



## **LCCN Meeting March 29th, 2021**

**9:30 am**

1. Welcome to all the guests!
2. Municipal updates

### **CMSM**

Anne Rae (City of London)

### **2020 WEG Reconciliation**

The 2020 Wage Enhancement Grant Reconciliation Process will be sent out shortly and will be due back by early May. We will be reconciling both 2019 and 2020 at the same time as 2019 has not yet been reconciled due to the priorities of the Pandemic.

### **2020 Federal Safe Restart Funding**

A reminder that agencies in receipt of the 2020 Safe Restart Funding are required to provide a detailed record of the use of their funding allocation for tracking and audit purposes. All agencies in receipt of this funding are required to complete and submit a copy of the "2020 Federal Safe Restart Funding Reporting and Attestation Form" due to our office by April 30th. The attestation will be sent out again as a reminder.

### **2021 Reinvestment Funding**

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### **Call for Submission for a Child Care Operator**

Call for Submission for a Child Care Operator for the new Southeast London School's Child Care Centre. Interested Child Care Operators are encouraged to attend an Information Session on April 1, 2021. This session will provide operators with an overview of the submission criteria, the Child Care Centre floor Plan, furniture, and equipment funded by the Ministry of Education, and costs associated to the operator.

The Call for Submissions will be posted on the TVDSB's website on April 8, 2021.

Interested operators must send the attending staff names, position titles, and email addresses to Chantelle Kempster by the end of the day today March 30 th. Calendar invites will then be sent to join the Microsoft Teams virtual session.

Information Session: Thursday April 1, 2021, 1:00-2:30 (Virtual), Registration required, RSVP to Chantelle Kempster – c.kempster@tvdsb.ca

### **Elizabeth Gough (City of London)**

### **London Community Recovery Network (LCRN)**

Reminder that the London Community Recovery Network ideas for action item 4.7 centered around Support for a National Child Care Framework, specifically acknowledged support from the City of London. A position statement was drafted and



refined at our last LCCN meeting. A letter was drafted and then further refined with civic administration external governmental affairs staff. March 17th, the letter was signed by Mayor Holder and forwarded to the Federal Government (Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), with our local elected officials receiving copies as well.

The letter has an e-home on the LCCN website on the advocacy page [Advocacy - LCCN - Licensed Child Care Network]. Please do seek it out for a read through.

Meaghan has advised that there will be some social media posts going out this week about the municipal endorsement letter. A collective win for our sector!

**Paul D'Hollander (City of London)**

### **Authorized Rec & Camp; Skill Building Programs**

There has been an amendment to the CCEYA re: Authorized Rec & camp; Skill Building Programs to allow Rec and Skill Building programs to operate for longer than 3 hours per day. There is a pilot with 5000 spaces being conducted across the province. There is an application process to operate an Authorized Rec & Skill Building for existing operators. If thinking about moving into the authorized rec programming, applications are due by April 30th. FYI there is no additional funding however, SNR supports, and Fee Subsidy may be possible.

### **Joe Winser (Middlesex)**

Middlesex will be working with London on the 2020 WEG Reconciliation, the 2020 Federal Safe Restart Funding as well as the 2021 Reinvestment Funding.

Potentially a new child care centre will be opening in Ilderton in the next few months.

All else is moving along in Middlesex.

### **3. Celine Bourbonnais-MacDonald - National Early Years Framework**

The team met with the new interns from Fanshawe College who will work from May - August 2021. We are all very thankful to have the opportunities for the interns to be part of such important work! There will be 3 students working and 1 student volunteer.

A research project will be conducted with four groups of participants including parents, child care providers (directors, program supervisors) Early Years professionals and employers.

When complete there will be an interview guide available and the intention is to have a bigger group to bring the voices of everyone together!

### **4. Kara Pihlak - Advocacy Committee**

The advocacy team continues to come together with ideas on how to keep supporting RECE's and child care workers and the centres. The Provincial budget came out with no funding to child care itself only a tax credit back to families. This is great that the families are getting support however we still need to keep advocating for child care workers and the need for retention and wages in the workforce. There has been no news at this point from the Ford government regarding the letters written to this matter.

***\*Please keep sharing the "I'm Essential Campaign"***



## 5. Meaghan MacDonell - STRIVE

Please visit website for all events, there is lots happening! Here are some highlights:

**April 7th** - Monthly meeting 1-2pm - this meeting is to share and come together in support. Education and well being is the focus. They alternate afternoons and evenings so that more people have opportunity to attend.

**April 7th** - A Leader in You, Be Your Best!

**April 19th** - Michelle Gibbs RECE will speak in Mindfulness

**April 21st** - Outdoor Play, Spring weather and activities

**April 27th** - COMMUNAUTÉ D'ÉCHANGE BIEN-ÊTRE, APPARTENANCE, LEADERSHIP

**April 29th** - Community of Practice - Be Well

**May 11th** - Book Club (register ahead of time so that you have time to read the book)

All events are on STRIVE website.

**May 13th** - College of ECE's in regards to the CPL and why it matters.

Paul D'Hollander asked about students access to the STRIVE community. Janet Foster from Fanshawe shared that yes they advocate this site and information to the students. There is Facebook, virtual connections, information shared by prof's and the website to promote information to students and advocate for how strong the community is in London!

Thank you Meaghan for all your awesome work on the #I am Essential video, beautifully done and we all appreciate the heartfelt message! If you haven't seen this video please check it out on the STRIVE website.

This meeting is Ally's last meeting before she goes on mat leave in a little under a months time. Everyone wishes Ally well in her adventures in being a new mom! All the Best!

## 6. AKB UPDATES FOR LCCN

March 2021

- We have finalized our protocols for "live" non-recorded virtual classroom visits. These are intended to be an alternative when in-person visits from a Resource Consultant aren't possible due to pandemic protocols or timing. If this is a service that you think your program would benefit from, please speak with your Resource Consultant. We have a few resources available for loan (ipad, webcam) to support programs to participate.
- Program Assistant requests for May through August are being reviewed this week and contracts will be sent by April 9 th . We remain aware that summer camp needs aren't known yet; please let your Resource Consultant know when your summer plans are finalized.
- We are updating our documentation associated with Program Assistant hours in response to feedback we received from the community. We'll circulate updated Legal Agreements for review and signature, likely in May.

**7. SAO Project - Ally Scott - Curriculum Development through Early Childhood Educators lens. Call for expression of interest** - needs to be developed and delivered. Deadline is end of



May to work on info. Didn't end up getting one person to take on this role so small groups have divided responsibilities and may call to other Directors and centres to ask questions. Also in contact with Adrienne Small re Indigenous Community to outline the pathways, support and checking in with the Journey Together Community.

8. **SAO Employer Sector Summit** - Zoom attendees participated online in real time.  
\*Notes and slides will be provided and that part of the session was recorded.

9. Diane - thanks team for coming to meeting! End of meeting sharing:

Meaghan - highlights Anova - [anovafuture.org/kids-consent](http://anovafuture.org/kids-consent) there is a guide available on website and podcast.

**Jan Tomlinson and Heather Bywaters** from MLHU are now attending the LCCN meetings! They have an early years division at the health unit to help support child care centres and any questions and or concerns especially around covid can be sent to them. Please email them with any questions!

New link: [www.healthunit.com/childcare-educators](http://www.healthunit.com/childcare-educators) \*sign up for the monthly newsletter and communication tool

Outreach email: [EarlyYearsOutreach@mlhu.on.ca](mailto:EarlyYearsOutreach@mlhu.on.ca)