



## MEETING Minutes - Wed Aug 18, 2021 TIME: 9:00am - noon Video Conference

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**Present:** Kelly Emery, Rachel Guerin, JoDee Anderson, Sarah Fraleigh, Carla Wilson, Suzanne Powell, Michelle, Dan Hunter, Karen Kennedy, Jeffery Nelson, Donna Litwin-Makey, Faith Hale, Cathy Knowler, Tina Fehr, Allison Ford, Brenda Corchis, Allison Ford, Connie DaSilva, Jen Smith **Regrets:** Laura MacDougald, Natalie McLellan & Samantha O'Neill Norm Conkey, Robyn Gore, Theresa McFadden, Krystal Michaud, Carol Moore



**Welcome / Icebreaker:** What Inspirational quotes have helped us get through the pandemic?

“ Keep calm and carry on • The greater the storm, the brighter the rainbow • We are all in the same storm, but in different boats • The only thing I knew how to do was to keep on keepin' on, like a bird that flew; tangled up in Blue • Live each day as if it is your last • Your journey is not the same as mine, and my journey is not yours, but if you meet me on a certain path, may we encourage each other to continue • You must be the change you wish to see in the world – Gandhi • If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles • Picture yourself as the eye of the hurricane: while everything swirls around you, remain calm so you're not pulled along, flying with the chaos • Attitude, not aptitude, determines altitude • Don't look back, you're not going that way. ”

**Reports from CYPN Leaders Table** Re: Strategic Planning for CYPN

**Advocacy:** (Rachel and Krystal)

- Please give your leaders a heads-up of CYPN's advocacy efforts. Rachel and Krystal will be sending out the letter along with a sample advocacy letter shortly
- How might we expand our advocacy efforts?
  - Inviting Ministry reps to CYPN – Keeping them informed at the least by sharing the minutes with them.
  - Aim to send out the agendas earlier to flag certain issues and gain interest.
- We'll be giving brief monthly updates during CYPN meetings.

**Communication:** Quarterly Newsletter and Annual Report (Krystal)

- To highlight the good work that's happening at this table
- To help push the needle forward on collaboration and community buy-in
- If anyone is interested in being part of this Communication group, please let Kelly know.
- This would allow for more information sharing outside of our meetings, offering us more inter-active collaboration and consultation time during our monthly meetings.

### **“Pitch Presentations” - CYPN Community Partner Consultation Worksheet (Kelly and Michelle)**

- How can we keep the momentum going?
- Looking through a Human Centre Design when offering a presentation or information
- It's a great venue for community consultation prior to making your final decisions on projects. (what Data supports this? What are the community needs? Etc.)
- We ask presenters to approach with: Where do I need CYPN's consultation? What are my needs? What I my organization having issues with? The network will help brainstorm ideas and work through the ideation phase.
- Also, this could be a chance to ask the Network to test out a prototype before you move ahead with it.
- This is also a chance to help re-evaluate a program or service that you've been offering for a while. (eg. What should we do for 'return to work' policy?)
- We're still working on this process as we all figure it out together.
- We're considering putting together a video to show what we're looking for. Karen Kennedy has offered to lead this with he great EarlyON team, and so has Sarah Hart-Coatsworth has offered to assist as well – thanks to both of you! If there is anyone else from another organization who would like a chance to work with Karen's team - great way to build new networks and add something else to resume / portfolio. If not you, do you know someone in our network (your team) who may not be here today that may be interested? Please let us know.

### **Membership (JoDee)**

- JoDee has been speaking with some community partners, asking for support, especially with supporting our data.
- More info to come.

### **Data Leads Update / Survey Q's (Sarah) *(Please see attached)***

- We've created a draft survey to go out to youth as well as to families and parents in order to get data re: how people have been affected by the COVID pandemic, what services/supports they reached out for, what are their needs and concerns moving forward.
- If you know there are other surveys planned to go out, please let us know so we may be able to align our efforts with other's strategy work.

#### **Timeline:**

- Please offer your suggested changes by the end of August
- End of Aug: Survey will be sent to the public / post on Let's Talk CK. We'll ask network members to share the survey link with all of their families, contacts, using their own platforms.
- Hoping for a minimum of 300 replies – aiming for more!,
- Focus groups and surveys through Sept. and Oct.
- Nov: Preliminary Survey Results shared, decision to continue pushing out survey depending on number of responses to date

### **New Position (Kelly)**

- We're hoping to find a Data position to support our COVID recovery data throughout C-K
- We hope for a 12 month, contract position
- Will be housed at CKCS
- Humana and CKCS, Child Care & Early Years & Rec have agreed to support
- JoDee has been connecting with the Prosperity Round Table, St. Clair Catholic School Board, and some others to financially support this role.
- We'll soon have a letter finalized to help all network members reach out to their upper management in requesting to financially support this role.
- We're hoping of the possibility of everyone seeing the benefits of having this dedicated resource and continuing to support it after the 12 month period.
- Examples of other communities that have a dedicated resource:

- Waterloo: <https://childrenandyouthplanningtable.ca>
- Durham: <http://www.dcypr.ca>
- Halton: <https://www.ourkidsnetwork.ca/Public/Home.aspx>

**BREAK (10:15-10:30)**

**Ck^y Advisory Group** (Victoria Bodnar & Morena McDonald) *(Please see attached)*

- What Family-focused advantages in CK should we promote?
- What opportunities exist for partnership/cross engagement?

**Ideas from the Network:**

- To reach the younger range: Connecting with front line staff to 'hand-hold' the youth in having them complete the survey.
- 'Go to where the youth are' – meet them there, give incentives for completing the survey. Engage beyond just the online survey.
- Looking into inviting a Youth member to the CYPN to assure the youth voice is included in our planning.
- Looking into the possibility for high school students completing a survey, etc. could count as community service / volunteer hours. (Connect with Carla Wilson)
- Connect with youth engagement groups such as Access Open Minds and Prosperity Round Table to brainstorm ways of reaching more youth and hearing their voices.
- Create a contest (eg. 'Most shares') amongst the youth to increase engagement and promotion.
- Are there other supports that aren't listed on the website? Please take a look and contact Victoria if you know of a group that is missing.
- Ck^y is Planning on a Town hall – virtual, most likely, and a federal candidate election group.

**Indigenous Working Group**

- We are moving forward in building an Indigenous working group.
- In the past we had a "CK Urban Indigenous Working Group", but we'd prefer to move forward, expanding it to include representation and voices from Moraviantown and Walpole Island as well. We were planning a Blanket Ceremony before the onset of COVID, which was cancelled, of course, and hope to one day be able to offer that once more.
- We're hoping to have indigenous partners from either Moraviantown or Walpole Island chairing this group. Kelly will be reaching out to them as well as Faith to discuss co-chairing.
- If you or anyone within your organization would like to join this working group, please reach out to Kelly to let her know.

**Network Updates** *(Please see attached)*