

**Niagara Infant Mental Health Meeting
Family and Children's Services Niagara
9:00 a.m.**

Date: January 24, 2017

Present: Tracy Belcastro, Chaya Kulkarni & Nisreen Khambati(via phone), Sharon Alakas, Carolyn Fish, Cindy Goupil, Sandy Toth, Nancy Lisi, Lorrey Arial-Bonilla, Marena Doucette, Amanda Hicks, Rochelle Plett, Patricia Couroux, Kim Cole, Julie McNamara, Laura Rasmussen, Marie Jones, Amy Romagnoli, Debbie Kempf, Bill Helmeczi

Regrets: Angela Hayes, Gina Spratt

Item	Discussion	Action
Review of Previous Minutes		
	Minutes were reviewed	No corrections needed.
EDI Presentation		
	Amy Romagnoli, Data Analyst from the Niagara Region gave a presentation on the results of the current EDI(Early Development Instrument). The EDI measures the health and well being of SK students in the Region. It is compiled by teachers unobtrusively through observation in their classrooms and measures vulnerability levels of the students. The EDI is a community measure and the results have shown a steady and significant increase in vulnerabilities in most categories from 2008-2015. This data had been used by Public Health, NCPC, and area school boards in order to improve strategies and planning.	Attempt to layer the results of the ASQ's with the EDI and look for commonalities. Amy to pursue this.
Grants		
	With our last grant request rejected, Sandy suggested that a sub-committee be formed in order to pursue other grant opportunities. The sub-committee will consist of Lorrey(lead), Amanda, Sandy and Tracy.	Search new grant opportunities.
Goal tracker Update		
	As the goal tracker is a living and changing document, updates will be made as achieved and will be sent out with the minutes of each meeting	Update goal tracker as achievements are made.
Spring Symposium		
	The spring symposium will be held May 16, 2017, location TBA. The planning committee is proposing to host a breakfast meeting from 8:30-10am with a target audience of the Early Years community and the medical field. The Atrium at the NOTL College Campus is being considered. A panel style presentation is proposed with the hopes of providing different	Make final decision on location and agenda.

	perspectives about the pilot project. The panel could include, Chaya, Dr. Feller, an RECE, and a parent. The new posters will be distributed at this time, perhaps by members of the panel, along with a child to the first responders.	
QCCN Sub-Committee		
	Tracy reported that she met with the QCCN Advisory committee on how to implement IMH into the program.	
Posters		
	Sandy gave kudos to the agencies that volunteered to contribute to the cost of reproducing the 5 first responder posters. The posters are completed and will be distributed at the spring symposium, perhaps by some children. Invoices have been sent to contributing agencies.	Distribute posters on May 16, 2017 at symposium.
Parent Survey		
	Nisreen reviewed the surveys with the group and suggestions were made for revising the wording of questions 1 & 2 and changing the rating scale to read: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree.	Nisreen will make the suggested changes and bring back to the committee
Community Table Update		
	Chaya recapped the event that took place on November 9&10, 2016. Twelve communities participated. There will be another 2 more communities joining- Timmins & Cochrane Ontario, representing the Indigenous Community. Feedback from the November meeting was very positive. There was a strong desire to stay connected as it was a great learning experience to be able to share stories and best practises.	A login page will be created on the website to post/share resources and will include a discussion board.
NCDSB/DSBN Presentations		
	Tracy and Sandy will be giving IMH presentations to both boards. The NCDSB will be in April, while a date is yet to be set with the DSBN.	Confirm dates for meetings.
Training- Jan.12		
	Day 1 of training took place January 12, 2017 with a small group. Feedback from the group was very positive and everyone was captivated by how Chaya presented the material. Day 2 of training will be February 10, 2017.	.
Buffalo Pediatrician Connection		
	Chaya made a connection with a pediatrician from Buffalo during the 0-3 Conference and has shared her email with Tracy who has reached out to her. No reply had been received.	Tracy will reach out again

A.O.B.		
	Chaya spoke about the Expanding Horizons conference- the pre-Institute is April 26, 2017. Registration can be done online and individuals can attend or participate via the webinar.	
Next Meeting Date		
	March 28, 2017 at 9am, FACS Niagara	