

## Autism Spectrum (ASD) Sub-Committee

A Working group of the KFLA Children and Youth Services Steering Committee (CYSS)

### MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday May10, 2010

**PLACE:** Pathways for Children and Youth

**TIME:** 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Kingslake Plaza

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**Chairperson:** Sonya Bianchet (Public Health)

**Recorder:** Denise Walters (PH)

**Present:** Joanne Maltby (Pathways), Paula Ball (AO), Michael Borges (CMHA), Bradley Shoniker (Ongwanada), Michael Garrah (Pathways-SSP), Danielle Carnegie (CLK), Vicki Johnston (CDC), Laura Campbell (Pathways AIP)

**Regrets:** Charlene Whalen (L&A FS), Kristen Check (LSDB), Maria Cordeiro (Extend-A-Family), Lori Bryden (ALCDSB)

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#### 1. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

#### 2. Review and Actions Arising from March 10, 2010 Meeting

- Minutes approved.

#### 3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Item 4 Intake Package (Pathways): Copies circulated today. Joanne gave a brief overview of package which includes: referral form for physicians, letter of acceptance, which includes “what you need to know about eligibility,” and information on services. A discharge flyer is sent out to families as well closer to discharge time to help families understand the process at transition.

Item 5 Education Sub-Group (evaluation): Michael Garrah brought feedback from the April Pathways workshop and the St. Lawrence College ‘Building Behavioural Solutions’ conference that was held at St. Lawrence College. Many suggestions were brought forward and circulated.

**Action: Subgroup to bring forward suggestions to next meeting for fall training. Subgroup will meet before next meeting to review suggested topic and make recommendations for a fall conference**

Item 6 ICFSP (template and guidelines): circulated to committee members. Service Integration is commonly used with complex kids for case coordination.

**Action: Vicki to bring forward the Service Integration form to Best Start Committee as a recommended template/tool for use with all children/families with more than one service provider.**

Item 7 Workplan for KFLA CYSSC (feedback): no feedback earlier - discussed at meeting, see agenda item #5 for outcome.

Item 8 SE Region Network: **Joanne still to contact Geneva**

## 4 Agency Updates

### Pathways IBI

- Changes with the waitlist services – had to be narrowed. Looking at trying to engage parents differently to get parents more actively involved in learning skills. Presently looking at how to introduce this to parents. Hoping by the fall to have a higher expectation for family engagement.
- IBI is piloting a ‘transition classroom’ for children who are part of Connections or who may not need one on one connections. Pilot started in May. Presently looking to see if it would be suitable within our IBI programs.

### Connections

- Currently running about 20 connection cases regionally and locally around half that number. Summer consultants are available to support service providers for these kids. HPE have 2 cases running now and looking at support for TTS teams and look at summer programs for areas.

### CMHA

- Autism foundation has agreed to double funding for sibling groups. Still have some funds left from what CDC donated last year. Waitlist should be cut down by end of August. Will take 5 years to get through all kids waiting.

### Autism Ontario

- April was a big month. There were 150 participants with in-service speaker Dennis Debbaud. It was a great success!
- Wednesday evening (May 12<sup>th</sup>) having a special ‘mom’ Munchies and Manicure night @ Tangos. On Father’s Day will be doing a movie – Toy Story 3 for dads.
- AGM is June 9<sup>th</sup> @ Loblaw’s (upstairs). Lorna Jean Astle will be the speaker.

### CDC

- 2 summer camps will be running for a week for 8-10 year olds and one just for girls – same age group.
- Play and Talk – will be looking at running one in the fall with some changes to group as have received funding. Play and Talk is an alternative for kids who don’t go to IBI program
- Will be providing a Dr. and OT in Brockville 1 day/month and looking at Smith Falls area as well to help reach kids there.
- Autism respite – 50 applicants for funding. 40 will receive funds (those who don’t receive any money from ACSD or SSAH earmarked for respite). 10 will not receive any.
- CDC is starting to move OT/PT into the community where needed. Need to do an in-house review on how there is a need for OT/PT. Is this still a gap?

### Community Living

- Summer program for 6-12 years of age – funding available. Community Living will pay for having an excursion person for the 6-12 year group Camps for 12-16 yrs and 21 – there is a cost for parents, but there are options for families if willing to pay.

Early Expressions

- Offers a MTW parent training program – not for high functioning kids.
- Had to defer till September as will be running it as a modified program. Hanen wants us to make changes to the program. Very committed to offer in September.

Ongwanada

- Received \$20,000 proposal funding from United Way for project with child care centres – Behavioural Module for daycares – 4 pilot sites included; Bayridge, Sharbot Lake, one of LARC sites and Helen Tuffs N.S. Margo Beech and Peggy MacDonald have put this together. .

## 5. Workplan for KFLA CYSSC

- Went through goals together. Suggestion to add dates to indicate what has already been completed.

**Action: Sonya to contact Lori, Karen and Wade to get updates on skills group and after school activities.**

- Add Diagnostic as Goal #4: CDC Activity – general training with pediatricians and general physicians to help diagnose. Responsible: CDC
- 18 mth check Rourke baby record is a good basic training for GPs as now has new ASD piece added for early ID.

**Action: Dr. Garth Smith re: indicators on Rourke**

- Looking at gaps within Early Learning program as subsidy is now going to be limited for families now.

**Action: Paula to f/u to get #s of children waiting who are on the spectrum.**

**Action: Sonya to add current goals into plan and forward. Denise will forward terms of reference, minutes and work plan to Sacha when completed.**

## 6. Next Meeting

- Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1-2p.m. (Pathways)