

Thursday, February 18, 2021

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Guests: Cecilia Remo-CTN Manager Communications

Strategic Area of Focus
Evolve Services
Nurture Relationships
Strengthen Capacities

No.	Area of Focus	Topic
1.		Welcome and Introductions
2.		Agenda –No additional agenda items Meeting Notes –approval of December 17, 2020 meeting notes by two members
3.		Successes and Challenges (standing item) Challenge: one member shared her experiences having had Covid 19 and the challenge she has faced fighting for accommodations related to post-secondary school work. Group suggested that an article entitled <i>...A day in the life....</i> would be worthwhile creating perhaps even recording for others attending post-secondary. Success: transition to secondary school –one member shared they received significant support from the high school for their son. Challenge: kids are still missing out on socialization when attending class virtually.
4.		CTN's Pandemic Recovery (standing item) CTN is looking at opening additional site locations to support in person visits where necessary. CTN staff continue to work from home unless required in the site to support in person visits.
5.		Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation- Michelle thanked all FAC members who participated in CTN's accreditation survey. The feedback was very positive although CTN has not received the official report back from CARF. One thing the surveyors commended CTN on was the fact that so many parents with lived experience make up the staff. They saw this as very positive and certainly a way to maintain a focus on the child and family.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Page on the website –CTN’s Family landing page remains in the top 10 of pages being viewed on the website. A number of pages have been updated with new language. CTN is now using terms such as children and youth with disabilities and developmental needs to describe the clients we serve. ACTION: all to review website and provide any feedback to Heather. • Family Mentor Program -now has a new page on the website -Niagara Children’s Centre has started a Family Mentor Program based on the CTN program. They are using our job descriptions and have been consulting with Heather for a number of months. The Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for the program is coming to an end at the end of June. CTN is looking for any ideas to help support the program. Members to share any thoughts or ideas for sponsorship or donations. ACTION: members to share any ideas or connections that may help to support CTN’s Family Resource/Family Mentor Program
6.		<p>Annual General Meeting (AGM) Cecilia, CTN Manager Communications, attended to lead a discussion on CTN’s upcoming AGM. Last year’s virtual AGM went well with 60 attendees. CTN is looking at a virtual event again this year, June 16, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cecilia brought forward the idea to focus on Friendships –one of the F words -members felt that friendships may be too narrow and perhaps connections and the importance of connecting and making connections may be more reflective -members also felt that it would be challenging not to identify the pandemic perhaps looking at how people have stayed positive, what we have learned, takeaways. -support for youth, children and families to comprise a panel and share their experiences -Cecilia also spoke to the committee about the FAC presentation. Chair wanted survey all the FAC members prior to responding. <p>ACTION: Cecilia will incorporate feedback into AGM planning. Chair will survey FAC members re: presentation –whether FAC to assist with panel discussion and/or create a separate presentation?</p>
7.		<p>Youth Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Transition Planning and Transition Conference- Kim and Heather attended a conference related to transition to adult hood and how youth must connect with adult services. Issues arise when youth are discharged to adult services before they are ready. Instead there should be a focus on setting the youth up for success and transition to adult services when the youth is ready. <p>ACTION: add to next meeting agenda for Kim to provide more input on Youth Transition plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Me and My Community Group- this is a 3 year program for youth that is providing volunteer experiences for youth. Heather is working on having youth volunteer with CTN and create a youth to adult transition page.

		<p>Another idea – create a transition to high school video—what would high school students say helped them? Or perhaps do a zoom session.</p> <p>-what do you need to know when you transition?</p> <p>-perhaps there could be different ways to share the info: videos, written suggestions, role plays, interviews with parents</p> <p>ACTION: Heather to do a call for youth volunteers from Simcoe and York including FAC members and explore FAC ideas.</p>
8.		<p>Accessibility –Kim is looking for volunteers to attend an Accessibility meeting to provide input for next year’s CTN Accessibility plan. Two members indicated their interest.</p> <p>ACTION: Heather to let Kim know that members are interested</p>
9.		<p>Updates from Other Committees and Community Activities (standing item)</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>
10.		<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>March 18, 2021- evening or daytime via ZOOM. Heather to send out to members.</p>