

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 7, 2018, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Edelbrock Centre

Attendance: Anna Vanderlaan, Jane Hall, Lori-Jane Del Medico, Jennifer Moore, Sylvie Gravelle, Brenda Courtney, Lara MacQuarrie, Darla Fraser, Liz Robson, Tanya Elimantes (for Jacqui Rivers), Laura LaRocca, Susan Wynes, Gina Marion

Chairperson:
Jennifer Moore

Guests: Paula Reynolds

Minutes:
Laura LaRocca

Regrets: Jacqui Rivers, Isilda Kucherenko, Kathleen McColm, Sharon Doherty

Item	Discussion	Action	Person Responsible
Welcome			
Agenda and Minutes	Agenda and minutes were approved		
Treasurer's Report	<p><i>Jennifer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are just starting a new fiscal year. Our balance is \$23,485 		
Update on Moving on Mental Health and Special Needs Strategy	<p><i>Jennifer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is to ensure that people with complicated special needs have one plan Dual strategy steering committee to combine Moving on Mental Health and Special Needs Strategy; turning attention to strategic vision. Will take a look at DuCK's action groups to see where there are duplications and gaps and see how the work ties into what we are doing here. The service areas are the same for both of these strategies through MCYS; however, the LHIN service areas are different, and we need to reconcile the needs of the MCYS and LHIN service area needs as we move forward with these strategies. What is the vision and how are we going to meet some competing needs based on boundaries and what is best for us? We need to bring the two planning tables together—may do a day in the fall where both planning tables meet separately and then together in the afternoon Brenda—any new initiative that comes out, they're asking us to really engage with youth, indigenous and francophone communities —Through coordinated service planning, have been giving additional funding for a 		

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	<p>second coordinator position (posted on DCAFS and Indeed websites)—someone with a really good family systems background who can really help support engagement of families</p> <p>—Funding through FASD initiative. Tara Leskey is the coordinator. Due to stigma surrounding FASD, they are retitling role as service planning coordinator with a specialty in FASD</p>		
Ministry of Children and Youth Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update today 		
Ministry of Education Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update today 		
Presentation: Helping participants transition after QPAC workshop closure	<p><i>Paula Reynolds, Community Coordinator, Community Living Dufferin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services: 13 group homes for up to 60 adults, semi-independent living, family home (similar to fostering), respite care, options program (recreation), and employment services All sheltered workshops in Ontario will stop operating in 2018. CLD is in the process of closing QPAC. These are programs typically run by nonprofits and funded by MCSS for people struggling to find work. Many of the jobs involve piecework, where people get paid per piece assembled. This was also a social network for the workers. In January 2018, the <i>Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act</i> removed the exemption from Ontario’s Employment Standards Act for sheltered workshops. In September, they started moving people out into the community. Many people in the workshops had been there most of their lives. A small percentage are ready to retire. Some have been connected to seniors’ programs. They’ve been working to help find jobs for those who wanted to work. They started with 26 people, and there are now 11 left. They wanted to let people choose what they wanted to do with their lives and help make it successful. The goal is to promote community, a feeling of belonging and meaningful lives. They are doing this through employment, volunteering, and social groups. Volunteers are skilled, loyal, interested in what they’re volunteering for, passionate. Employment services—they will provide supports and provide job matching. Benefits of an inclusive workplace: lower turnover rates, increased morale and productivity, lower absentee rates, better safety records and job performance ratings. Adaptations are simple—things such as more frequent breaks—and cost an average of less than \$500. The biggest adaptation is attitude. ALAS is a group that runs completely on its own If there are concerns or issues where staff is unsure or uncomfortable with handling 	<p>If you know of employment opportunities or places that need volunteers, contact Paula Reynolds: preynolds@communitylivingdufferin.ca 519-941-897, ext. 157</p> <p>For more details, see the attached presentation.</p>	

	<p>situations, they are very open to helping; Brenda says they can probably partner with CLD; Kerry’s Place also frequently does Intro to Autism workshops for staff to help with strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer—have four people through the program and highly recommends; they do a great job and add a lot of value in other ways. 		
<p>Presentation: Review of MCYS Behaviour Support funds and delivery models</p>	<p><i>Brenda Courtney, DCAFS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCYS provides funding (\$8,229 this year) for Children’s Behavioural Intervention. Funding has transitioned over to DCAFS from CLD. Historically this has been used for families to purchase services they need. • At the time (2000), it was just prior to IBI/ABA funding. In past, parents submit application for up to 6 sessions, mainly on a first-come, first-served basis. • Average # of children serviced is 11 or 12 children, and mostly this has gone to families of children diagnosed with ASD. Services are generally occupational therapy, art therapy, speech language pathologist. • Concerns about the program: first-come first-served means the same families have access—and some of these have multiple services, including those with Ontario Autism Program; there is an extensive waitlist. The focus is also supposed to be on behavior, but is it? There is also concern about the sustainability of the intervention. Should the funds be protected for families who can’t access other supports. • Looking at the program. Will they continue as is or do things differently? Possibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> —Enhance current Behaviour Support Program at DCAFS (support facilitation of workshops, 3 workshops followed by 3 1:1 consults, blended approaches (relationship and attachment focused approaches). This helps manage waitlists and helps families shift from a punishment lens to a more-positive lens and also helps parents understand the importance of relationships and attachments. —group consultation (hiring externally for workshops such as OT for sensory processing, art therapist, specialist in selective mutism) in order to serve more families —often go to service resolution for behavior supports —Tara: seeing more higher-needs children with complex situations coming into respite homes. In Peel, they assess families at intake and refer to more intensive programs as needed. They are looking to determine how they can better assess who can access these services. How do they ethically choose? —Tanya: has been working with a model for service for sensory; could this take some of the load off as they have an established pathway. They run a sensory 	<p>Will take this to the PSDA group ad hoc meeting and get the plan endorsed there</p> <p>For more details, see the attached presentation.</p>	

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	<p>workshop that builds parent capacity and then they get a workshop. OTs follow a model that is much-more influenced much more through a behavioural approach. Perhaps part of the solution is where is there capacity elsewhere in the community. They have also developed some workshops around children learning daily living skills. Some of the behavior challenges might be around the children not having the skills and getting frustrated.</p> <p>—Lori-Jane—EarlyON Centres have been approached by a group of parents with children on the spectrum for supports. Workshops could be run at EarlyON Centres. Can we look at being flexible with how money is spent?</p>		
Ensuring School Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update today 		
Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention (MHSMAP) Action Group	<p>Anna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MHSMAP found out yesterday that their school-based program, <i>Stress Lessons</i>, has been approved by the Ethics Committee at UGDSB MHSMAP will pursue ethics approvals from WDGPH over the summer They plan to begin implementation of <i>Stress Lessons</i> in the fall school year 		
Parental Support and Developmental Awareness (PSDA) Action Group (formerly Parenting Initiatives Committee) Update	<p>Anna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dufferin Basics website is live- https://Dufferin.TheBasics.ca PSDA will do a larger launch of this program after the formative evaluation has been completed Staff from EarlyON and Jean Hamlyn Day Care will have presentations at their June staff meetings to orient staff to the program and the evaluation protocol. PSDA hopes to begin the evaluation in July and run it until they've reached our sample target sample size. PSDA has requested \$956 + taxes from DuCK for printing of materials to support the evaluation and the larger program roll-out (see attached funding request) 	Funding was approved.	
2017–18 Annual Report	<p>Anna</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Report capturing our work from April 1st 2017- March 31st 2018 has been reviewed and approved by the co-chairs This report is very similar in format to last year's report You can find an online copy on the DRAFT New DuCK website - https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/06ead3_c1772aa0367d4623a5019b464181cc60.pdf 	Please review and email Anna if you have any comments/ changes. The annual report was sent with the agenda and can also be found on the DRAFT of the new DuCK website.	

<p>Communications Committee Update</p>	<p><i>Jane/Anna</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee reviewed the feedback from the online survey about the DuCK website • 100% of participants wanted to keep the website • The majority of participants opted to update the website using a low-cost option • The committee has created a draft website using a low-cost website platform called wix (https://annavanderlaan0.wixsite.com/duck) • The intended audience for this website is DuCK members and other professionals in Dufferin County • This draft website has been created using a free version of wix, but for a monthly fee we can upgrade our subscription so that we can link our current domain name (www.dufferincoalitionforkids.ca) to this website. • Wix pricing breakdown- https://www.wix.com/upgrade/website • Wix subscription—approved for the \$10 USD/month 	<p>Please review DRAFT of website, found at: https://annavanderlaan0.wixsite.com/duck</p> <p>Ensure your organization is properly represented on the members' page</p>	
<p>Information Sharing</p>	<p><i>Sylvie (CS Viamonde)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New daycare provider will be starting in September; families and school board are happy • June 22nd: will be bringing two schools together and bringing in First Nations; this year will be at Quatre Rivières; everyone is invited. There will be drumming and singing <p><i>Brenda (DCAFS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer inclusion program—have hired the coordinator for the program and are taking referrals so children with special needs can have a worker • Typically the coordinator meets each family individually; may have a one-night gathering • Trained staff in Circle of Security and Connect (similar but for parents of older children). Sending 3 individuals for training so that they can run these groups on an ongoing basis. <p><i>Tara (Kerry's Place)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There haven't been big changes in last 6 months; with OAP coming out, everything is being streamlined; will have a couple of ASD specific workshops through DPSN; referral application for respite can go out for throughout summer or on weekends <p><i>Darla (Orangeville Public Library)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced backend system, including interface to public • Town has gone through some restructuring and brought in a new organization structure; the library is still governed by a board 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> received inaugural 100 Women Who Care Dufferin chapter \$13,000 for Dufferin Children’s Fund—website and Facebook page new director of services for child protection (Lilian van Wijk); there is some overlap with child protection services meetings so she may not always be 		
<p>Next Meetings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2018 meeting dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday September 6 9:30 am–11:30 am Friday November 2 9:30 am–11:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edelbrock Centre 30 Centre Street, Orangeville</p>		