



## **SPNO Teleconference Board Meeting March 27, 2008**

**Present:** Linda Terry, Joey Edwardh, Janet Gasparini, Trudy Beaulne, Mehroon Kassan,

**Regrets:** Tracey Vaughn, Peter Clutterbuck

**Absent:** John Campey

### **M I N U T E S**

#### **1. Review of Minutes from February 28, 2008**

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2008 be adopted.

Joey/Linda Carried

#### **2. Business Arising**

2.1 Homelessness Research – CDH did not get HRSDC funding for the proposal. Ted followed up with a request for more information in regards to a next proposal and has received no further information.

#### **3. Trillium Proposal for SPNO**

No information to date.

#### **4. Poverty Reduction Strategy Update**

Report circulated previously by Peter in regards to travelling around the province with Marvyn. Feedback is good.

##### **Poverty Watch Ontario**

Joey provided information in regards to an umbrella group being proposed by Peter, Marvyn, Jacquie Maud and Cindy Wilkey to unite all of the partners working on the poverty framework. A common website will be developed. Any costs are expected to be covered by the Atkinson grant on the SPNO's behalf.

**Motion: That the SPNO participate in Poverty Watch Ontario as an equal partner with other agencies working on the poverty reduction strategy.**

Joey/Trudy Carried.

#### **5. Updating Provincial Strategy sub committee**

No progress yet. Joey will take the lead.

#### **6. Bylaw Review sub committee**

No progress yet. Mehroon will take the lead.

## **7. Spring Conference**

Dianne has not received any confirmation in regards to the premiere's attendance (either Ontario or Nfld) or from Deb Mathews.

2<sup>nd</sup> day planning in regards to our own next steps in regards to poverty reduction.

Potential invitees would be Atkinson, Campaign 2000, ISAC, Public Health, Labour, Faith community, Disability, Housing advocates, Childcare, Aboriginal community,

Outcome – a clear picture of how we will keep the momentum up

- agreement in principle on the policy framework
- agreement on strategy in regards to measurement

Day 3 will carry on with measures discussion with or without Deb Mathews.

Trudy will follow up with Deb Mathew's constituency office and Janet will follow up with her provincial office.

Trudy, Dianne and Janet will meet to continue planning.

Ask John Campey about media support.

## **8. Social Landscape Project**

Ted is writing first progress report for Trillium. Local SPC's have provided input. Data is continuing to be received. Spring training will be held separately from the SPNO conference. Dates to be determined. Framework for the common report will be vetted to ED's as well as worked on at the training.

## **9. CCSD Project – Social Development in Canada – Poverty Reduction Policy and Programs**

Joey is discussing with Katherine Scott. Chapter will be written blindly on behalf of the SPNO. Letter of agreement will be signed by CDH on behalf of the SPNO and forward to signing members. Peter and Marvyn will act as directors to Glynis Maxwell who will be hired to write the piece for us.

## **10. Other Business**

Linda – updated on contact from Sarnia in regards to starting an SPC.

Joey – report from HR Council on Canada to be released today in regards to HR and the non-profit sector – CDH's study will be part of it.

Network of SPC's across Canada still working on Canada Votes campaign.

CDH is having their funding cut by United Way of Oakville – 1/3 of their budget

Next meeting – Board – April 24 – 9:00 a.m.

**Full SPNO – April 3 – 9:00 a.m.** – Focus will be Poverty Watch Ontario and the Spring Conference.