**Planner’s Report**

**November 2016**

Best Start – key messages from September 8, 2016

* Parent & Provider Survey will be circulated soon, as it related to information gathering for the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (OEYCFC)
* Identified challenges in Child Care related to the new changes around licensing requirements
* Concerns identified regarding school closures and the potential implications in communities
* A social media training is needed on reputation management and response – Jane and Emily will develop a module and schedule the training
* OT/PT will be continuing in Lanark County without the grant funding! The pilot project, made possible with a Best Start grant from Unconditional Grant Funds, between Child Development Centres in Kingston (Hotel Dieu) and Ottawa (CHEO) was so successful that the changes have been worked into normal operations.

A Way Home

* Oct 7 forum was well attended and inspiting
* Kudos to Lanark County and to Terrilee Kelford for hard work that has positioned us well, and created a desire to work on rural youth homelessness

Stewardship

* Meeting October 24
* Review of all funding that goes toward the planner position, and timelines; developed proposals to bring to LCPC at Nov meeting
* Sue Poldervaart will be away for training on Thursdays, and will miss Nov/Dec/Jan/March meetings – Kevin will chair those meetings and Sue will chair Feb/April/May/June

Municipal Drug Strategy

* Networking Day October 14
* focus was Community Services for Transition Years
* lots of our community partners presented, but audience was appreciative of the young people who gave their unique personal perspectives

Ontario Children’s Planning Tables

* Meeting October 17 in Ajax was cancelled

Upcoming Meetings to Note:

* Nov 10 - VAW Rural Forums follow-up meeting
* Nov 16 ARC Public Meeting at PDCI