

**Thursday April 30, 2020 10-12 noon by Zoom videoconference**

Location: via Zoom

No.	Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> —sharing our talents!	All members joined by zoom due to social distancing during the pandemic.
2.	<b>Agenda</b> –Any additional agenda items  <b>Meeting Notes</b> –approval of February 20, 2020 meeting notes	No Additions to the Agenda. Agenda approved with the additions.  Meeting Notes for February 20, 2020 approved. Meeting notes to be posted on line to share with other families and provide transparency of the role of the FAC.
3.	<b>Standing item: Successes and Challenges</b>  How are families coping with pandemic?	<p><u>Challenge:</u> dealing with hospitalization and COVID during a pandemic. One family described the challenges she and her family faced not being able to visit or communication with their child. Discussed difficult decisions related to discharge from hospital and whether to go back to previous living arrangements or return home. Discussed how some group homes are dealing with the pandemic. Those group homes that are smaller and started planning early may be in the best position. Less staff and fewer visitors reduces the risk. There is recognition that parents of children with special needs should not be deemed visitors but rather be seen as essential workers. Often parents are the voice and can assist in care.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> look to developing an information sheet for families re: what to do if you or your child contracts COVID-19. Who to call, what services can help.</p> <p><u>Success:</u> CTN’s move to telepractice and ability to provide some services virtually such as Sibshops, coffee chats. Where clinically appropriate telepractice is a way to provide services safely. In the future where appropriate telepractice may be a choice for how families want to receive services.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Accessing ADP equipment. ADP was closed for a period of time but is now open to accepting referrals. Mobility companies are open and doing repairs and dispensing equipment.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Completing school work. Some children are struggling with video chat and video conferencing.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) -how do families access PPE. Is there any program that supports the cost of PPE? Some agencies are asking clients to provide their own PPE.</p> <p><u>Challenge:</u> Mental health concerns among families as schools remain closed. Single parents have increased challenge going to the grocery store. Increased risk of domestic violence. Localized groups of volunteers are popping up to help</p>

		individuals. Richmond Hill Neighbours is one such group. Also calling 211 for immediate needs and food insecurity issues.
4.	<b>Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>	CTN's AGM will be held virtually this year due to the pandemic. The AGM will be a business meeting and will not feature a panel this year. Stakeholders will be invited. Discussion followed and it was decided that the FAC wanted to continue with doing a presentation this year as this is often a highlight of the business portion of the meeting. Michelle will take this information back. <b>Action:</b> Members to think of presentation for 2019-20.
5.	<b>Updates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training</li> <li>• Speaker's Group</li> <li>• Graduation – beyond High School</li> </ul>	<u>Training:</u> Post Diagnostic workshop is scheduled for May 29. Sibshops rescheduled for May 13/14 <sup>th</sup> for those sessions that were scheduled prior to pandemic. Dr. Jennifer Benaiah-Saltzman (neuropsychologist) will be presenting a session to the family mentors and CTN staff on goal setting during these times. She is also drafting a number of blogs for families.  <u>Speaker's Group:</u> no further work on this item. Michelle to raise again in Fall.  <u>Graduation:</u> Michelle shared a power point (attached) which highlighted the number of youth/young adults 16+ receiving CTN funded services. Ideas were discussed as to what graduation might look like whether it be something tangible such as a certificate or card.  <b>Action:</b> talk to youth and see what they would like to see happen to mark graduation from services.
6.	<b>Information Fair in Simcoe</b>	In person event has been cancelled in Barrie however the Local Team Facilitators are looking at ways the event may be held virtually. They will assign time slots to certain vendors and agencies and families can sign on at a specific time if they would like to listen to the information. No date available as yet.
7.	<b>OTF Recognition Event</b>	The event recognizing the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant was to be held during the Information Fair. The event will now be deferred at this time.
8.	<b>Sunnybrook Family Navigation</b>	Karen has reached out to the service navigator from Sunnybrook who provides Family Navigation for clients aged 13-26 years who would be interested in attending a meeting and providing an overview of the service. Service is for families in the GTA including York. Role is to facilitate connections. Focus is on mental health for youth.
9.	<b>Updates from Other Committees and Community Activities</b>	Autism Ontario: excellent section on their website re: Covid-19 –lots of resources and activity ideas
10.	<b>F Words</b>	Kim and Heather are working with CanChild and will be meeting with youth to discuss what the F-words mean to them. This will also provide an opportunity for us to engage with youth and possibly hear their ideas re: graduation.
11.	<b>Next Meeting:</b> May 28, 2020 meeting	Meeting to be via zoom in the evening 6:30 to 8:30. Michelle will ask Julie to set up.

