



SPNO Teleconference Board Meeting

February 28, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Minutes

Present: Tracey Vaughn, Joey Edwardh, Janet Gasparini, Trudy Beaulne, Mehroon Kassan, John Campey, Peter Clutterbuck

Regrets: Linda Terry

1. Review of Minutes from January 24, 2008

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2008 be adopted.
John/Joey Carried

2. Business Arising - nil

3. Trillium Proposal for SPNO

Dianne and Peter met – found some difficulty creating a rationale for a SPNO capacity-building proposal that would be distinct from the Trillium proposal for the current SPNO community profiles project. Peter was to do an outline but has not had time. CSPC-T and CDCD have submitted proposals that may offer some material for us to use. Tracey has talked with Jacquie Powel who is willing to meet with us and discuss.

John has someone who may be able to help do a proposal but would have to pay for it. John may have some resources towards it (\$1500 total?). Jody Orr may be another writer for us. Should draft an outline and take to Jacquie Powell for a discussion.

4. Poverty Reduction Strategy Update

Peter updated on the progress made in North Bay – beginning of the field work. Met with potential coalition leaders (45) in the morning and an additional 60 people in the evening. Very positive response to the framework. Relationship issues in the community around the SPC were aired. Seemed to be some movement towards increasing credibility of the SPC which lead to a core group of 15 who have agreed to form a working group to lead the poverty reduction work that will be convened by the SPC. Three new board members were recruited. Framework designed for moving forward towards provincial consultations. Next week the team will be in Cornwall, Belleville and Kingston.

25 in 5 having a major forum at Queen's Park on April 14th as a follow up to January initiative. Good opportunity for SPC's to highlight the work they are doing. CSPC_T taking an active lead and ensuring that it is complimentary to what the SPNO is doing.

Discussion ensued in regards to connecting with Deb Mathews on the consultation process. There is some information that they are considering inviting selected participants to the discussion table.

She is being deluged with requests for meetings and we should get our request in. We have invited her to our May conference.

She is supportive of community's providing feedback regardless of whether or not they are part of the consultation process.

5. Uploading discussion

Janet presented a version of the paper to Minister Watson's staff and has a commitment from them that Watson would meet with her in the future.

Joey sent a letter to the Chair of the H& SS committee in Halton.

Janet will forward the revised version of the uploading paper for use by others.

There is a need to update the provincial strategy to be more in tune with current priorities of the government.

MCSS must be considered as a potential funder.

Mehroon is in the midst of a dialogue with local MCSS staff in Cornwall for ongoing funding (they have had provided the initial funding).

Peter provided some examples of previous funding agreements that might be revived (Quebec & Community and Neighbourhood Support Services)

John's work with the social service sector is also pointing in that direction.

Trudy, Mehroon, John and Joey offered to form a sub committee to pull together information and review and update the provincial strategy.

6. Homelessness Research

No response from HRDC yet.

7. Spring Conference

Waiting for confirmation from Deb Mathews. Need to check with Dianne re where the invites are. Consider inviting Madeline Mellieur.

Motion to purchase Director Liability Insurance for the SPNO as per the attached proposal from Encon Insurance. John/Joey Carried

Motion to appoint Directors Clutterbuck, Gasparini, Campey and Edwardh as cheque signers for the SPNO and that the Treasurer and the Chair will approve of all expenditures over \$1,000. Tracey/Trudy Carried

8. Other Business

Kids and Community Workshop – others to attend

There may be room to bring 4 or 5 other people to the gathering. Outside people would benefit from the process and would help identify the learnings. The workshop is In Belleville on March 17/18 and there is some funding available. This is a potential learning opportunity for new staff. It was agreed that we would send the info out to the network asking them to

respond if they are interested. If there are more than 5 interested persons we will conduct a random drawing of names.

Joey – Social landscape project with Trillium – memo sent by Joey which indicated challenges. Please put on the agenda for next meeting.

SPC's that were part of Inclusive Cities project are putting together a Canada Votes series. As well the CSPC_T is creating a plain language series. These resources will be made available for all of us.

A subcommittee will review the bylaws before the Spring Conference as there have been some questions presented by some SPO boards. John, Mehroon, Tracey and Trudy will review.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 Joey

Next meeting – Board – March 27 – 9:00 a.m.

Full SPNO – April 3 – 9:00 a.m.