



## OKN Senior Executive Group (SEG) Meeting Highlights – March 23, 2016

### Meeting Highlights:

#### Members Update

Bridget Fewtrell on behalf of the Senior Executive Group, welcomed Chief Tanner to the table and look forward to working with him in this added capacity.

#### Research & Evaluation Committee Request

The value of the OKN researcher has been demonstrated over the past few years. The researcher has become a valued and dedicated resource to the community and is vital to fulfilling some of the backbone responsibilities of the OKN. The OKN research position is currently vacant, leaving large chunks of work uncompleted. This past year was an OKN data cycle year resulting in large amounts of work left to be completed. The SEG approved the recommendation of the OKN Research and Evaluation committee to hire a short-term contact Data Analyst for a period of up to 10 months to complete the pressing tasks of preparing and analyzing our 2015 OKN data cycle.

#### 2015-2016 Budget

The Director presented proposed scenarios of the 2016-2017 budget for the memberships' review and proposal. She urged the members to focus on Scenario 1 and 2 – Knowledge Broker versus Data Analyst. The membership approved moving forward with Scenario 2.

Bridget Fewtrell noted that the sustainability discussions are continuing with the Protocol Partners and that she will provide an update of the outcomes at the June meeting. These outcomes will be key in the development of the OKN budget beyond 2016-2017.

#### SEG Workplan

SEG continues to be on track with their workplan. Key focus at this time is remains on the budget and advocacy components. The Government Relations working group has met and developed a set of strategies for how members can advocate and build synergy not only within their own organizations but across the community. OKN governance relations packages were circulated to the members of the committee to assist them in their discussions with both local and provincial politicians. Administrative Assistants of OKN partners and OKN will work together to ensure Directors have necessary documentation for these meetings.

#### Follow Up Actions

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- As part of the governance relations strategies, OKN staff will work on developing a schedule of meetings with local politicians and tailoring information packages specific to their ward.
- Request that partners advise through the administrative assistants when members meet with local and provincial politicians so OKN staff may assist with providing additional materials as needed.
- **Bridget Fewtrell and Elena DiBattista** will continue to meet one-on-one with the Director of each of the Protocol Partners to discuss the proposed sustainability plan moving forward. Outcomes of these discussions will be shared at the June meeting and will assist with the development of the OKN budget beyond 2016-2017.
- Next meeting – Wednesday, June 8, 2016



## OKN Collective Impact Planning Committee (CIPC) Meeting Highlights – February 26, 2016

### Meeting Highlights:

#### Early Years Planning Committee

CoChairs completed a profile presentation on the history and work of the Early Years Committee including a review of significant recent achievements (EY DR video, Early learning and child care plans, transition to School/EvenStart, system navigation), and next steps: early learning and child care plan 2016-2020, moving on mental health in the early years, system navigation, aboriginal awareness building, early literacy coordination, EvenStart Review, CCEYA Regulations (with Partners and School Years). Of particular interest, it was noted that this is the 20th anniversary of this committee.

#### CIPC/HPAC Review

The joint review of the HPAC (Halton Parenting Advisory Committee) with a Collective Impact lens has been completed. The recommendation of the review group is that HPAC be dissolved with the intent to strike a new parenting strategy committee to develop and implement a Halton-wide parenting strategy that will fall within the alignment and coordination component of OKN, that the existing work of HPAC be undertaken by a working group of the strategy committee consisting of former members of HPAC who are interested in carrying on in this capacity and that a small group be struck to develop a recommendation of the membership for presentation at the next meeting.

#### CIPC Workplan

System Navigation - Agreed that the work within this component be deferred to March 2017 to permit time for further exploration and understanding of the lessons learned from the EY SY group.

Engagement Outcome #1- Stronger linkages among Network members Working group met to develop core presentation to the boards of our protocol partners. As presentations are being completed, customizing small component within it to illustrate how the specific organization is linked to OKN and the benefits of the linkages. One partner presentation completed to-date. All presentations will be completed by April month end.

### Committee Updates:

Research & Evaluation Committee will be submitting a request to the SEG for a short-term research contract position (approximately 6-12 months). Envision this as a more junior position to assist the Network right now as this is a data collection year.

#### Follow Up Actions:

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- CIPC/HPAC work group to develop and bring back to April meeting suggested membership of a new Halton Parenting Strategy Table. **Members:** *Dorothy Barr, Elena DiBattista, Lynne Hannah, Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj*
- OKN Committee work plans - Reminder to be sent to OKN Committee CoChairs reminding them to submit their workplans to CIPC by end of May for annual review and for potential alignment of goals with other committees.
- April 2016 Bring Forward Engagement – Outcome #3 Develop advocacy policy and plan in order to achieve (promote) the Halton 7

Engagement – Outcome #4 Develop approach to parent/family engagement based on the wishes of parents and families and embed across OKN

Knowledge Mobilization – Outcome #1 Network Development – Build OKN strategic plan and processes, evaluating existing programs and practices across standing committees and CIPC



## OKN Asset Building Steering Committee Meeting Highlights – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### Meeting Highlights:

#### Round Table

Individuals shared what they are doing within their respective organizations that is focusing on and/or embedding the DR framework in their work. Examples included alignment of core values with DR by the HCDSB, and the Women as Career Coaches/Men as Career Coaches HIEC events. Additional discussions focused on the Syrian Refugees and the needs of this community.

#### Strategic Plan Update

Family presentation – a PPT has been developed in consultation with HPAC membership and is currently being piloted until end of March with parent groups. Developed as a facilitated presentation to engage parents and open dialogue amongst the parents. Flexibility within the presentation for professionals to tailor it to the parent group they are speaking with (all ages spectrum).

EY Developmental Relationships video - currently airing on TVCogeco, exploring opportunity to preview in rec-centres that have expressed an interest. OKN communications manager reaching out to libraries to work with them to run these within their facilities.

#### Asset Building Key Messages

The proposed AB key messages were presented to the membership for feedback. Membership identified concerns with the language and queried the intended audience, and identified the need for a relationship message as this is the foundation of all Developmental and Family Assets. It was noted that once they are approved, supporting documentation will be developed to assist speakers on tailoring message to their targeted audience.

### Committee Updates:

**Bullying Prevention Task Force (BPTF)** Over the last few months, BPTF have been focusing their energies on the outcomes of the Relationships Forum of last April and moving forward as a committee with intentional meaning and purpose including, exploring and agreeing to the potential to move under the AB umbrella. Recommendation was made to the SY committee who agreed with this realignment. As next steps, BPTF will be exploring how they will move under this umbrella with intentional meaning, how it will look, how it will work and how will they fit within AB including examination and alignment of the two strategic plans.

#### Follow Up Actions:

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- *CoChairs will explore DA training opportunities with HIEC*  
**Mary/Cindy**
- *Membership will explore opportunities to use the new Family PPT within their own organizations.*
- *Key messages will be revised and forwarded to membership to assist them in spreading the asset messages.* **Mary**
- *Give Respect/Get Respect Campaign – AB table will explore the potential of working collaboratively with Police to ensure the outcomes of this campaign are widely distributed.* **Co-Chairs**
- *A small working group consisting of DA trainers, AB table members and frontline staff will be struck to explore alternate options for EAB training. Members are encouraged to forward their name to Mary if they are interested in participating.*
- *Putting People First ... Relationships Matter Forum April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Halton Region Auditorium. For further information contact mary@ourkidsnetwork.ca*



## 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 - February 26 2016

### Meeting Highlights:

#### Presentations:

Angus Coll-Smith provided an update on the **Halton Equitable Drug Strategy for Halton**. It uses a four pillar approach (treatment, prevention, harm reduction and enforcement). Goal is to receive input and recommendations by the end of March. Angus is available to attend other meetings to discuss the Drug Strategy.

Mary Tabak provided an update on **Developmental Asset** activities. Family Assets and Developmental Relationships will also be addressed over the next few years. A Forum is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> "Putting People First: Relationships Matter" and information will be distributed first week in March. Registration is limited to 90.

Elena provided an overview of the **Strategic Plan** and the two distinct roles of OKN: 1) a network working towards common vision and Halton 7, and 2) backbone support to ensure collective efforts of the network are meaningful and supported. Engagement has been added as a sixth value.

Draft **Terms of Reference** for the committee were presented. Volunteers are requested for a Workplan sub-committee.

#### Committee Updates:

**Transition Workgroup:** High viewing of Halton Parents website noted in 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2015.

**Bullying Workgroup:** Recommendation to become a sub-committee of the Asset Table (rather than SYrs Committee) was presented and has been supported by the SYrs Committee.

**Parent Engagement:** A CIPC sub-committee is working on a coordinated approach.

**Early Years:** Discussion of the upcoming changes to Child Care and Early Yrs Act. A workgroup to develop a Halton response has been formed.

**Research:** a reminder "Tell Them From Me" now replaces the Halton Youth Survey..

### **Follow Up Actions:**

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- *Send comments, input, and recommendations to Angus before the end of March.*
- *Contact Mary Tabak for DA consultation, support, or for toolkit sessions.*
- *ALL to reflect on the Strategic Plan as the workplan is being developed.*
- *ALL to review updated Terms of Reference – for review at next mtg.*
- *Nicki to send out email requesting workgroup volunteers for SYrs Workplan. Please respond to Nicki if interested in participating.*
- *Share the Relationship Video with the community and partners; video is located on the OKN website (4 minutes)*

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