



Meeting Minutes Northern Capacity Building Advisory Committee Sudbury-Manitoulin District

Date: September 19, 2022

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86376940651?pwd=dDZtN2ZBQk1lQmpqVUJib2NsOUYydz09>

Present: Sara Kitlar-Pothier (Chair)
Kristen Norman
Julien Bonin
Jennifer Falcioni
Kim Morris
Dr. Natalie Croteau
Trevor Bosse
Sherry Fournier (Co-Chair)

Regrets: Sylvie Grenier
Michelle Bascom
Shannon Lavoie

Item	
1.0	Welcome & Introductions
	The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Co-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>Kim Morris, Behaviour Analysis North, commented that the funds her agency has received has not only supported families who would not have otherwise received treatment, but has also had a cascading effect on staffing. The funds have allowed Behaviour Analysis North to retain staffing capacity.</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>Sara Kitlar-Pothier provided updates, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is currently prioritizing legacy children to transition to Access Ontario Autism Program - Children officially transfer from Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services once the second budget has been received via the Determination of Needs process - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is notifying families of updates via email, letters, and at times, via phone calls (this seems to happen most often with legacy children) <p>Consensus amongst caregiver advocacy groups is there is a 4-6 month wait post-diagnosis for a child or youth to receive their Ontario Autism Program Registration Number, allowing families access to Ontario Autism Programs services and supports.</p> <p>Considerable concerns expressed on part of the providers, that they have spent considerable resources building capacity in anticipation of influx of families looking for treatment as part of Core Services. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has not provided accurate timelines or data on the number of children who will be eligible for services. Therefore, providers are at risk of having to downsize and lose the momentum they've gained over the past two years. Without base funding or transparency on the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' part, this may be their reality.</p>
5.0	Additional Items
	N/A
6.0	Next Meeting
	Next official meeting will be scheduled for March 2023 however committee would also like to meet in December 2022. December meeting will be to provide updates and to discuss Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' projection on bringing eight thousand (8000) children and youth into the new Ontario Autism Program.
7.0	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.