**MCMC Meeting October 17th, 2016**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**CAT 7th Floor Room 7-2**

**Present:** Ian Edward, Eneyda Guerra, Cindy McCarthy, Beverly Ann D’Souza, Paola Martins Collini, Linda Saad, Sharma Queiser, Zulekha Noor Mohamed, Maria Guerrero, Diana Grimaldos, Diane Banks, Walaa Taha and Shaden Jebahi, Wang Christiana Jing.

**Regrets:** Cindy Himelstein, Lisa Shortall, Lovelle San Gabriel, Jillian Sewell, Anna Maria Polla.

**Minute Taker**: Shaden J.

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| **Discussions** | **Decisions/Actions** |
| **Learning Sessions/Sick Kids Commitment:*** Ian welcomed the members and updated them on Sick Kids resident doctors commitment to deliver 2 learning sessions on Sleep and Routines in Nov. 2016 and before March 2017.
* Shaden told the members that she is waiting for Sick Kids residents to confirm a date in November to deliver the first learning session on Sleep and Routines at Joyce Public school at Lawrence Heights in partnership with NYCH.

She also mentioned that Sick Kids resident doctors will train parents and service providers on delivering the content of Sleep and Routines learning session. She mentioned that Nov. 1st, 2016 is a tentative date for the ToT opportunity.Shaden said that 3 parent leaders have health and medical background and are interested to join the TOT and asked members if they are interested to join the ToT. Diana Grimaldos, Maria Guerroro and Diane Banks were interested.  | * Shaden to send an email to MCMCT members to confirm the numbers/date of Sick Kids residents ToT and ask the bigger group who is interested to join the training.
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| **Month in Review:*** Shaden shared with the members that the East end parent symposium will discuss the same topics presented at Waterfront Neighborhood Centre symposium as per the leadership advice.

She mentioned that she consulted Zulekha and Suganthine parent leader in the East end and discussed options. Zulekha explained to the group that Model schools are undergoing changes in procedures and policies related to space and child minding and that it is not possible to hold events at this moment.Shaden also mentioned that she has tentatively booked McGregor Park Community Centre (3 Rooms) under ACSA’s permit on Saturday Nov.26, 2016 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm.The group mentioned that parents might not show up on a Saturday evening.Diana G. suggested holding the parent symposium at Victoria Park Hub where there is space and an industrial kitchen for catering. She will check availability and better possibilities. | * Shaden to follow up with Diana on space availability and dates.
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| **2016-2017 City Budget:*** Sharma Q. presented to the group a power point focusing on the City of Toronto budget, why it matters to communities, what is known on budget cuts and their impacts so far, how we get involved and key dates (presentation attached).

Sharma highlighted where the budget money comes from and goes to and she talked about the impacts of 2.6% budget cuts on services and programs.She mentioned that MCMCT and organizations can play a role on deputation dates if possible.* Cindy Mc. mentioned that we can have meetings with counselors, or send letters or even have a group of parents talk about their lived experience as parents to children 6-12 years old.
* Diana G. mentioned that it is possible for some MCMCT parent advisory group to join training on deputations through the commitment community campaign.
* Diane B. suggested adding Sharma’s presentation on MCMCT Website.
 | * Shaden to share with the group the list of counselors who voted between yes and No on certain services.
* Cindy Mc. to ask Jane Mercer about the counselors list and send it to Shaden to share it with members.
* Diana G. to share with Shaden training dates/flyer for Latin X Parents For Change project.
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| **Waterfront Parent Symposium:*** Eneyda updated the members on outreach activities to promote the flyer and the parent event. She mentioned that she has a few registration and the target number is 90 parents. Roles and responsibilities are being discussed at this stage.
* Shaden informed the members that she and parent leader Walaa attended School Age Conference at George Brown and distributed 75 flyers.
* Eneyda expressed that we need at least 60 parents to fill out the evaluation forms and Zulekha offered to give 60 goody bags for parents who fill out the evaluations.
 | * Shaden to follow up with Zulekha on the goody bags.
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| **Questionnaire Testing and Feedback:*** Shaden and Eneyda updated the group on the leadership meeting with Dr. Deb Goodman and discussions about MCMCT project evaluation and how to merge it with OTF’s evaluation.
* Ian mentioned he has access to 10 – 15 tablets in case evaluation to be done electronically.
* Paola also highlighted to have flip boards and pens ready for those who prefer to use paper for evaluation.
* Shaden mentioned that volunteers are needed to help parents in filling out the evaluation forms and collecting them back.
* The group’s general feedback on the evaluation form is as the following (attached suggested changes):
* A lot of paper, too long and takes time.
* Too wordy, parents might not wait to finish it.
* Seems like a test – need to be simplified.
* Language is not friendly /complicated.
* Eneyda assured the group that the goal of this exercise is to hear all their feedback in order to improve accordingly.
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| **Sector Updates:*** Diane B. shared Toronto Public Library’s Free Book-Bash event on Saturday October 22, 2016 – 12:00 – 4:00 pm at Harbourfront Centre.
* Zulekha shared TDSB’s Parent Involvement Conference on Saturday Nov. 19th, 2016 at Earl Haig Secondary School – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm – keynote speaker Jennifer Kolari.
* Cindy Mc. mentioned that the City is intending to add 100, 000 new childcare spaces in ON. Consultations with the city is being held to advise on linking subsidies to those new spaces cause most of the families cannot afford it.

Cindy also mentioned that different networks are undergoing restructuring such as child and family and Early ID and Health will meet together. Early Learning and Care and Family Support will join to make recommendations on quality with HR focus.She highlighted the importance of the City’s commitment Middle Childhood Strategy and the budget linked to it.Cindy mentioned that the Ministry is having consultations on the Middle Childhood Strategy and it is important for MCMCT to have a say. The Strategy will be launched in summer 2017. Cindy also mentioned March 9th, 2017 will be an event CAFR partnership with City of Toronto on social integration and identity wellbeing.* Diana G. mentioned that within the project she manages, at working women Organization, for Latin American parents (Spanish, English and Portuguese) there is a training opportunity for parent to learn how to advocate and navigate the school system on Wednesdays October 19th to December 7th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at the Mount Dennis Neighborhood.
 | * Shaden to share the Book Bash flyer with members.
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MCMC meeting on November 21st, 2016 – CAST - Room 7-2 (Cancelled)

Next MCMC Meeting is on Monday December 19, 2016

Monday January 23, 2017