



Social Planning Network of Ontario

Board Meeting

November 23, 2007

Minutes

Board Members:

Linda Terry, John Campey, Peter Clutterbuck, Janet Gasparini, Mehroon Kassam, Tracey Vaughn,

Regrets: Trudy Beaulne, Joey Edwardh

Guest: Marvyn Novick

1. Board membership

Need to review the policy in regards to membership – associate and full and determine if there are any changes required as per incorporation. Members will be reminded of need for board motion when fees are requested.

Liability insurance – John will check with his carrier if Board member liability insurance can be added to their current policy.

2. Recommendations from Fall conference in Burlington

The Board reviewed all of the recommendations emanating from the fall conference with actions established.

2a. Re-establish monthly (or at least regular) teleconference calls emphasizing focused agendas more than local updates – Janet will send out a proposed schedule for feedback

2b. That we develop a funding proposal as the newly incorporated SPNO for central support as well as support for developing/struggling SPOs. – John will inquire with Winston of CSPC-T (who has Trillium connections) and then potentially Tracey will talk to her local rep. Following the investigation we will form a reference group to take the lead. We are aiming to have a proposal ready for Trillium's March deadline. Reference group will include those who volunteered in Burlington – Dianne, Peter, Ben and others.

2c. Develop a strategy for creating an SPNO “footprint” that keeps us informed of our presence and capacity throughout the province - John will institute a questionnaire updating ourselves on the capacity and presence in various communities as part of the poverty reduction mapping that will be done as part of the Atkinson work.

2d. That we investigate resources to showcase the learnings of the Kids and Community project potentially at the spring conference. - Janet will follow up with potential funding from OPHA.

2e. That we acknowledge our commitment to SPCO in regards to the Geo-connections project and that as a first step all the SPCs, whether they are explicit partners or not, will

communicate how they intend to use mapping, the internet and collaborative research processes through the survey that will be distributed by SPNO. – A reminder will accompany the note that will be sent out to Board members following this meeting.

2f. That we use the dialogue from the meeting and the adopted next steps to the poverty reduction strategy to create a workplan for our next steps in regards to the campaign as well as our provincial strategy. - Peter has sent out an updated document to all of us. 3 areas of work have been identified as well as the kinds of resources required. SPNO will be taking the lead on the mapping process for the Atkinson group through Peter and CSPC-T. Peter and John have delivered our updated document to Atkinson. They have drafted and shared with Board a letter to Atkinson laying out the proposal for the mapping including the financial resources required. There was consensus that the letter be sent as drafted.

This work will include a long term strategy for action at the macro level as well as building the infrastructure at the micro level. Building the infrastructure at the micro level fits into our provincial strategy for core funding. A template letter will be drafted including a response to the speech from the throne at the end of the month and will be sent out to local SPOs. Members will be asked to personalize the letter and forward to any local MPP(s) in their areas. This letter will be sent out in the first week of December.

Update on 25/5 – John advised that there would be a piece in the Toronto Star this weekend in regards to the work of 25/5 co-authored by him. This campaign is now planning on quarterly meetings and John will keep us posted.

It is very important that we be kept informed at a central level of what is happening in individual communities. i.e. send newspaper articles, notices of events etc. Peter will report out to the whole membership as to the status and will remind all members to forward information to him.

2g. That we pursue the national Homelessness research opportunity as a joint strategy.
There is currently no capacity amongst the members available to pursue this piece at this time (proposal is due early December). It was agreed that our energy would remain with the anti poverty work.

2h. That the SPNO send a letter re the potential loss of national research on the voluntary sector. Peter will draft letter on SPNO behalf.

2i. That all SPOs follow up with Board Motions re their membership as a requirement for the newly incorporated body. – Members will be reminded with the update of this meeting.

2j. Standards of practice and the training required to get there as well as membership development will remain on the agenda for the next conference. The December board meeting will review the agenda for the spring conference and if external opportunities are to be pursued will begin that process.

Next meeting date – December 13, 2007, 9.a.m.