

## Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday February 1, 2022 • 9:30 a.m. • Via Zoom

**Present:** Jackie Kerry, Kim Cole, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Pam McLean-Stubbs, Melissa McLaughlan, Candice Penny, Helene Randle, Sandra Della Porta, Micki Horton

**Regrets:** Lindsay Milligan, Tracey Murray, Christina Clark

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
<b>Minute Recorder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Thompson, ECCDC</li> </ul>	*note – Julie to remove Roxane Hendrie from NCCSE contact list	
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Intros</b>			
<b>2. Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Guest Presentation &amp; Discussion – follow up</b>	<p><b>Carol Phillips, Associate Dean, School of Community Services, Niagara College – Proposal for Accelerated ECE Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The survey closed Friday. Over 30 letters of support were received, including from Niagara Region and a couple of politicians. Jackie submitted one as well, on behalf of NCCSE. Over 100 people expressed interest in the program. Participants will gain an ECE diploma recognized by the College of ECEs and universities who are partners, for those who want to further their education. The proposal was submitted yesterday. Lorrey thinks they will hear back in March.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jodi Noble and Wendy Coxon, Niagara College – Virtual Job Fair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to be as inclusive as possible, centres will be invited to submit a 5-minute video (to include information such as: the services you offer; your program’s philosophy/highlights of your program statement; is there anything that makes your early learning program unique?; employment opportunities (positions); a description of what you are looking for in a potential employee; and how a candidate can prepare for an interview with your agency (i.e. share their e-portfolio)?). Submission deadline is March 11. There will be a form provided for participants to fill out some information, as well as the link to their video. The flyer and form will be sent as soon as they’re</li> </ul>		

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	<p>approved to the community. Course time will be provided for students to view the videos.</p>		
<p><b>4. Minutes Approval: December 7, 2021</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round table discussions – Melissa noted that the number of preschoolers they are able to accept as of January is 48, not 32.</li> </ul>	<p>Julie to revise minutes for website.</p>	
<p><b>5. Business Arising</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie sent another email to Bob Conroy of the NRP and hasn't heard back yet. She will wait to reach out again when things calm down with the Pandemic.</li> <li>• Workplan – workplan was shared to keep it in mind. NCCSE agreed to look at again in April to start thinking about what can be planned for fall.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>6. Facebook Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candice reviewed some statistics. Candice will post link to NCCSE website. Mentioned posting encouraging messages. CECE links to new CPL information, once it's available.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. Website Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorrey will send with minutes</li> </ul>		
<p><b>8. Round Table Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie – the Niagara Falls centre is finally licensed. We're just waiting for the final okay from the Director. The new location is at Our Lady of Mount Carmel school.</li> <li>• Kim – our insurance company is mandating 2 staff at opening and 2 staff at closing. Do others have different requirements with their insurance? Helen shared that Rosalind Blauer's insurance required the same thing, but accepts their cleaner as the second person at closing. Kim asked if anyone has any other information, to share it by email.</li> <li>• Lorrey – we are looking forward to hosting Sarah McVanel. The session was moved forward to March 23. The topic has changed slightly to address burnout, resiliency. There is no cost for the session,</li> <li>• Micki – our centre was closed for the first time due to a breakout. Our centre was chosen for Seeds of Empathy, and we're looking forward to it.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candice – we had to close a cohort for the first time in 2 years. We were also chosen for the Seeds of Empathy program.</li> <li>• Helene – one of my biggest struggles has been to let things go and stay positive. We aren't able to do the things we think we should be doing, and that can be hard to let go of. We had a cohort close for the first time as well. The parents were very supportive and expressed concern for the person who got sick.</li> <li>• Sandra – the BECE program is now permanently online, supporting full-time workers. The program fills up quickly.</li> </ul>		
<b>9. Potential events &amp; media opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>		
<b>10. Next meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesdays: April 5, 2022; and June 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom</li> </ul>		