

NCLB Steering Committee
Minutes from April 26, 2011

PRESENT:

Rob Greaves	OPS
Heather Cooper	OPS
George Lencewicz	OPS
Uday Jaswal	OPS
Gary McCoy	OPS
Euphrasie Emedi	SEOCHC
Brigitte Scobie	OCH
Kim McDonald	Options Bytown
Mike Justinich	Crime Prevention Ottawa
Mike Dubé	City of Ottawa
Manon Leblond-Leduc	Christie Lake Kids
Tammy Larocque	Boys and Girls Club
Lori Jardine	Boys and Girls Club
Gillian Keefe	CDF
Sara Dwyer	Russell Heights Community House
Madeleine Brenning	Dempsey Community Centre
Abid Jan	United Way
Kelli Tonner	SEOCHC
Andrea Fox	SEOCHC

REGRETS :

Sylvie Manser	Banff Avenue Community House
Andrea Thompson	Confederation Court Community House
Lisa Petch	City of Ottawa

1. Agenda: approved without additions
2. Minutes from the last meeting: approved with the additions of Kim McDonald and Manon Leblond-Leduc as present
3. **NCLB Funding and general discussion:**

SEOCHC has received confirmation of transition funding from the United Way in the amount of \$12,000. The original request was \$130,000 for both coordination and youth. It is understood that the City of Ottawa has set aside \$150,000 for CDF communities however it is unclear a) how much exactly will be designated to NCLB, b) when it would be received and c) what expectations will be attached to those funds. At this point the NCLB coordinator position will end May 31. It is clear that even if SEOCHC receives money from the City of Ottawa the NCLB Coordinator will not be a full time position. Of the transitional funding received to date, communities will be given some dollars to continue on with their Dinner and Chat.

An application has been submitted to Telus for \$20,000 for youth, but as yet they have not responded. There may be some monies available through the Community Action Grants from the United Way but the guidelines for the applications, and other funders who would match funds, have not yet been decided.

The Knowledge Transfer Table Working Group has almost completed the process of designing a new survey. It should be ready for all CDF/NCLB communities by July. The evaluation from the previous survey showed that those communities who left the document with residents to be completed had approximately a 3% return. The percentage improved with the involvement of a staff.

In the absence of a Coordinator the Committee must funnel issues and concerns to where they need to go. Overlap of services continues. Jewish Family Services, for example, has planned a Leadership Program in Albion/Heatherington. Both the City and the Boys and Girls Club already offer this.

It was agreed that, regardless of an uncertain future, the Working Committee (Sylvie Manser, Gillian Keefe, Nick Zeis, a representative from OCH and OPS, and Lisa Petch) would still meet to establish a baseline with which to consider adding a new communities to the NCLB neighbourhood list. It will include what their community needs, an inventory of assets and resources

4. PARTNER UPDATES:

CDF

- CAWI will be taking the initiative in the United Way's training program for building capacity.
- CURA grant was not approved. Those that were involved in the process have expressed interest in continuing with research, though how that would work has yet to be established.
- The second security meeting of residents sharing achievements and challenges will not be held in the immediate future. Energies have gone to local initiatives.

Ottawa Police Services

- Heather McCoy and Gary McCoy requested that they be advised of any community event or meeting that they may be able to attend, to increase their profile within the area
- Recommended greater emphasis on forming an area Youth Group to explore greater opportunities for youth to become involved

- Uday Jaswal is being transferred out of East district and back to Central. It was noted that he was a valuable partner while working in the south east, and his participation will be greatly missed.

Boys and Girls Club

- Things are going well in the area, with the number of participants increasing.
- Final Talent Show will be held in June

OCH

- The dates for all those communities participating in the Spring Clean Up have all be set, with volunteers in place.
- A new Community Development Manager has been hired, but not yet formally announced.

Dempsey Community Centre

- A new initiative that provides free swimming lessons for low-income children will soon be offered. Canadian Tire is helping with the cost.

Jim Durrell/Banff Avenue

- The Field House appears to be on schedule, with program equipment arriving May 15.

Russell Heights Community House

- Tenant Associations held their elections at Dempsey, with an incredible turn out. 48 households were represented, often 2 or more family members present
- It appears that all funding requested to renovate the Youth Shack has been approved. No schedule has been approved.

Options Bytown

- Monday night movies at 1455 Heatherington, as well as the coffee/tea hour on Thursdays (which the addictions counselor attends), are going well. They have managed to tap into a new group of volunteers

Christie Lake

- Programs end in May, when planning begins for the summer camps. Registration has already begun and they are half full (can take a maximum of 300 kids throughout the season). There are three sessions of 12 days (overnight).

Crime Prevention Ottawa

- There have been 70 presentations of the Tool Kit and, based on feedback, they are now in the process of updating the kit.
- The CPO Board has decided that community based crime prevention initiatives are best left to existing partners and they are now going to focus

on the business community. Work has already begun in the Merivale/Caldwell area.

- Gang research has been ongoing for some time now, though gangs are not a major issue in the Ottawa area. YSB and the John Howard Society are working together to hire and train Youth Facilitators, who will be working with groups of 12 – 14 year olds asking them what's working and what's not. The west and the south are considered the problematic areas of the city. JHS has money, and is looking for more along with partners, to put into program that will address the issues
- Research is being done with identified gang members (those in jail, and those who have been released) looking at their life before they became involved with gangs. A second component of the research involves identifying how individuals were able to leave gangs. The hope is to design programs that will help with both.
- 400 hundred participants attended the Youth Mental Health Forum
- John Howard Society has a staff person trained in a new course designed in Australia. Mental Health First Aid will teach paramedics, police officers, teachers, etc. how to deal with an individual with psychiatric problems when they first present to you.
- A pilot project will begin with Parks and Rec, with their wading pools. Some youth who use the facility arrive without bathing suits or towels, and will stay there all day without food. Money will be used initially to purchase healthy snacks and swimming gear that can be given out by the life guards when they see the need. The second component of the pilot will be conducting interviews with the staff to see what supports would benefit those who use the pools.
- Painted Up Mural will fund 10 projects this year
- "Don't be that guy" is a campaign to help prevent sexual assaults. It's geared towards males 18-26. Posters are not appropriate for the general public. They will be put in men's washrooms around the city. A 'watered down' version, appropriate for schools, will hopefully be out soon.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 7, Community Clean Up at Confederation Court
- June 12, Confederation Court Fundraiser at Absolute Comedy. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through the Community House
- June 23, Heatherington Street Party, which will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Better Beginnings Better Futures and the reopening of the recently renovated centre
- June 23, BCG Talent Show
- June 18 (rain date the 19th), Banff will be hosting a Street Hockey Tournament

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: June 14, 1:30 at the Heron Road Centre