**Committee Reports 2014 - Compilation**

**Middle Years Working Group** (After School Project for Lanark County Advisory Council)

Members:

Cliff Woods, Jennifer Miller, Mike Cooper, Mona Wynn, Joanne Harris, Alyssa Comstock,

Emily Cassell, David Murphy, Joanne Harris, Julie Ingleby, Jane Torrance, Natalie Dalton, Rachel Warren, Tanis Cowan, Warren McMeekin

Meeting Frequency:

Every 6-8 weeks

Main focus/mandate:

To act as advisory council for After School Program Coordinator and to create partnerships and discuss action to improve the programs in Lanark County

Accomplishments:

After School Resource Document

Inter-Organizational Partnerships (resource-based)

Emerging Issues (if any) that your working group has identified:

Opportunity for after school program providers to communicate about and share funding and human resources

Opportunity to share after school program best practices and statistics

What kind of your support (if any) does your Working Group need from the Planning Council?

Any assistance in recruiting volunteers for after school programming across the county would be helpful

Participation in committee work and

Sharing of resources and information

**Social Media/Communications Committee**

Members: Jane Torrance, Emily Cassell, Heather Whiting, Kate Hallas (replacing Emily Danaher), Jon Valentin

Meeting Frequency:  as needed; mostly monthly

Main focus/mandate: to address the social media needs of the LCPC and partners; to develop and deliver training modules; to develop and implement social media strategy; to develop social media calendar; to develop communication plan for LCPC; to keep current on social media trends

Accomplishments that you would like to share:

Achieved most of our social media goals as set out 2013;

Successfully developed 8 Training modules – Board Training; Social Media Channels; Twitter; Facebook; Privacy on Social Media; Metrics; Hootsuite; Social Media Strategy and Policy within a Communication Plan

Trained 116 people from 21 agencies over 26 sessions within 3 months.

Of those trained, 80% believe their social media allows them to reach more parents with their communication, which results in more youth and families accessing service

Emerging Issues (if any) that your working group has identified: social media is constantly changing – our modules will need to be kept current; we will need to continue to offer training to our partners; communication and out reach is working – what next

What kind of support (if any) does your Working Group need from the Planning Council? if we want to make lanarkkids a useful family engagement tool, we need to have engaged service providers

**Best Start**

Members:

Alexis Greene, Angele Blaskie, Ashley Boudens, Audrey Van Sickle,

Debra Kuehl, Elixabeth Goldman, Emily Cassell, Francine Raymond, Heidi Sinnett, Jacquie Leach, Jane Torrance, Judi Kaiser, Karen Moore, Kathy Boelsma, Catherine Robinson, Lynette Cummings, Margaret VanBeer, Mary Lou White, Monica Blackburn, Nathalie Daoust, Penny Pitcher, Rachel Warren, Rachelle Blanchette, Sheena Dunham, Sue Cavanagh, Teri Mullins, Tom Jordan.

Mandate:

All children have the opportunity to reach their full potential. There is increased accessibility for all children 0-6 and all families; parents have access to supportive resources which aim to increase parenting capacity. There is a seamless system of services; there is increased coordination of services and service integration. Families are provided with options for supports. The initiative is driven by community need, evidence-based research and best practices

Meeting Frequency:

Monthly, no meetings in July and August

Accomplishments:

Professional Development Day (Building Partnerships) with School Boards and on-site Child Care Providers

Best Start members participation at Welcome To Kindergarten events

Funded 4 projects from Best Start Unconditional Grant in 2014

CDC/ Hotel Dieu

* Occupational Therapy Consultation Model

Open Doors

* Enhancing same day clinic program with a focus on early years children

CROW (2)

* Crow/ Connections – Local videos/Parent Engagement and resources
* Crow/ libraries – program in 6 libraries for new/enhanced programs to improve literacy/numeracy skills

Issues: Previous Chair Hinda Goldberg has resigned, seeking new chair, changes in Legislation of the Day Nurseries Act, anticipating introduction of new Child Care Modernization Act,

Support from LCPC: Service Integration Joint Committee to continue, networking

**Community Issues**

The community issues working group began to form in 2012 as a result of discussions within the LCPC related to the need to formulate community action and response to related sector issues.

Current members include Samantha Davidson, Audrey Van Sickle, Susan, Jane Torrance, Danika Wentzel and Erin Lee (Chair)

Membership has ebbed and flowed over the past two years with a sudden loss of our chair to new adventures to the most recent leadership of Hinda Goldberg. Hinda has also recently left her position to explore life richness opportunities and Erin Lee has agreed to act as interim chair. The working group is grateful for the leadership of both chairs and appreciates their contribution to the work of the group.

As a result, the work has been challenging at times. The working group did a fabulous job working collaboratively with the Mills to host two all candidate round tables in anticipation of the most recent Provincial Election.

Given our recent meetings the group has discussed and determined the following for the upcoming year;

The group meet four times annually and determine a group focus based on the council’s strategic planning exercises as well as consider emerging or immediate issues that may arise during the course of a year.

The working group will be mindful and try to remind folks in advance of a meeting to come prepared should they have an item to bring to the table and that we must work with the council to explore what response times are realistically available given the issues that may occur.

We will explore how to better encourage or deliver the message to all council members related to the community issues working group.

The working group will explore our role in the special needs strategy work to ensure awareness and engagement.

Consider how trainings may contribute to the direction of the community issues group via presentations that may happen at council meetings related to new trends, services etc.

That it is important to recognize that planning council member agencies offer great programs and services. Despite collaborative service delivery, we rarely work on advocacy efforts together. Perhaps this may create what we interpret as little work by this group.

We want to ensure that we are clear with each other that No one agency owns an issue (unless it is agency specific). For example, no one agency owns the issue of food security or poverty and that we need to determine how we can collaborate effectively on advocacy by having a scenario based discussions.

Perhaps the working group needs to explore a work plan format so that the council feels that there is direction and can determine entry point more clearly. Perhaps smaller pieces, 2-3 issues based on strategic planning may be a positive direction as this group evolves.

We are grateful for the gifts of support, wisdom and knowledge that council members and working group members bring to the work and the change that it creates in our community.

**Stewardship**

Members: Nicki Collins (chair of LCPC); Elizabeth Goldman (vice-chair of LCPC); Mary Lou White (funder); Hinda Goldberg (chair of BestStart); Sue Cavanagh (member-at-large); Jane Torrance (staff support)

Meeting frequency: Monthly

Main focus/mandate: Developing agendas for monthly meetings of Lanark County Planning Council. Providing guidance to Jane on her work priorities. Securing funding for Jane’s position. Acting as a point-of-contact with the ministry for all issues related to the planning table. Identifying ways to meet planning table’s needs in areas such as strategic planning, special projects

Accomplishments:

Developed a series of themes for 2013-14 meetings, with speakers and activities around topics such as youth justice, education, health, violence against women, etc.

Obtained funding from Greenshields to fund a portion of Jane’s work focused on social media

Established system of identifying key messages in meetings to be communicated with home organizations

Added to website: minutes and agendas, resources

Created member-at-large position on committee

Emerging issues: Succession planning for LCPC leadership; funding to supplement ministry grant

Support needed: Suggestions for agenda items/speakers/themes. Engagement at meetings and willingness by members to take leadership roles for the council or subcommittees/working groups

**Service Integration**

Members: Elizabeth Goldman (chair), Sue Cavanagh, Nicki Collins, Hinda Goldberg, Mary Lou White, Emily Cassell

Meeting frequency: Monthly when there is an active agenda

Main focus/mandate: Assisting the Planning Council membership in progressing along the continuum from awareness to coordination to collaboration to integration.

Accomplishments: Created network map of LCPC membership; organized Data Day 2014; provided input into Early Childhood Development Planning report for ministry

Emerging issues: Currently awaiting guidance from ministry on value of producing a community plan

Support needed: Willingness to commit to increased cooperation and collaboration among member organizations and relevant external organizations

**Youth Justice Collaborative**

**Case Resolution**

Report Prepared by: Allan Hogan, on behalf of Nicki Collins

Members:

Lanark Community Programs: Donna Davidson, Carol Anne McNeil and Nicole Murray

Open Doors: Nicki Collins (chair)

South East CCAC: Sarah Lamoureux / Katie Truelove

FCSLLG: Allan Hogan

Ministry of Children and Youth Services: Lynette Cumming and Darrell Dean

Meeting Frequency: meeting frequency depends on the request from community partners to present a child or youth in need, administrative requirements or the need of members to discuss related issues pertinent to the committee and community. Invitations are sent out regularly and committee members determine the need to meet.

Main Focus/Mandate: to provide consultation to community partners who are assisting families who have children with complex special needs (CwCSN). The consultation may include sharing community resources/ideas/suggestions on how to better address the needs of children and youth who are presented and/or to make recommendations to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to allocate funding for a child or youth.

Accomplishments to Share: In concert with Ministry representatives, the committee has been successful in advocating for funding for children with complex special needs in Lanark County.

Emerging Issues: There are a number of children and youth in Lanark County with significant complex and special needs who require much needed resources during this time of fiscal restraint. Parents and guardians of these children and youth have given everything to address the needs and now find themselves utterly exhausted as their children get older. A new provincial initiative “Putting it All Together: A strategy for Special Needs Services that Make Sense for Families” is promising a more responsive approach to addressing CwCSN. Members of this committee have been invited to information sessions and later in this year an update will be scheduled.

Support Working Group needs from the Planning Council: At the current time there is no support that the working group needs from the Planning Council. Depending on the impact of the new provincial initiative, there may be a need in the future for the Council to advocate on behalf of families who continue to struggle with increasingly overwhelming experiences.

**Respite**

**Professional Development**

Members: Fraser Scantlebury, Jennifer Miller, Sue Poldervaart, Jane Torrance

Meeting Frequency:  As required

Main focus/mandate: This committee was created after the last strategic review of the Council to address the lack of available training resources and networking opportunities for NFP leadership in Lanark County. The committee determined that their main interest was offering short and focused training sessions for Executive Directors.

Accomplishments that you would like to share:  The first year to 18 months of the committee’s existence was productive. Several breakfast training sessions were held, covering a variety of topics of interest to leaders of not for profits. One session has been held in the last year with Sue Cavanagh speaking about Mindfulness at Work. The sessions have always been well attended, with more than 10 leaders at each session.

Emerging Issues (if any) that your working group has identified: The committee has determined that a new focus and new group of members is required to move this committee forward.

**Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls Municipal Drug Strategy**

Members:

Bonnie Schnittker Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit; Public Health Nurse; Chair

Alyssa Comstock TYPS Almonte; Rep from Mississippi Mills

Beth McIntosh Interval House

Carolyn Klickerman Citizen

Dale Solf Citizen; Rep from Lanark Highlands

David Murphy Smiths Falls Police Services; Rep from Smiths Falls

Paula Davio Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit; Administrative support

Lois Dewey Lanark Leeds & Grenville Healthy Communities Partnership

Diana McDonnell Lanark County Mental Health

Jane Torrance Lanark Planning Council

Lisa Muir Family & Children’s Services of Lanark Leeds & Grenville

Melissa Simpson Rideau Community Health Services; Thrive Program

Richard Kidd Reeve Beckwith Township

Sara Hammel TriCounty Addiction Services

Sean Trahan Lanark County OPP; Rep from Carleton Place

Susan Freeman Deputy Reeve Tay Valley Township

Tanis Cowan YAK Youth Center Perth; Rep for Perth, Tay Valley & Drummond N. Elmsley

Meeting Frequency: Monthly Steering Committee Meetings; Three Network Days per year with various themes held February, May and October.

Next event is Friday October 17th with a theme of Harm Reduction.

Two Joint Local MDS meetings are held per year. This is to encourage connections and sharing among the local committees and it’s members.

Main focus/mandate:

VISION: Our Vision for Lanark County is a healthy community free from Alcohol and Drug misuse/abuse.

MISSION STATEMENT: We want to encourage communication and collaboration across the Four Pillars of prevention, enforcement, harm reduction, and treatment, to meet the needs of Lanark County.

Accomplishments that you would like to share:

Municipal Drug Strategy Past Network Days

May 2014

•AA - Tim and Caroly

•Al Anon – Trish

•Smart Recovery - Eldon White and Dawn Adamson

•Community Addictions Peer Support Association of Ottawa (CAPSA) - Jason Miller and Dan Rathwell

•LINK (Peer Mental Health Support) - Halina Shannan

•Parents’ Lifelines of Eastern Ontario (PLEO) - Natalie Markoff

February 2014

•Amy Peaire, Assistant Section Head, Toxicology Section, Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS). CFS belongs to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

•Chuck Rifici, President & CEO Tweed Inc.

•"Pot and the Developing Brain; the link between cannabis use and schizophrenia." – Dr. Darren Courtney, MD; Clinical Director of the Youth Inpatient Unit at The Royal

October 2013

•Canada’s Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines - Bonnie Schnittker RN PHN Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

•No Safe Type, No Safe Time, No Safe Amount– Kim Marshall BScN PHN and Danika Wentzel BNSc PHN Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit

•Time Matters – Intoxiclock from Ministry of Transportation – Sara Hammel TriCounty Addiction Services

•Choice Matters – Sergeant Paul Klassen, Smiths Falls Police Services and Constable Sean Trahan, Lanark County OPP

•Smart Serve Ontario – Mary Parsons

Emerging Issues (if any) that your working group has identified: Each local MDS committee have their own area of focus each year.

What kind of support (if any) does your Working Group need from the Planning Council?

Continued support for the Steering Committee as a member and the support of the organizations within the Planning Council