



MCMCT Meeting September 17th, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CAST - 7th Floor – Room 7-2

Present: Areej H., Amanda N.R., Amanda C., Eneyda G., Jillian S., Terry K., Vicky T., Shaida A., Matt H., Tharsini, Shaila K., Vanessa Ch., Lisa S., Nadejda L., Jahy V., Julia P., Luisa O. G., Cherry Y., Lamy H., Nisreen B., Tania R., Hanna D., and Shaden J.

Regrets: Cindy H., Diana G., Sharma Q., Wail H., Elizabeth M.

Minute Taker: Shaden J.

Discussions	Decisions/Actions
<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaden J. welcomed MCMCT members and asked participants to introduce themselves. • MCMCT members reviewed minutes of June 18th meeting and approved it. 	
<p>City of Toronto - Children’s Services updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt H. talked about reviewing the City of Toronto’s Middle Childhood Strategy that was developed in 2012/2013. He mentioned that there has been lots of changes in the past 6 years especially those related to different programs in the system. • Matt added that the city started its external consultations with different organizations to look at the broader system related to after school programs, recreational, authorized and sports. • He asked MCMCT which role they would like to play as it relates to engaging in the cities consultation • Tharsini an Urban Fellow spoke about conducting a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt would like to circulate questions to MCMCT members prior to our next meeting on how they see their involvement in the City’s consultations. • He has also requested more time on next months agenda to explore MCMCT involvement. • City would like to visit recreational programs represented at the Coalition

<p>demographic mapping of how the middle childhood landscape changed, what programs and services exist in neighborhoods and what the current system looks like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a question asked to Matt if they would be working with the Province and the Strategy developed by them. Matt reported that with the new government that department of the Province has been realigned and he is not sure it even exists. 	<p>as part of their external consultations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaden suggested we reach out to our Contacts who came to the Coalition for an update on the provincial strategy.
<p>Commitment to Community Campaign – Municipal Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deena spoke about the upcoming municipal election campaigns with all the changes happening. She mentioned that the goal of the campaign is to fully fund TO Prosperity Platform (Toronto’s Poverty Reduction Strategy) where until now social housing, recreational, middle childhood and many other programs remain unfunded. • Commitment to Community campaign is working hard to make candidate councillors accountable for the full funding TO Prosperity Platform (Toronto’s Poverty Reduction Strategy) by creating tools and fact sheets in 6 different languages that are downloadable from Social Planning Toronto’s website. • She also spoke about importance of uplifting communities in Toronto and raising awareness on Prosperity Platform Campaign. She explained the different usage of TO Prosperity Platform tools and the 2018 Toronto Election Candidate Pledge on Poverty Reduction. She added that Social Planning Toronto is contacting all the municipal election candidates and will publish a list of who signed the pledge and who did not. • Finally she mentioned that they have 6 community 	

<p>animators who are ready to be part of the different municipal election meetings happening across Toronto before the election date on October 22, 2018.</p>	
<p>Coalition Structure & MCMCT Focus Areas:</p> <p>MCMCT Survey Update and next steps with focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa S. mentioned that one of the survey results on Coalition Structure & MCMCT Focus Areas was having more lunch and learns. She distributed an activity sheet that included many topics pulled out from the survey results and asked members to work in groups to choose three top topics, provide ideas and suggest possible facilitators on the three topics chosen. She also asked the group to mention if they are service providers or parent leaders. • Lisa also updated members on the MCMCT direction discussions at Leadership Team level. She said that MCMCT will focus on Parents Matter project that will end in February 2019 and will also include some lunch and learns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa to look into results of the activity sheet and provide an update to members on Oct. 15th MCMCT meeting.
<p>Parents Matter Project – Month in Review (See attached):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaden updated members on Parents Matter project. She mentioned that 4 parent learning sessions were delivered in different communities so far. She informed members about an upcoming learning session at Firgrove Learning and Innovation Centre on Sept. 25th with Sick Kids paediatric residents. • Shaden added that she is discussing the delivery of another 4 parent learning session at PIAC’s parent conference on Nov. 17th, 2018. • She also spoke about finalization of 10 training manuals 	

and presented Sleep educational video to members who found it reflective of clear messages to parents on importance of sleep and bed-time routines for children ages 6-12.

Fall Launch Event (See attached):

- Shaden presented an overview of “Helping Families Thrive” event.
- She told members that the planning group is collecting donations for raffle draws and asked members to contribute to gift donations.
- Shaida Addittia donated 5 tickets of Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) to Nov. 20th raffle gifts.
- Shaden asked members to register for Nov. 20th event and mentioned that Nov. 19th MCMCT meeting will be cancelled and replaced by Nov. 20th event.

Presentation Parent Learning Session – Growing Healthy Minds (See attached):

- Jahy presented to MCMCT members Children’s Mental Health Challenges and Seeking Support learning session developed by Heather Jonson and Joelle Therriault and mentioned that this parent learning session is under the mental health umbrella that includes another two learning sessions “We All Have Mental Health” and “Children’s Mental Health Challenges and Seeking Support”.

Sector Updates:

- Jillian S. spoke about the shortage in finding, recruiting and retaining qualified staff in the licensed childcare sector with all the strict regulations.

Next meeting: Monday October 15th, 2018

Tuesday Nov. 20th, 2018 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Monday December 17th, 2018

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