



Meeting Minutes Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Algoma and District

Date: September 20, 2022

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81910274679?pwd=bGF2K0NiYjhQMkZpRXBVR2hOUWFsdz09>

Present: Sherry Fournier, Chair
 Lisa Henderson
 Nicole Keating
 Kerry Maisels
 Trevor Bosse
 Doreen Howson

Regrets: Carolyn Nadeau
 Karen Kennedy

Item	
1.0	Welcome & Introductions
	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Chair
2.0	Progress updates (Capacity Grants, Goals & Funding)
	<p>Trevor Bosse presented an overview of the projections for the Capacity Building Funding distributed to providers across the region. A total of \$1.2 million has been provided to 10 public and private agencies. Funds were distributed evenly across the 4 districts of Sudbury-Manitoulin, Thunder Bay, Algoma, and Kenora-Rainy River (\$300,000.00 each).</p> <p>Regionally, it is projected that funds will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support onboarding of 4 Board Certified Behaviour Analysts, 1 Board Certified Assistant Behaviour Analyst, 9 Therapists, 1 Service Navigator - 40 children / youth served - 12,000 hours of service (inclusive of direct and indirect time) - 700 hours of supervision - Aid in creation of new group-based curriculum in Sudbury-Manitoulin District - Enhanced capacity to support referrals for assessment in Kenora-Rainy River District - Staff training opportunities in Algoma District <p>Lisa Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, THRIVE Child Development Centre, advised that the funds have supported additional training opportunities such as Relationship Development Intervention, and have also supported opportunities for families in remote areas to receive service. Furthermore, funds have been used to support capacity building within the organization to prepare for fee for service.</p>
3.0	CCR & OAP updates
	Sherry Fournier provided updates regarding the Ontario Autism Program Workforce Capacity Fund, and future of Capacity Building Funds for Northern providers. Sherry Fournier encouraged providers to apply for the Ontario Autism Program Workforce Capacity Funds as it is uncertain whether Child & Community Resources will be

	successful in receiving additional Capacity Building Funds for Northern providers in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Sherry Fournier attending introductory meeting with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services representative week of September 26 th to discuss future funding opportunities.
4.0	Committee feedback and discussion
	<p>Schools in the Algoma District are noticing increasing demand for services as the needs of children and youth increase. There is consensus that coordinated service planning does not exist, creating additional barriers for caregivers and their children / youth, in accessing services.</p> <p>Considerable concerns from providers that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' invitation process for Caregiver Mediated Early Years Services is not working. Although providers are aware of an abundance of children that would qualify for the program, registrations are low. There is concern that this will lead to eligible families going without service, and a loss of professional capacity and sustainability of the service.</p>
5.0	Additional Items
	Doreen Howson, caregiver, advised that once progress is made with registration with the Ontario Autism Program, the process flows smoothly. Doreen expressed that representatives have been extremely helpful with system navigation and have checked in regarding satisfaction with current level of service received from Direct Funding Option provider.
6.0	Next Meeting
	TBD (March 2023)
7.0	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.