



OKN Collective Impact Planning Committee (CIPC) Meeting Highlights – April 15th, 2016

Meeting Highlights:

“Halton’s Children Can’t Weight”

Dr. Meghani; Medical Officer of Health (Halton) joined the meeting to complete a presentation on the Halton initiative “Halton’s Children Can’t Weight” and to seek the support of the Network through the work of our committees and the Halton 7. Committee CoChairs were asked to take this back as a discussion item to collect information on activities/programs that may already exist within our workplaces and communities in support of this initiative and to explore how this initiative may also be built into the workplans of their committees. Committees are specifically requested to look at how we may link this more with OKN and the Halton 7. Committees requiring additional information or wanting to have this presentation at their meeting are asked to contact Dorothy Barr directly.

Hub Review

One of the recommendations coming out of the 2015 Hub Review was that further work be undertaken to ensure that alignment of the individual hubs within the OKN CI framework. A small working group has been struck and an initial meeting will be called to begin this work. Members of the working group are: Elena DiBattista, Nicki Glowacki, Mary Beth Jonz and one representative from each of the school boards.

CIPC Workplan

Engagement Outcome #3 – Develop advocacy policy and plan in order to achieve (promote) the Halton 7. Senior Executive Group has struck a Governance Relations committee who have met and made several commitments. Given the work of that committee, believe that this is the advocacy plan and that this no longer needs to sit at this table.

Engagement Outcome #4 – Develop approach to parent/family engagement based on the wishes of parents and families and embed across OKN. Working group continues to work through investigation phase and will eventually align itself as one of the components of the Halton-wide parenting strategy.

Committee Updates:

Communications iWorks Committee of Halton iparent is currently working with test website and in process of confirming details with libraries and recreation. Expect website to “go live” in June. OKN website redevelopment group is working to finalize navigation and is beginning work on reviewing all of the existing content.

Follow Up Actions:

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- In support of the “Halton’s Children Can’t Weight” initiative, **OKN Committee CoChairs** will take these discussions back to their committee to explore where this may be built into their workplans within the Halton 7 framework. In addition, the CoChairs are asked to compile an inventory with input from committee members or work that is already being done within their organizations that is in support of this initiative. Request that CoChairs bring back a report to the September meeting.
- *Hub Review* – **Elena** will confirm board representatives for this working group and then a meeting will be coordinated.
- *Future Community Development* – Working group will explore potential to link two initiatives: use of community space in schools and replicating the Acton project (Turn 20 in 30). **Working group members: Dorothy Barr, Elena DiBattista, Lorri Interisano, Mary Beth Jonz, Nick Milinovich, Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj* Shelley Lothian and two school board reps.** (*to be confirmed)
- May Committee Presentation – Community PARTNERS Infants-6 (**Roxanne Young**)



OKN Our Kids – Early Years (OK-EY) Meeting Highlights – April 1, 2016

Meeting Highlights:

Transition to School

As a follow-up to the presentation at the February OK-EY meeting, Bonnie Hewitt, Early Years Health, polled the group in advance to have them identify their perception of priorities for each recommendation. At the OK-EY meeting, Bonnie then facilitated a group activity to discuss the top 4 priorities, as voted by OK-EY members, from the Transition to School report.

The top 4 priorities voted by OK-EY are:

- Consider if Halton has the right mix and intensity of programs to be the most effective/efficient in better preparing vulnerable children for the transition to school
- Enhance cross-sector collaboration related to early years
- Support a well-resourced continuum of services for child and family referrals
- Explore the concept of “Ready Schools” and consider if we are doing all we can to set the stage for the success of Halton’s children

Ontario Early Years Child & Family Centres (OEYCFC)

Dolores Cascone and Isilda Kucherenko from the Ministry of Education provided a high level overview of the recent announcement regarding OEYCFCs. They will be presenting at all Best Start Network tables to discuss the announcement.

Early Literacy Specialist

Moyra Hewlett, the new Early Literacy Specialist for Halton, provided an update on the directives of her role and some of the initiatives she is currently working on as she develops her role.

Committee Updates:

The meeting consisted of 3 presentations and a group activity.

Follow Up Actions:

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- Further discussion and action items for the 4 Transition to School priorities will be discussed at the next OK-EY meeting
- Moyra will continue to update OK-EY through her participation on the committee
- OEYCFC will be discussed as a part of the Halton Early Learning and Child Care Plan



OKN School Years Committee Meeting Highlights – April 8th, 2016

Meeting Highlights:

Presentations:

Joanna Matthews from ROCK provided an update on status of the Mental Health Strategy. She will be sending out a “call for participants” to various community committees in the near future.

Heather Wray from Burlington Public Library provided information on the CELA service available through Ontario libraries. This program provides accessibility to print products/resources for students and other individuals with reading/print disabilities. An **Educator Access model** is available to assist students. Heather would be happy to provide information to any who are interested.

Bonnie Hewitt from Halton Region Health provided a Transition to Kindergarten presentation and report on ‘ready schools’ and government requirements.

Updated draft **Terms of Reference**, which now incorporate the new OKN format, were reviewed. Several changes were recommended. TORs were approved with changes by the OK SYrs Committee. Updated TORs will be taken to CIPC in June for review and approval.

New Workplan for 2016-18 was reviewed. Several additions were requested by members of the SYrs Committee.

Additional feedback should be provided to Dorothy and Nicki before May 11th. The workplan will be brought to the June 3rd OKN School Years meeting for approval.

Committee Updates:

Relationships Matter Workshop was well attended, tangibles were provided for attendees to work with, and feedback has been very positive. Info will be uploaded onto the OKN website.

Research Committee is hiring a researcher – entry level, 10 month contract.

Follow Up Actions:

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- *Joanna Matthews, ROCK will send out a call in the near future asking you to volunteer for any committee you’d be interested in sitting on regarding the Mental Health Strategy.*
- *Heather Wray, Burlington Public Library is asking for assistance to ‘get the word out’ regarding CELA services*
- *Review Workplan and provide any additional comments to Dorothy/Nicki before May 11th.*

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