

No Community Left Behind Steering Committee

Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2011

PRESENT:

Gillian Keefe	CDF
Gary McCoy	OPS, CPC
Moh Salehe	OPS
Sadia Abdullahi	YOW
Mike Dube	City of Ottawa
Medin Admasu	OCH Community Development
Brigitte Scobie	OCH Community Development
Michael Justinich	Crime Prevention Ottawa
Fauzia Farah	Options Bytown
Laura Jones	Boys and Girls Club
Tammy Larocque	Boys and Girls Club
Kristina Saunders	YOW
Kelli Tonner	SEOCHC
Nick Zeis	City of Ottawa, Recreation
Mohamed Dalmar	Catholic Centre for Immigration
Katie Raven	Youth Futures, City of Ottawa

Regrets:

Sylvie Manser	Banff Community House
Sara Dwyer	Russell Heights Community House
Andrea Thompson	Confederation Court Community House

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes of November 1, 2011 – deferred until January meeting

4. Business Arising:

Community Survey update:

- Heatherington townhouses are being surveyed door to door with SEOCHC staff. 70+ surveys returned
- Confederation was surveyed by YOW staff, Community House staff and OCH staff. Only 14 surveys have been returned (5 door to door, 9 at BBQ). Medin advised that he was still hosting office hours there. Sadia indicated that many of the residents were not able to fill out the survey and they had better luck when they completed it with them verbally. Another suggestion was to do them during food bank or fruit/veggie distribution. As there are not enough surveys to use as a basis for moving forward, it was agreed that we would wait for Andrea Thompson from Confederation Court to discuss options for engaging the Confed neighbourhood. Kelli will ask Andrea to come to next meeting to discuss.
- Russell Heights: Brigitte indicated that they are continuing the surveys and she will work with Sara to get as many done as possible through different formats.

- Survey completion is challenging. People are busy and it is labour intensive. Agreed that this is a great source of information and provides a way to find out if there is a change in resident perception of neighbourhood life and issues. It is necessary to have 25 % of residents surveyed to return their completed surveys. Mohamed Dalmar from Catholic Centre for Immigrants indicated that he may have some staff that speak different languages to help with the surveys.

Heatherington Working Group update:

Gary and Kelli advised that the group is still meeting and that they have not decided if they will be surveying residents. Will defer report until January.

NCLB youth working group update:

The group met on November 8th and was given a presentation by Crossroads about the Collaborative Problem-Solving project led by Crossroads/Crime Prevention Ottawa and South- East Ottawa. The pilot will provide training and bi weekly clinical supervision to frontline staff who work with youth who are challenging/at risk with a capacity building approach. The training is scheduled for February 21, 22, 23 and there are 24 staff registered from the different community houses, Boys and Girls club, SEO and the City facilities. Kelli reminded everyone about the value of this training and requested that a strong commitment be made to attending. There was an inquiry about whether others could attend. Kelli agreed to send the info to Gary, Sadia and Kristina.

Learning Forum update:

Gillian advised that the Learning Forum on December 1st, 2011 at the Vanier Richelieu Centre went very well. There were approx. 200 residents and service providers that spent the evening sharing and learning from neighbourhood success stories. A report will be generated and distributed.

5. New Business

Youth Futures Presentation:

Katie Raven from Youth Futures came and made a presentation on the program and the registration process. They are currently accepting applications for the program and people are encouraged to direct youth to the City of Ottawa website (www.ottawa.ca) or the Youtube video <http://youtu.be/D1C-kNu1Ykc> or to contact Katie Raven at Katie_raven@och.ca

Expansion into Fairlea:

Gary advised that he has struck and will chair an ad hoc committee of providers to respond to some of the issues arising in the Fairlea neighbourhood. The goal of this small group will be to identify issues, recommend solutions and bring them back to the Steering Committee. Most meetings will be online or by email and we will review in 6 months. One goal is to have a service provider's open house in the New Year to expose residents to the numerous services available to them in the area.

6. Partners report

Ottawa Police Service – “Cop Shop” scheduled for December 14 (tomorrow) at Billings Bridge Shopping Centre. We have registered 31 children in 5 neighbourhoods and will have a school bus pick them up and take them home. At least 30 police officers and 2 OCH security officers will accompany each child who gets \$200 in gift cards to go shopping.

Boys and Girls Club – seeing increase in program attendance at 1495; Junior soccer team came in second place and the kids are still wearing their medals; holiday dance is scheduled for Dec 15 from 5 – 7 pm and this will be the last night of the program until they reopen on January 9, 2012; Kids from Heatherington will be invited to attend the McCann Christmas party. Senior members will be taken to a Sens game.

Youth Outreach Program (YOW) – organizing a discussion on mental health and youth to try and destigmatize the issues; trying to organize with Youthnet but will need space and access to youth in the New Year. Will follow up at next meeting.

Ottawa Community Housing – Heather Manor’s Christmas dinner is being held December 21; the kitchen renovation has been approved and the residents are meeting to discuss the extra funding and working on plan on how to spend. A community safety meeting has been planned for tonight (Dec 13) at the Heatherington Family Centre.

Jim Durrell

Mike advised that the Pavillion is fully booked with activities for the community. There are 130 people signed up for the holiday party at the Pavillion that the TA hosts on December 16. Other programs have been running well but they have had to stop running programs out of Clifford Bowey as the school requested they leave because of specialized equipment they were storing in the gym. The program moved to Maurice Barbeau but the turnout has not been as good.

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7. Other issues:

CDF Website: New website almost ready to launch. Recommend that presentation be given at next meeting for members to see its potential and how we want to use it.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7th at 1:30 pm, Heron Rd Community Centre