**Monday, January 18th 2016**

**Coalition Meeting**

**10:00am-12:00pm**

**CAS of Toronto- 5th Floor**

**Present: Cindy Himelstein, Jillian Sewell, Lovelle San Gabriel, Lee Soda, Sharma Queiser, Lisa Robinson, Cynthia Grundmann, Beverly-Ann de Sousa, Ian Edward, Paola Collini-Martins, Jane Mercer, Ian Edward, Lisa Shortall, Zulekha Noormohamed**

**Regrets: Diane Banks, Eneyda Guerra, Shaida Addetia, Anna Polla, Marilia Lana, Lee Ford-Jones**

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| **AGENDA** | **DISCUSSION** | **Action** |
| **Welcome** | Minute Taker- Lisa Robinson  Minutes of December 14th were approved |  |
| **Ministry of Child and Youth Services** | 1. **Development of a Provincial Middle Childhood Strategy**   -Did not attend | **Ian to re-schedule the Ministry rep** |
| **Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant**  **Year 1 Key Activities** | Trillum Grant has been approved with a start date of March 14th, 2016!  -the foundation has become very strict about start dates  -all new grant recipients must attend a webinar; leadership team will be attending on behalf of MCMCT  -Trillium will provide many of the pre- and post-evaluation tools for MCMCT which will be built into the parent curriculum   1. **MCMCT Project Coordinator Update/Next Steps (Lee)**   -posting for the Project Coordinator is up and will close Friday, January 22nd, 2016. So far there have been 100 submissions  -successful applicant will start on a 6-month probationary period as part of a 3-year contract  Next steps:  -solidifying relationship with SickKids Residents  -identifying other community partnerships for creation and delivery of parent curriculum  -update/revamp website (this will be contracted out)   1. **Parent Leaders/Parent Symposium**   -Lovelle shared programs that Toronto Public Health offers to children and parents in the community. Through the program ‘Into Kids Health’ they partner with schools to offer workshops on mental health, nutrition, sun safety, etc. Many of these programs include a parent engagement component and are in 10 schools across Toronto. We discussed the importance of understanding the programs that already exist, both offered by TPH and in the community, to avoid duplications.  -Clarified that the committee is looking to partner with professionals to deliver workshops to parents to fill the needs as determined by the parents. We discussed the benefit of having a parent involved in the delivery of information, especially in marginalized communities.  -We discussed the importance of having quick buy-in from parents due to high turnover rates as well as the importance of having a succession plan to address this turnover. Partnering with parent groups and school Parent Councils was discussed.  -TDSB is coordinating a Parent Conference to be held on April 16, 2016 (expected attendance is 1000-1500). They are finalizing presenters this week (January 18-23). Alternatively, the committee will have a table at the event.   1. **SickKids Paediatric Residents/Learning Sessions**   -based on grant proposal the committee has committed to providing 4 workshops during the first year of the grant (followed by 6 in the second and 8 in the third)  -we discussed utilizing existing partnerships (with TPH and SickKids) to deliver  -Residents at SickKids have offered well-attended workshops on sleep hygiene in the past  -we discussed the need to decide what the focus of these workshops will be this time and the importance of pushing for mental health as it was the primary need identified by parents  -the goal is to develop a framework for the roll-out of these workshops (topics, timelines, partners etc.) | -A final email blast will be sent out this week  -Interview committee: Lee, Cindy and Ian; They will conduct 3-5 interviews with a second round if necessary; applicants will be asked to present to the committee as part of the process  Zulekha is going to try to help the committee to get a presenter spot.  Paola (TCDSB)- will check if they provide a similar parent conference |
| **Coalition Members** | 1. **Sector Updates/Program Updates**   **Cynthia**- the City has revised the assessment tool for quality improvement in licensed school-age programs and will launch this tool at the information sessions on January 26th and 27th, 2016  **Jane**- Toronto Children’s services budget has been decreased by 1% due to more efficient delivery; urges everyone to write the city budget committee to get this 1% of funding re-instated ($6.5 million dollars could fund upwards of 600 childcare subsidies)  **Sharma**- Social Planning Toronto is undergoing strategic review and will hold community consultations.   1. **Other** |  |
| **Next Meeting** | February 22nd, 2016 at CAS of Toronto on the 5th floor  The rest of the meetings have been booked and will be at CAS of Toronto on the 7th floor (March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20) |  |