

MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2018, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Edelbrock Centre

Attendance: Sharon Doherty, Julie McCarthy, Karen Bowen, Isilda Kucherenko, Jane Hall, Anna Vanderlaan, Lori-Jane Del Medico, Gina Marion, Brenda Courtney

Guests: Jennifer Kirkham

Regrets : Jennifer Moore, Darla Fraser, Tracy Arthurs, Nancy Stallmach, Sue Steer, Jenny Marino, Sylvie Gravelle, Jacqui Rivers, Heather Hughes, Susan Wynes, Karine Barasse

Chairperson:
Lori Jane Del Medico

Minutes:
Laura LaRocca

Item	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
Welcome			
Agenda and Minutes	Approved.		
Ministry of Children and Youth Services	<i>Kathleen/Karen</i> •		
Ministry of Education Update	<i>Isilda</i> • Dolores has retired. She will be missed. • They will not be replacing Dolores’s role as the work has shifted. • They are hiring two new Early Years advisors. There will now be eight. • Centres of Excellence—continunous professional learning for the sector —Announcement was made in June. Organizations to submit a letter of interest to become a centre of excellence. There will be 3—one that’s provincial, one with an indigenous focus, and one with a French focus. The proposals are due at the end of February. The entire province has to be supported. They have really focused “outside of the box” in terms of collaboration and support. —County of Dufferin was invited to support one of these, which is Western University’s. —Those who are not selected will be able to support • Early Development Index Cycle: This EDI is a questionnaire completed by teachers for students in SK. It’s a population measure that includes five areas of early development, including communication and general knowledge. It is collected every		

	<p>3 years. Last was 2015. This year is the next cycle to collect data. Teachers have begun their training in how to exercise the questionnaire. In February and March, teachers will complete those questionnaires. —here in Dufferin we also complete an optional parent survey</p>		
<p>Presentation: Integrated Children’s Services Plan</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Kirkham</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have used the parent survey responses in a number of areas: building the children’s service system plan and the community needs assessment. • They waited until community needs assessment was completed: 2-year plan because Ministry has mandated communities to do 5-year plans, starting in 2019 • Prior plan was 2014-2016. • Recruitment and retention of Early Childhood Educators continues to be a priority, especially with the focus in licensed child care • Components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broader children’s services system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —They waited for census data: increasing child population—growth rate for 0 to 9 is growing much faster than Ontario as a whole; communities, especially Shelburne as well as Mono, Melancthon and Grand Valley, are growing; most children live in Orangeville; anticipating continued growth into 2026 2. What we heard from parents (prenatal to 12 year old focus): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —informal methods—word of mouth and Internet are the most popular way they hear about services —They want to hear about things online, and especially through social media, such as Facebook groups —Services used most frequently are recreation, libraries, school, and cultural/arts —like to access programs at a central location, schools —want more recreation and leisure programs, programs and services for younger children (especially physical activity), programs and services for children with special needs —increased accessibility (location, cost, hours—weekend and evening) —child care is another issue, especially for infants and toddlers —a consistent theme was a need for affordable programs and services 3. What we heard from licensed child care operators (survey + focus group) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Gaps: services for special needs children, licensed child care spaces, mental health services, recreation that is affordable —Barriers: wait list, cost/funding, transportation 	<p>Jennifer’s presentation is included with minutes</p> <p>Will share the executive summary as well as the full plan</p>	<p>Laura to attach.</p>

4. What we heard from DuCK: very similar themes in terms of gaps

5. Priorities for 2018–2019 plan:

Service for children with special needs
Affordable recreation programs and services.

- Early learning and child care
 - significant increase in licensed child care spaces since 2013 (87%); majority of spaces are school-aged and the majority are in Orangeville
 - Access to child-care is a key piece of the new plan. The provincial goal is to have 40% of children 0 to 4 having access. In Dufferin, it is currently 16.5% (up from 13.4% in 2013). No spaces in Grand Valley, Melancthon and East Garafraxa.
 - 53.9% commute 30 minutes or more to work—this may be part of the access numbers as they may be accessing care closer to work.
 - the plan will also look at home childcare. There is only one licensed provider, but Lisa Taylor brought together all the home childcare providers to start the discussion about quality. Orangeville currently has a bylaw against providing home childcare in semi-detached or linked homes.
 - Also looking at how the children who aren’t accessing child care are being cared for—is a parent staying home or being cared for a relative...Do we have a sense of how many of these children/parents actually need child care? What about growth in home schooling?
 - looking at hours will be another piece of the plan
 - Many parents are unaware of fee subsidy piece and Raising the Bar. Received money from Ministry for promotion. Did a huge promotion for fee subsidy. The school board was #1 place parents heard about fee subsidies. Continuing with this campaign and numbers are growing. Looking at access and affordability, but this is currently the key piece.

Priorities for plan:

- Implementation and evaluation of the renewed Special Needs Resourcing program
- Increasing access to licensed child care for 0 to 3.8 year olds
- Making licensed child care more affordable

- EarlyON Child and Family Centres
 - transition phase January to March 2018
 - service enhancements including outreach and satellite sites (Mono, Melancthon, Amaranth, social housing complex) are being phased in

Priorities for plan:

- Implement service enhancements in the new EarlyON child and family centre

A committee is looking at affordable recreation programs and services, and they are looking to recruit more members.

	<p>system —evaluate the new system of EarlyON services</p> <p><i>Isilda</i> Child-care affordability study is due back to Ministry in February. There are currently no businesses in the County offering in-house child care, but this is something that parents want.</p>		
<p>Presentation: I-Can (Special Needs Resourcing)</p>	<p><i>Brenda Courtney</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion for Children with Additional Needs • Current structure of DCAFS: clinical services and child protection services • Clinical services include coordinated service planning—for children and families with multiple complex needs (can be related to child or family) • Also has the Ontario Autism Program (former IBI/ABA) • Behaviour consultation—some behavioural workshops for families for children such as waitlisted with autism and those who are not diagnosed; shift from punishment based to skill-based parenting; come to workshop and get one-on-one consultation • Community Living did provide a responsive, high quality and accessible service; DCAFS is able to increase integration of programs • SNR eligibility are for children up to 13 years of age in licensed child care • By incorporating the ICAN services, they can create a wrap-around services for families that are family centred. • Three tiers: Tier 1: Looking to have a consistent base line and messaging with service providers and child care centres Tier 2: centre specific/issue specific supports Tier 1: one on one supports • Hoping to have workshops for parents and child-care staff • Last year, first circle of security workshop for parents. Second will be taking place at end of February. Sending 8 staff to training. Feedback was very positive. • Running first Connect group, which is similar but for older children. • Posting out for FASD worker. There is an FASD provincial initiative. It has been aligned with coordinating agencies for special needs strategy. Will not be serving families immediately. Will service Dufferin and Wellington and needs to do a needs assessment. Also, will it remain with title of FASD as there is stigma surrounding it. Open to ideas and suggestions for another name. 		
<p>WDGPH Childhood Experiences and Health Outcomes</p>	<p><i>Anna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACEs: Adverse childhood experiences— An adverse event or series of events that 	<p>Presentation is included with the minutes</p>	<p>Laura to attach</p>

<p>Survey</p>	<p>occur before the age of 18 (abuse, neglect, household dysfunction). Children who are exposed have an increased risk of negative outcomes in adulthood including drug use and physical and mental health issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information about what ACEs are- https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/index.html • Research shows that ACEs puts stress on a developing brain. • WDGPH will be conducting a local ACEs study to determine how ACEs affect our specific community. The Guelph-Wellington ACEs Coalition is actively supporting this work. Anna is also presenting this work to DC Moves. • The target audience of this survey is residents of WDG who are 18 and over. Currently in survey development stage. • Survey outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Module 1. ACEs tool —Module 2. Resilience tool (adult resilience) —Module 3. Health outcomes and behaviours: specifically, diabetes, asthma, COPD, heart disease, mood disorders, STIs, alcohol abuse, smoking, drug abuse, physical inactivity, partner abuse —Module 4. Demographics • Other factors partners might want to look at: poverty in childhood and bullying. They are open to measuring other factors that organizations think are important. 	<p>If you want to be kept more in the loop or have suggested outcomes to measure, email Anna.</p>	<p>All DuCK members.ALL (Anna’s email: anna.vanderlaan@wdgpublichealth.ca)</p>
<p>Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention (MHSMAP) Action Group</p>	<p><i>Anna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last met on Tuesday. • Jenny Marino will be replacing Lynn Woodford, who has accepted the position of Chief psychologist with UGDSB. • School program—pursuing healthy transitions program. Ottawa, Halton and Hamilton are currently running this program • The group is exploring funding opportunities, including a Trillium Grow Grant. 		
<p>Parental Support and Developmental Awareness (PSDA) Action Group (formerly Parenting Initiatives Committee) Update</p>	<p><i>Anna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last meeting was on January 18 • Both action groups are re-evaluating memberships. Will be sending a poll to current membership to see if they still want to be involved. • Dufferin Basics website is up and running—but not public yet- http://dufferin.social-bostonbasics.com • The PSDA Action Group should contact all DuCK Agencies to ensure that every member wants to be listed under ‘Vision and Support’ • At last DuCK meeting, we discussed doing a formative evaluation to establish: 	<p>Call out to DuCK members for representatives—not necessarily someone at the table. Could be someone else in organization.</p> <p>Please review “Vision and Support” tab on website: http://dufferin.social-bostonbasics.com/en/partne</p>	<p>All DuCK members</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Baseline parenting beliefs ○ an understanding of how parents/caregivers prefer to receive information ○ how parents in Dufferin identify with the messaging ● PSDA is developing a quick (3-minute) survey based on a tool the Boston Basics developed ● They will also conduct some short focus groups (watch video and answer quick questions). ● The setting for this evaluation will be EarlyOn Centres. ● PSDA asked for a small amount of funding for incentives for both the parent survey and focus groups. Their suggestion was provided a Scholastic book to each participant. They are \$2/book and come in various age groups. Based on 2017 OEYC visitors, we are expecting perhaps 215 participants, for a total of \$430 ● Incentive funding was approved. 	rs-advisers//#Vision & Support	
<p>Communications Committee Update</p>	<p><i>Jane/Anna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orangeville Banner does a Family First supplement. We will be having an ad in the section next week. It highlights MyDufferin and some of the major children’s services providers. ● Main focus continues to be promotion of MyDufferin website. We’ve already done a bit through postcards advertising fee subsidy. ● Going forward, we have a draft of a flyer. It will be adapted for a stand-up banner. ● Will be putting out a quick survey asking member organizations in what ways you can help promote MyDufferin. ● To measure the success of the promotion, we will be adding a button to MyDufferin with a link asking people how they heard about MyDufferin. ● Will be kicking off promotion later in February. 		
<p>Information Sharing</p>	<p>Sharon: Parks & Rec moving to a new, more tech-savvy registration process that can be used on any device.</p> <p>Laura (DPSN): Winter schedule is out and there is some promotion for MyDufferin on the back.</p> <p>Gina (DPCDSB): EDI: teachers have log-ins and can start February 1. Have online training as well as extra evening trainings. In the midst of getting it rolled out. Teachers are excited to fill it out and principals are supporting. Also creating own Dufferin Peel bags Journey into Learning for welcome to Kindergarten nights, containing more open-ended items such as magnifying glasses and clipboards to encourage children to go out and explore.</p>		

Next Meeting	<p style="text-align: center;">2018 meeting dates: Thursday April 5 9:30 am–11:30 am Thursday June 7 9:30 am–11:30 am Thursday September 6 9:30 am–11:30 am Thursday November 1 9:30 am–11:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edelbrock Centre 30 Centre Street, Orangeville</p>		
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