



Meeting Minutes – Meeting 11

Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Thunder Bay and District

Date: March 25, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

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

Regrets: Adrianna Atkins, Parent

Item	
1.0	Welcome
	The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by the Chair, Danielle.
2.0	Approval of the Agenda – March 25, 2021
	The agenda was approved by all members with no amendments.
3.0	Approval of the Minutes
	The minutes of February 18, 2021 were approved by all members with no amendments.
4.0	Updates-CCR
	Reflecting on the update sent by Sherry on March 16 th , 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Family Foundational Services</u> : 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.

4.0	Updates-CCR (cont'd)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Caregiver Mediated</u> : 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. - <u>Entry to School</u> : this program requires providers to work in collaboration with 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. - <u>Determination of Needs</u> : 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. - <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>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> <p>Following the updates committee members expressed concern about the determination of needs process and the worry that it will not be responsive to the child's specific needs. Concerns were also raised about the short term goal is to bring in 600 children as so many children are waiting for service. Sherry referenced MCCSS' communication and their intent to bring 8000 in this fiscal. Committee members expressed the importance of providing support to providers now so they are prepared to respond when families are ready to purchase services.</p>

5.0	Overview - Final report
	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.
6.0	Next Steps
	<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>Danielle 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>
7.0	Adjournment
	The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm
8.0	Committee Action Items Members are asked to provide feedback on the minutes to Nathalie at npoitras@ccrconnect.ca by <u>April 28, 2021</u>. If there are no feedback received we will conclude that the minutes are approved.