



**NCLB Steering Committee
March 8, 2011**

Minutes

Present:

Gillian Keefe	CDF Coordinator, SEOCHC
Kelli Tonner	CST Manager, SEOCHC
Medin Admasu	TCW, OCH
Sylvie Manser	Director, Banff Avenue Community House
Sara Dwyer	Director, Russell Heights Community House
Andrea Thompson	Director, Confederation Court Community House
Jerrett DeFazio	Director of Programs, Boys and Girls Club
Tammy Larocque	Boys and Girls Club
Madeline Brenning	Dempsey Community Centre
Frank D'Aoust	Ottawa Police Services
Gary McCoy	Ottawa Police Services
George Lencewicz	Ottawa Police Services
Uday Jaswal	Ottawa Police Services
Lisa Petch	City of Ottawa Community Development Consultant
Mike Dubé	Jim Durrell Recreation Centre
Nick Zeis	Albion Heatherington Recreation Centre
Andrea Fox	NCLB Coordinator, SEOCHC

1. Welcome. Gillian Keefe was introduced as the new CDF Coordinator

2. Terms of Reference:

There was a great deal of discussion regarding how the Terms of Reference should be revised to reflect the commitment and intention of the group going forward. In particular it was highlighted that there needs to be decision makers from the respective organizations at the table that are able to re-align, re-allocate and/or designate resources to particular issues or actions identified by the community and service providers. As well it was agreed that a process should be created to identify how partners will identify and prioritize communities in Ottawa South that are supported through the NLCB process. It was suggested that a working group reflect on an evaluation process.

The changes to the Terms of Reference were reviewed, with the following edits/additions:

- Point 3 under Mandate should read “Identify, and advocate for, policies....”, instead of ‘Promote’
- Under Membership it should just read ‘City of Ottawa Departments’, with no specific group identified. The following should be added: Immigrants Services; CMHA; Volunteer Ottawa; Councilors’ Office; area schools
- In Roles and Responsibilities, under Steering Committee members will, it should read “Establish Working Groups, as necessary...” rather than sub-committees
- An extra bullet should be added to the list that would state: “Will invite requests from communities that would like to be included in the NCLB initiative. The Committee will be responsible for creating a process by which new communities can be added, while ensuring sustainability within existing NCLB Communities.”
- Remove completely the Confidentiality paragraph

3. Gillian Keefe provided the following update from CDF

- A Safety Committee has been struck to address security issues at a systems level. After reviewing the neighbourhood action plans and discussions with partners, three priority areas have been identified to work on at a systems level: 1.Reporting. 2. Problem Properties 2. Supporting effective level of safety partner’s engagement at neighbourhood tables.
- Presently organizing a second inter-neighbourhood resident dialogue about security.
- The working groups of Knowledge Transfer Table, of which both Gillian Keefe and Andrea Fox are members, are revising the needs assessment survey that will be used in the neighbourhoods. Overbrook and Rochester Heights are looking forward to using it as they expand their catchment area
- Capacity-Building and Community Engagement (CBCE) working group of the Community Table is developing a training proposal that supports the engagement of residents in neighbourhood issues. – more information and opportunities for input to come
- Carlington just had a very successful Glee Club concert and are planning for a Resource Fair at the end of the month

4. Funding for NCLB is presently unknown. The City has identified monies for the ‘CDF Initiative’ but it has not been confirmed that it includes NCLB, and if it does, how much of that budget will go towards it. News from the United Way will not be announced until mid-April. A Telus application will be submitted for youth dollars, as the Community Houses have been covering that expense but cannot continue to do so for much longer.

A summary of NCLB from 2010 is attached.

5. Partners Reports:

- Boys and Girls Club – with renovations at 1495 Heatherington they've been meeting with children in schools. Homework Club is going well
- YOW – are operating in Heatherington, Banff and Confederation Court. There is a big concern with youth who want to get some work experience. 65 youth from the south end will be invited to participate in free CPR certification, which will help them with employment. 100 kids attended a Youth Mentor talk that went extremely well. They've managed to get a bus to bring from Confederation Court to the Jim Durrell Arena so they can participate in Culture Shock
- OCH – It's expected that the renovations at 1495 will be completed by June. Spring Cleaning events are being planned. Not all communities will participate as there are not enough interested community volunteers. The Community Capital Grant requests are due April 1st. They will provide \$500 - \$10,000 for renovation/building projects that have been identified as a priority in their communities.
- Dempsey Community Centre – Christie Lake, Women Alive and the Community House are all doing programming at the Centre. There will be a free 6 week sports camp that will expose children to different types of activities. Basketball will continue through Jump Start
- Albion/Heatherington Recreation Centre – Winter Carnival went well, and the Learn to Skate program had a skating party at Scotiabank Place. March Break Camp is coming up, as is Love to Swim. 'The Box' just outside the Centre is scheduled for renovations. The Bluesfest Band for Youth will have music teachers at the Centre, and will play music in the park. The Holiday Dinner went extremely well. Several different chefs donated their time to provide a free Christmas Dinner on the 24th to over 300 families. The dinner was formal, with white table clothes and white gloves on the servers.
- Confederation Court – Youth programs have continued. LINC has been reduced by 20% and so will only be operating Monday to Thursday
- Russell Heights – a Grade 8 class at Vincent Massey school has partnered with Russell to fundraise for various projects that will take place in the community. \$1000 has been raised to help renovate the Youth Shack, with additional monies hoped for from the OCH Capital Grant and Healthy Communities
- Banff – communication with the City regarding the Field House continues to be a challenge. All Community Houses are being seriously affected by sustainability funding from the City and United Way. There is some money to pay staff, but no money to do anything with them. Banff held a very successful Christmas dinner, serving 96 people at two settings.

- OPS – the annual Cop Shop went very well this year, with 28 children being partnered with a police officer to do their Christmas shopping. It was supported by the Billings Bridge Mall. Gary McCoy has been attending community events, such as the Boys and Girls Talent Show, the Winter Carnivals at Banff and Russell Heights and dropping at the daycare at Confederation Court. He has requested that people invite him to their upcoming events. There is money available for youth programs that can sometimes be accessed by OPS. Uday Jaswal will investigate this possibility, to help the Community Houses
- CDF – Lisa Petch stated that all CDF communities will receive \$250,000 for coordination from the City. She will be able to provide a full report on what, exactly, been allocated where at the next meeting
- Options Bytown – the coffee drop in is going well, and an addictions counselor who attends regularly
- Christie Lake – the winter term ends on March 10th. There are 140 spaces available for March Break Camp. The Star Cup went well, with the youth against OPS and the RCMP. The Chance to Dance group will be performing at CentrepoinTE on March 29th. Summer Camp applications are now available and can be accessed on-line. Their web site has been updated and should be more user friendly. There will be a work placement and university mentorship program available to youth. It is a big commitment as it will be for the whole summer (the application deadline has passed).
- Crime Prevention Ottawa – there will be a Child and Youth Mental Health conference held on March on March 24th. Applications are now being accepted by the City for the Painted Up grants. Money is used to hire young artists to paint public spaces that have been struggling with graffiti problems

**Next meeting: Tuesday April 26, 2011
at 1:30 at Heron Rd Community Centre**