



Meeting Minutes

Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Sudbury Manitoulin District

Date: August 16, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: Sara Kitlar-Pothier (Chair)
Kristen Norman
Julien Bonin
Sylvie Grenier
Kim Morris
Natalie Croteau
Sherry Fournier (Co-Chair)
Nathalie Poitras (Recorder)

Regrets: Shannon Lavoie
Michelle Bascom
Terri Barriault

Item	
1.0	Welcome & Introductions
	Sara welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5:05 pm.
2.0	Progress updates (Capacity Grants)
	<p>Sherry invited the providers who were present to share some feedback regarding grants they've received. S. Grenier Consulting expressed positive feedback as 2 new RBTs were hired which brings a total of 8 RBTs. Kim Morris (Behaviour Analysis North) explained that they are now able to provide comprehensive service and was able to hire 3 new staff with the support of the grant. In the fall, Kim is confident that the waitlist should diminish even more.</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. The committee discussed the concerns with the length of the grant (12 months) as it does not support sustainability however it does prioritize northern communities. Two opportunities are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grant to expand capacity to deliver core services2. Innovation Grant <p>Information sessions are available for those interested in learning more. Those choosing to attend must register. Some providers advised they have already registered for the information session. Sara has shared that in reviewing the criteria, she noticed there is no mention of supporting travel costs, but technology is supported. The group briefly discussed the innovation grant and potential ideas. Proposals are due mid-September.</p>

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. CCR and partners submitted a proposal specifically for Sudbury and Manitoulin district. The proposal showed flexibility in scheduling families to access this program. Kim Morris (Behaviour Analysis North) opted out and confirmed that Behaviour Analysis North will focus on core services. Feedback from committee members regarding the model was positive. MCCSS will inform successful applicants 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 the design with partners throughout the province; Children’s Community Network is the CSP for Sudbury Manitoulin District. When Sherry receives more details, she will be sharing with the committee. Members of the committee have expressed interest in obtaining further details on the guidelines and eligibility for this program.</p> <p><u>Determination of Needs</u>: This process will continue until the target of 600 families is achieved. The current team of Care Coordinators will return to their home positions in September. CCR will retain a few CCs to complete the work related to this process.</p>
4.0	Northern Capacity Building Initiative Report
	<p>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.</p>
5.0	Letter to Minister Fullerton
	<p>Sara reviewed the letter with the committee. All were in agreement with the content and direction.</p> <p>Sara shared that France Gélinas and Jamie West are petitioning to obtain transparency from government with numbers of northern kids presently on the waitlist and how many will be invited into service. Without knowing how many kids can access services, providers are unable to prepare.</p> <p>Julien’s update: Research is going well...will have surveys for parents and providers soon.</p>
6.0	Next Meeting
	<p>November 15th, as usual, updates will be shared as they arrive.</p>
7.0	Adjournment
	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm</p>