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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter	Tracey Haddy
Community Living Chatham-Kent	Steve Stokley / Kayla Murphy
Community Living Sarnia-Lambton	Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby
Community Living Wallaceburg	Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith
Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County	Kim D’Hooghe
Wellness & Emotional Support for Youth Online	Michelle Parks
Trustees	Carol Bryden Jennifer McCann
Principal/Vice Principal Representatives	Tiffany Clarke (VP) Lisa Walker
Board Advisors	Lisa Demers Jennifer Morrow Terri Rawlings Chris Preece Lisa Thompson-Power Hollie Sparling
Guests	Sarah Stewart
Regrets	Chris Preece Michelle Parks Ryan Allaer Steve Stokley



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - October 17, 2022

Motion: (Jennifer McCann and Wendy Smith) That the Agenda for the SEAC Meeting of Monday, October 17, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried.

3. Review of SEAC Minutes – September 19, 2022

Motion: (Wendy Smith and Jennifer McCann) To adopt the SEAC Minutes of Monday, September 19, 2022. Carried.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. OAP Urgent Response Services Program (URS) Sarah Stewart

- Designed to work on reducing harm for one specific behaviour
- The service is one level down from crisis support (it does not offer fast tracking to services or direct funding to families)
- Offers short-term (12 week) interdisciplinary consultation, service navigation, respite, direct support to the family
- Eligibility requirements: must be registered with OAP, must be exhibiting one of the following behaviours that have escalated within the last two weeks: suicidal ideation, violent thinking, fire starting, harm to animals, risk of exploitation, self-injurious behaviour, aggression, inappropriate sexual behaviour, flight risk, property destruction
- How is URS accessed? Families refer themselves or can be referred by a clinician, care coordinator or other relevant professional by contacting the Lead Agency in their area
- The goal is to connect within two business days to do screeners and to determine eligibility; a service plan will be developed soon thereafter
- Additional information is available on attached documents (Background on the Ontario Autism Program and What is the URS?)



C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- Free training programs are being offered for autism and mental health providers in Ontario

2. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Steve Stokley / Kayla Murphy

- Kayla Murphy will be joining SEAC as the newest CLCK Board of Director

3. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Rachel Veilleux / Brenda Roby

- JobPath just started its 4th and final session of the year this week. Our goal is to place 7 more individuals into employment before the end of the calendar year. JobPath has not heard yet about Opportunity Funds and if we have been approved for another 3-year extension. We are hoping to hear by the end of October/early November.
- Laura Stokely, our Manager of Employment Transitions, is going to be taking a year off for maternity leave, starting sometime in November. Evan Dawe, the current coordinator, will take over Laura's role for 1 year and we are on the search for a new coordinator.
- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and we are on a huge push right now to put out some awesome social media content over the next 3 weeks. Keep an eye on our social media page so you don't miss some of the pictures and videos we have coming up throughout the month to promote NDEAM.
- We are still patiently waiting on updates for the new employment model that will be rolling out across the province (should be starting in spring 2023) with lots of information coming out before the end of the year on expectations for our agency. As we are an ODSP-funded agency, we will automatically roll over to the new model for the first year based on targets, funding, etc.

4. Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- Encouraging employers to light up with purple and blue light bulbs to acknowledge the diversity of their workforce and to highlight that they are inclusive employers
- Agency is preparing for the privatization of employment services



5. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D’Hooghe

- N/A

6. Wellness & Emotional Support for Youth Online

Michelle Parks

- N/A

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- N/A

E. NEW BUSINESS

- N/A

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

Lisa Demers

- Youth engagement situational review - interviewing principals to see what it looks like, how they want supports and to identify how SSWT can help
- SEL review - Marc Nead is interviewing staff to identify strengths, weaknesses, gaps and supports for SEL work in schools
- Team members are working to support schools with parent engagement nights focusing on mental health and wellbeing - first scheduled night is at Monsignor Uyen on November 3, 2022
- Wellness Conferences - two secondary, two elementary - north, south, end of November - purpose is to provide students with school climate data, then support the planning of action plans with student voice activities in their school to address the data
- A variety of quality training sessions are being offered by SMHO for all professional staff focusing on the levels of Tiers in the framework - clinical, preventative and intervention approaches to addressing mental health in the schools

2. New PRT Orientation

Lisa Thompson-Power

- We hosted 14 new PRTs over two orientation sessions in September at the CEC
- The Program Resource Consultants, along with Mirra Lefort and Joan Martell chaired the meeting and provided training



- Topics covered included PRT roles and responsibilities, PRT schedules, Board Support Teams and responsibilities, Educational Assistant roles, responsibilities, and scheduling, the IPRC process, as well as Provincial Schools and treatment facilities
- Training occurred for psychoeducational assessments, IEP standards and development, IEP engine, KTEA-3, and SEA

3. Communicative Disorders Assistant Positions Jen Morrow

- The board employs three SLPs, but two are on leave
- Staffing shortages persist - the team now consists of two SLPs for the year
- 33 students came through preschool transitions and have moved to services within the school - this is the immediate focus for the SLPs
- SLPs are working closely with curriculum and early years teams to build connections between oral language and receptive language skills, and to embed practices in daily classroom work, hopefully reducing the number of students who require more support
- The board hopes to hire two CDAs
- CDAs do not complete assessments, but can deliver therapy goals and set therapeutic goals based on SLP assessments
- CDAs require a college program such as DSW, ECE, and then a college specific program

4. Transition Facilitator Funding/ Position Update Jen Morrow / Hollie Sparling

- Late last year an application process was announced by the ministry about supporting students with disabilities and removing barriers
- Transition supports for students was identified as a need
- Funding was approved this fall for a full-time release position, as well as extra funds for staff training
- The posting was modeled after Pathways to Success teachers, specific to students with special education needs and students in life skills programs
- The position is for one year based on Ministry funding
- Collaboration from Chris Kehoe, the Pathways to Success teachers, UCC and St Pat's resource department heads, secondary curriculum coordinator and the special education department
- Possible goals for the position may include expanding experiential learning, establishing repositories, researching information about program opportunities in the community



- Katie Papanayotou, an elementary PRT with experience in both panels, has accepted the position and will start in the coming weeks

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- The focus will be capital planning for next few years
- Construction has begun at the two new schools (south elementary and north elementary) to be opened in the 2023/2024 school year
- Groundbreaking ceremonies at both sites took place on October 5, 2022 and were attended by Members of Provincial Parliament
- The board is planning for the disposal of old schools to avoid having abandoned buildings that could have a detrimental impact on the community
- The board intends to resubmit a business case to replace UCC (it was declined last year) as parts of the school need to be replaced; UCC refurbishment isn't possible and the current grounds are not ideal for a secondary school
- The construction of Sacred Heart Port Lambton's daycare space will be complete this year
- Secondary school student trustees provide impressive school reports each month

H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- N/A

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- N/A

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, November 21, 2022
Monday, December 19, 2022
Monday, January 16, 2023
Monday, February 13, 2023
Monday, March 20, 2023
Monday, April 17, 2023
Monday, May 15, 2023
Monday, June 19, 2023



K. CLOSING PRAYER

- Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Special Education, shared a blessing for Carol Bryden, retiring Trustee and SEAC Committee Chair, for her years of service and advocacy for students with special needs

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: (Wendy Smith and Jennifer McCann) To adjourn the October 17, 2022 SEAC Meeting at 6:36 p.m. Carried.