

Niagara Children's Planning Council Research Group (NCPC-RG)
May 4, 2016 – Pathstone Mental Health

Attendees: Sandy Dupuis, Debra Harwood, Amy Romagnoli, Stephanie Tukonic, Karina Armstrong (recorder)
 Regrets: Christine Battagli, Jeff Biletski, Anne Biscaro, Donna Dalglish, Trudy Hill, Michelle Knapman, Sinead McElhone, Linda Morrice, Sandra Noel, Jennifer Smith

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March 2, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without change. 	
EDI Update and Data Analysis Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Romagnoli is hopeful the EDI data will be coming in soon for analysis. The data was collected in February, 2015, but a date has not been given for the data release. The Ministry of Education has had concerns about how to release the data because they have different rules. They have considered our feedback and included our input in the contacts and rules. Neighbourhood boundaries will be redefined based on this new information once data is available. - The table discussed creating patterns and trends with past EDI data. The comparison will serve as a guide to parent knowledge gaps and changes in child developmental indicators. - The table discussed the Doug Willms survey tool for grade 4 to 6 children, which they fill out themselves, may be useful to compare with EDI data in future. Learn more about the Doug Willms Student School Climate Survey here. - The table also discussed having university students research these issues and fill some data gaps. The First Nations groups in Niagara may also be valuable partners as they often look into information such as how children are faring in school, and they have access to other funding opportunities we may not be able to. A. Romagnoli will speak to Dr. Feller on the subject. - The table would also like to consider looking at middle years data in future as there is little data compared to the early years. - C. Battagli may also have information to share on the school climate data at the Niagara Catholic District School Board. D. Harwood will contact her on the subject. 	<p>A. Romagnoli will speak to Dr. Feller about a First Nations research partnership.</p> <p>D. Harwood will contact C. Battagli about Catholic school climate data.</p>
Pillar Committee Updates	<p>Children are Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The calendar project is in flux as there is a Pillar vote currently being held to determine whether to continue or abandon it for another project idea. The vote closes this Friday and the Pillar meets next week to move forward. <p>Children are Healthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work continues in planning the Professional Development modules. The Pillar is considering a spring Seed to Table gardening module and holding others in the fall, including menu planning and developing healthy relationships with food and eating. The Task Group will meet again next week. - The Pillar is also hoping to have a Knowledge Translation exercise to guide the work plan update. One item under consideration is helping to plan the third phase of the CATCH project. 	

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	<p>Children are Safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. Tukonic announced that the first Mary Gordon Bullying video launch will be on May 18th at the Community Consultation. The Pillar has created a distribution plan with a video release schedule, releasing a new video every 2 weeks. Reflection questions are included with the video links, and videos are to be posted on the NCPC website. ECCDC will be helping to promote the videos and reaching out to the participants of the Mary Gordon workshop that took place fall of 2015. Posters for the launch have been made, including the link related to the video series. S. Dupuis would like to share the videos with public health nurses. S. Tukonic will contact Angela Hayes from Niagara College for help and to filter the material into her curriculum. Kelly Wilcox could also be a good contact for this work. The larger NCPC will be notified when the video is posted online. - The Domestic Violence Workshop is scheduled for Nov. 7th at Niagara Region Headquarters for educators who attended last year's workshop. - The Pillar has also revised its work plan, adding new projects after completing previous goals. The Research Group discussed sharing some EDI data with the Children are Safe Pillar in the process of completing old projects and creating new ones. <p>Families are Strong, Stable and Connected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A. Romagnoli announced that StoryWalk will be catalogued in public libraries through their interlibrary loan system. The Pillar is working out details on borrowing the kits, and is creating a user guide. Kit borrowing will be free. The goal is to have a large list of books to offer. - They have also created a borrower survey and a visitor survey to evaluate how the kits are being used. D. Harwood suggested connecting with Brock University associate professor, Kari-Lynn Winters, who is an author that has won awards for her books and often performs her stories. A. Romagnoli will look into having her join or offer ideas. 	<p>S. Tukonic will contact Angela Hayes from Niagara College for help and to filter the material into her curriculum.</p> <p>A. Romagnoli will connect with Kari-Lynn Winters to help with StoryWalk.</p>
<p>Collective Impact Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The table discussed the upcoming Innoweave Youth Collective Impact Information Session on May 19th and the importance of having as many NCPC members attend as possible. Given the multidisciplinary theme, the NCPC would require representatives from all sectors participating to fully benefit from the event. The activities of this interactive session could advance Collective Impact discussion at the June 3rd NCPC meeting. K. Armstrong will send event reminders, urging Pillar Chairs and members from all organizations attend. - See the event invitation here. 	<p>K. Armstrong will send event reminders.</p>
<p>Pillar Committee Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The table discussed the need for a Research Group representative from Niagara College. D. Harwood will contact Kelly Wilcox or Angela Hayes to recommend someone. - The table discussed having alternates come when members cannot. As meetings have had lower attendance recently, the next meeting will be selected from a few dates by the Research Group members via Doodle poll. K. Armstrong will create the Doodle and have members select the best date for the June meeting. 	<p>K. Armstrong will create the Doodle and have members select the best date for the June meeting.</p>

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Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - D. Harwood announced that two academic conferences are coming up about children and youth, and white privilege. Great guest speakers are coming. She stated that these might be interesting to NCPC's Indigenous partners. She will get more info on these to share, as they might be open to the public. She also attended an international education conference in Italy with over 400 participants from 41 countries, learning different approaches and philosophies on teaching, collaboration, using artistic approaches to learning, etc. - S. Dupuis announced that on June 8th, an internal event is being held at Niagara Region Public Health for all family health managers, officers, directors, etc. They will be presenting the parent focus group data. The focus groups included over 120 parents from pregnancy to parenting teens, asking about how they access public health information, what resources they use, etc. The results of these focused groups will be announced. Additionally, a university student has been hired to scan global parenting strategies and present the findings. This information could be a great focus for NCPC Collective Impact. From this event, the results will be shared publicly. The results of the global parenting strategies scan will also be shared with the Research Group. 	D. Harwood will share more info on these upcoming conferences.
MEETING SCHEDULE	Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Pathstone Mental Health. TBD	

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