



**Best Start Network
Summary Notes
Friday, January 18th, 2013
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Waterfront Centre**

Present: Paul Johnson, Grace Mater, Wanda St. Francois, Karen Calligan, Brenda Bax, Judith Bishop, Karyn Callaghan, Colin McMullan, Debbie Myers, Jane Soldera, Sharon Stephanian, Laurel Cooke, Debbie Crickmore, Andrew Debicki, Ruth Doherty, Don Jaffray, Laura Lukasik, Laura Martindale, Shirley McCoy, Dina Phillips, Lorraine Robinson, Marion Trent-Kratz, Cheryl Velenosi, Janis Webster, Ruth Wells, Denise Doyle, Dorothy Barr-Elliott, Shawn Chisholm, Marni Flaherty, Lisa Kiriakopoulos, Pat Senft, Dean Younger.

Regrets: Jean Clinton, Nancy Baverstock, Jim Commerford, Karen Davis, Christine Finochio, Ivana Fortino, Pauline Kajjura, Ann Lamanes, Monique Lavallo, Sam Gardner, Matt Goodman, Rebecca Raven, Paula Forbes, Rocco Gizzarelli, Sgt. Harold Harris, Kathleen Kitching, Lea Pollard.

	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1	Welcome / Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Review of Meeting Notes / Announcements	Paul Johnson welcomed everyone to today's meeting. No conflict of Interest noted. Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tara Townson would be recording today's meeting minutes in Joyce Minten's absence. • Sympathies to Matt Goodman, member of the BSN regarding the passing of Suzanne Goodman's partner Kevin Marron. • Monique Lavallo is in Australia and will be giving a presentation in New Zealand on behalf of the Aboriginal Community. • Judith Bishop was a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal in December. 	Noted changes to the December 7 th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg. 4 – typing error 3600 should be 36. • Pg. 12 – YMCA should be YWCA. <p>The minutes of the December 7, 2012 BSN meeting were moved by Andrew Debicki and seconded by Debbie Myers with the changes noted.</p>

2	<p>Presentation on Early Years Community Plan</p>	<p>Jane Soldera presented the Early Years Community Plan. 2012 – 2015.</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the third plan for the Best Start Network.. • It is being presented to Emergency and Community Service Committee on January 17, 2013 • Springboard to the integration and stabilization of Child Care. • Q2 report – re: plan for the implementation strategies. • Overview of the Environmental Scan - Utilization rates geographically – services and income, accessibility, equity. • Mobility issue related to poverty with respect to inner city migration and gaps in access. • Aboriginal population 1.5% lower than Ontario’s population in the census – we examined more carefully the issue of the Aboriginal population. • Overall averages that misrepresent the Aboriginal population for Hamilton – Judith referred to reading the report. 	
3	<p>Presentation on the Ministry of Education Child Care Funding</p>	<p>Presentation by Karen Calligan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Funding Formula and Framework: An Overview. • Part of Modernization of Child Care document • Justification and rationale of funding based on areas and a need to drive outdated funding formulas. • Criteria for Funding – LICO – Population numbers – Rural / Urban <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care Service basic – 718.4 Million - 78% - Special Purpose based on need. – 193.2 Million – 21% - Capital ongoing – 8.8 Million – 1 % 	

		<p>Ministry of Education website for funding formula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DEC 18, 2013 Webinar and slide presentation: http://events.digitalmedia.telus.com/ops/121812/index.php• Memorandum, technical paper, and child care service management guideline to support new child care funding formula and framework: http://faab.edu.gov.on.ca/CCMemos.htm• Ministry of Education Website: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/• Modernizing Child Care in Ontario: Sharing Conversations, Strengthening Partnerships, Working Together (Released June)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CMSM – more flexibility with allocations of care• 4.1 % minimum amount for children with special needs• Play-based material / equipment new – greatly valued with allocated funding• Evidence informed funding• Capacity building – professional development funding and integration funding – dollars available here.• Transformation funding – guidelines on Ministry of Education website to refer to and explain the funding formula.• New Expense categories – general operating – capacity building – capital not available to commercial• Transition year –feedback on funding and adaptation responding to feedback.• Key Links – Web Cast, Memorandum and technical papers, CMSM guideline are on the Ministry’s web site listed above.	
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4	Boards of Education presentation on Retrofit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Investments in Child Care. • Presenters – Karen Calligan (Ministry of Ed.), Sharon Stephanian (HWDSB), Dean Younger on behalf of Ivana Fortino (HWCDSEB) 	

	<p>submissions</p>	<p>Sharon Stephanian (HWDSB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex process • EL3 and EL4 provide the layers for the process • Data informing the process and decisions with the context of Hamilton • Year 1 focus on high level guiding principles. <p>Dean Younger – on behalf of Ivana Fortino (HWCD SB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As both school boards and CMSM work through the EL3/EL4 process, they will be guided by the following core principles: • First and foremost, we remain committed to a process grounded in the culture of collaboration that we have all cultivated over the years ensuring that the Best Start Network remains a critical voice at the table. We must remember, though, that the root word of ‘collaboration’ is ‘labour’.....and ‘labour’ is hard work. It can be messy, muddy and murky, but we will continue to co-labour or collaborate along the way • We embrace the vision of a seamless and coordinated early learning and care system while respecting the unique and distinct characteristics of all parties • Our process will strive to ensure a stabilized and modernized system with the needs of children and families guiding our journey decisions • We embrace child care and education continuing this symbiotic merger into a holistic and integrated system of high-quality services for children and families in our neighbourhood communities <p>A group activity was provided to facilitate discussion at each table that requested each group consider what the school boards need to take into consideration when planning for the capital retrofit in schools. Any additional ideas, feedback or notes to be sent to Grace –by Friday January 25, 2013.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Updates: A. Chair B. City of Hamilton C. Member Updates</p>	<p>Denise Doyle – YWCA website - Call for nominations for Woman of Distinction.</p> <p>Brenda Bax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCY lead with Waterloo in planning assistance with co-consultant personalizing to Hamilton • Invitations sent to ED - Board Chairs • Deb Crickmore requested that there be sessions outside of the normal 	

		<p>work day as her Board of Directors have employment obligations during times that these sessions are planned to occur.</p> <p>Planning all day – End of February 2013</p>	
6	Adjourn	<p>Please note change in the meeting date and location.</p> <p>Next Meeting is scheduled for: Friday, February 22nd, 2013 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Waterfront Centre (formerly the Chamber of Commerce – 555 Bay St. N., Hamilton)</p>	