

## Niagara Child Care Sector Executive Meeting

Tuesday March 7, 2017 • 1:30 p.m. • ECCDC-Niagara Room

**Present:** Kim Cole, Jackie Kerry, Véronique Emery, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Patricia Couroux, Helene Randle, Lindsay Milligan

**Regrets:** Leah Philbrick, Christina Clark, Judy Bonsignore, Sally Mazachowsky, Julie Michelle (ICCS)

Item	Discussion	Action	Who
<b>Welcome</b>			
<b>Minute Recorder</b>	• Julie Thompson, ECCDC		
<b>1. Correspondence</b>			
<b>2. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2017</b>	• Minutes approved, no changes		
<b>3. Business Arising from Minutes</b>	<p><b>EDI (Early Development Instrument) Presentation from Amy Romagnoli, Data Analyst, Niagara Region</b>  <a href="mailto:amy.romagnoli@niagararegion.ca">amy.romagnoli@niagararegion.ca</a> 905.688.8248 x.7287)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy’s position was funded for community use.</li> <li>• The EDI was conducted on children in their second year of kindergarten.</li> <li>• There are 5 domains: Physical Health &amp; Well-being; Social Competence; Emotional Maturity; Language &amp; Cognitive Development; and Communication &amp; General Knowledge.</li> <li>• The EDI was done across Ontario. Children with diagnosed special needs are not included in the EDI.</li> <li>• Children were considered vulnerable if they had 2 domains below the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile.</li> <li>• Since 2008, the percentage of children considered vulnerable in Niagara have increased, higher than the Ontario average.</li> <li>• Of highest concern in Niagara: Social Competence (jumped higher from 2011-2015); and Emotional Maturity (steady increase since 2008). Old Western Hill was the neighbourhood with the largest vulnerable population.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emotional Maturity &amp; Social Competence – focus on vulnerability Niagara-wide rather than focusing on separate neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• Policy changes could come from a higher level, perhaps not frontline.</li> <li>• Have tables with facilitators; divide tables up with different topics. Facilitators could have templates.</li> <li>• Perhaps wait to see what Amy presents at April 25 community consultation.</li> <li>• Ask Amy for second presentation delving into 2 vulnerable domains and their sub-domains – perhaps at last meeting before summer.</li> </ul>	

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<b>3. Business Arising from Minutes continued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the children's postal codes were provided to Amy, she could analyze their neighbourhoods.</li> <li>If NCCSE are interested in another presentation, Amy would be happy to do one.</li> </ul> <p><b>Workplan Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first two directions had feedback, but the second two need some work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCCSE asked to visit Google Doc to further update workplan, ask questions if needed.</li> </ul>	All
<b>4. Facebook update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lindsay printed the last two posts</li> <li>Facebook page has 275 followers</li> <li>Jackie's Awards of Excellence win and the Early Years Child Care Strategy were most read</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lindsay asked for all NCCSE to contribute to postings on Facebook</li> </ul>	All
<b>5. QCCN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are midway through YMCA school age site for training, there is one left.</li> </ul>		
<b>6. New Business</b>	<p><b>Public Health &amp; Immunization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darlene Edgar asked NCCSE to draft a letter stating concerns to Public Health about changes to immunization manual</li> <li>Is there a process for distribution of the manuals?</li> <li>Ask Public Health to review manual with programs?</li> <li>Ask how many manuals were distributed?</li> <li>Perhaps a post to Facebook about the manuals?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kim will call to see if memo is coming and let them know to expect letter.</li> <li>Committee will send their ideas for the letter to Jackie, who will draft it.</li> </ul>	Kim  All/Jackie
<b>7. Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lorrey</b> – NCCSE website – we will soon have a surprise for the committee regarding its webpages. Niagara College students have been working on updating its look. More news to come soon.</li> </ul>		
<b>8. Next meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 27, 2:00-4:00pm</li> <li>May 24, 2:00-4:00pm</li> </ul>	Julie to book rooms	Julie