

Family Engagement Committee

Meeting Notes Monday, January 16, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm On Zoom

Vision: People with developmental disabilities live their best life. *Mission:* CLGW connects people with disabilities with opportunities for them to realize their goals. *Values:* Nurture Potential – Respect Uniqueness – Uphold Accountability – Pursue Excellence

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS
6:00pm	Welcome	
6:05pm		 Feedback from the committee included: More emphasis on moving forward with technology Partnering with families and other groups regarding housing/employment - how do we marry the two, how does CLGW reach out to the government for funding for facilitators To gather as much feedback as possible from family members, hold assortment of Zoom focus groups, send plain language surveys, perhaps have item-focused meetings – e.g., one meeting focused on housing, one focused on employment, etc. Focus groups will be held for people we support and family
6:30pm	 FEC Business Finalize Terms of Reference Co-Chair Assignment Recruitment 	 members/caregivers Terms of Reference (TOR) A review of the TOR took place It was noted that this is not a formal committee, quorum requirement in the TOR would be more to ensure that no ad hoc meetings are held This is not a decision-making committee, it is information-based, created to provide input and suggestions Membership refers to the family members and two people we support. Staff are not members of the committee. Can have up to twelve members Important to keep voting mechanism with members Updated TOR will be sent to everyone once they are finalized Recruitment Recruitment form was reviewed First year, staff were involved in the original recruitment process, want FEC members involved in the process this time around Recruitment opportunities will be posted once TOR are approved
7:00pm	Action Items Review – Karen Calzonetti - Status/Follow-up	(See list below)
7:10pm	 FEC Workplan Parents' Networking Night (FEC Meet and Greet, other topics?) Person-Centred Workshop Housing Update Discussion Roles & Responsibilities 	 Parents' Networking Night This would be an FEC meet and greet, no staff, just FEC members. Would provide family members/caregivers an opportunity to meet other family members/caregivers Would have a speaker and a meet and greet Members to think about this, submit some ideas around topics of discussion

	Chart	- Some thoughts that were raised with regards to networking nights:
		 Could have a round table discussion with a number of
		key players discussing a topic
		 Hold something in Harriston or Fergus and one in Guelph
		 Perhaps should be hybrid
		 Provide slides/resources afterwards as reference
		material for attendees or those who were unable to
		attend
		• Waterloo Region Family Network gathers online, hosting
		a variety of different sessions. One session focused on
		housing, they had a housing navigator from DSO for
		central west region who spoke about individualized
		housing packages. It was very Waterloo-focused.
		Attendees received a listing of housing opportunities
		 Invite a housing navigator focused on Guelph to a
		networking night
		 Presentation on micro boards and what that means
		Person-Centred Workshop
		- Will be via Zoom
		Roles & Responsibilities Chart
		A roles and responsibilities chart will be created and posted on the
		CLGW website. This chart will help direct questions to the appropriate
		person
		Housing Update Discussion
		- One member said they have been to hundreds of online meetings
		from different organizations during Covid. She has also attended a
		few online "Community Of Practice" presentations facilitated by
		Community Living Ontario. These CLO presentations are excellent
		and are a great opportunity to network with other Ontario
		Community Living Organizations.
7:27pm	Meeting Evaluation	- Was today's meeting useful?
	č	- Did we talk about all the things we need to talk about?
		- Who needs to be aware of any of the discussions or decisions we
		made today and who is going to connect with them?
7:30pm	Adjournment	· · · ·

ACTION ITEMS

• ACTION: Definition of "community." JAN UPDATE – Staff are reaching out to people we support through project "Show us your community," to ask what community is to them

• ACTION: Members to think about discussion topics/speakers that could be included in networking nights, submit ideas to Karen

• ACTION: Create a roles and responsibilities chart that will be posted on the CLGW website