Members are asked to provide feedback on the minutes by <u>April 28, 2021</u> please send your comments to npoitras@ccrconnect.ca :</p>