



Meeting Minutes

Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Kenora Rainy River District

Date: August 16, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: April Szpara
 Barb Tibbs
 Joel Willett
 Karly Janisse
 Sheelagh Reid
 Sherry Fournier, CCR (Co-Chair)
 Nathalie Poitras (Recorder)

Regrets: Christie Nerino
 Fallon Cody
 Sarah Pyzer
 Brandi Tait

Item	
1.0	Welcome & Introductions
	April welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:05pm central time.
2.0	Progress updates (Capacity Grants)
	<p>Sherry invited FIREFLY to provide their feedback regarding the grant. Joel explained that this grant supported the expansion of their team; additional BCBA was hired and will be full-time employed in January (located in Dryden). Another BCBA was also recruited (located in Red Lake). ABA therapist was recruited which positively expands the behaviour team. Family engagement sessions took place and parents shared their requests for future programs. There is high interest in opportunities that include the parents as well as social opportunities for the children and youth. Parents expressed that travelling is not an issue, rather a learning opportunity for them and their children. One of FIREFLY's successful summer event consisted of a session with the theme of Dungeons and Dragons for teens.</p> <p>Sherry provided a brief update on the <u>Workforce Capacity Grant</u> and encouraged committee members to view criteria posted on the MCCSS website last week. Priority will be given to northern providers delivering services to Francophone and Indigenous families and communities. Funding is for 12 months; two opportunities are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant to support the expand capacity to deliver core services. The committee discussed the concerns with the length of the grant as it does not support sustainability however it will prioritize northern communities. CCR will be supportive of providers who chose to apply, including letters of support. 2. Innovation grants are also available. A brief discussion about submitting a collective proposal was discussed however nothing confirmed.

	Information sessions are available for those interested in learning more. Those choosing to attend must register.
3.0	CCR & OAP updates
	<p>Sherry provided the following updates and encouraged committee member to visit the Ontario government website for full details.</p> <p><u>Entry to School</u>; This is a 6-month intervention for children 3-5 years of age entering the school system.</p> <p>Karly noted that children older than the eligible age must also be considered as there are several children over the age of 5 entering school for the first time.</p> <p>MCCSS will inform successful applicant in September/October of 2021. The establishment of the program would start in January 2022 and children who received an invitation would officially begin the program in March 2022.</p> <p><u>Urgent Response</u>: This is a 12-week intervention available to eligible families throughout the province. MCCSS invited all Coordinating Service Planning agencies to lead design with partners throughout the province. Sherry invited Joel to share an update as FIREFLY is a Coordinated Service Planning Agency. Joel confirmed that their proposal will be submitted in coordination with Thunder Bay as per MCCSS' request for a northwestern model. The goal is to establish a strong behaviour team inclusive of respite, speech, occupational and mental health support for the families.</p> <p><u>Determination of Needs</u>: This process will continue until the target of 600 families is achieved. The current Care Coordinators (CC) will return to their home organizations at the end of September. CCR will continue with a small group of CCs until this work is complete.</p>
4.0	Northern Capacity Building Initiative Report
	Following the meeting Nathalie will send a copy of the Northern Capacity Building report for 2021-2022. Like last year, as the data is collected the report will be populated along with anecdotal information capturing the progress of the investments for this fiscal year.
5.0	Letter to Minister Fullerton
	<p>Sherry reviewed the letter with the committee. All were in agreement with the content and direction.</p> <p>Karly inquired about SLFNAH being listed as an Northern Collaborative Member. Sherry will follow up.</p>
6.0	Next Meeting
	November 15th, as usual, updates will be shared as they arrive.
7.0	Adjournment

	The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm central time
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