

# Minutes



**Youth Task Team**

**Date:** September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 pm

**Location:** WECHC (In person) & via Zoom

**Chair:** Kristyn Munroe

**Recorder:** Kellie

**Attendees:** Kristyn Munroe (WECHC), David James (WECHC Board Member), Jessica Austin (SWPH), Angela Kelly (SWPH), Jessica Ross (Wellkin), Troy Carlson (OPP), Taraesa Tellier (Municipality of West Elgin), Trish Corneil (Municipality of Dutton Dunwich), Avory Tellier (Youth Ambassador), Kellie Coelho (YWCA)

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Destiny & Selena (Youth Ambassador Co-Chairs)

#	Time (est)	Topic	Desired Outcome ( <i>update, input, evaluate, decide, share</i> )	Individual Responsible	Discussion/Action
1	10min	Introductions	Share/ Evaluate	All	Kristyn welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves
2		Approval of agenda	Decide	All	Agenda approved as presented
3		Approval of minutes	Decide	All	Minutes were not taken during last discussion re: updates based on COVID implications; none presented for approval
4	?	Background Information	Share	Kristyn	<p>Kristyn provided background information regarding the Youth Task Team - its evolution, challenges and successes over time.</p> <p>More recently, the Youth Collective Impact initiative began (approx.. 4 years ago) with workshops and coaching support granted to define and determine goals in support of youth.</p> <p>Population-level outcome goal is “<b>to increase a sense of community for youth aged 12 to 19 by 10% in the West Elgin and Dutton Dunwich communities by 2024.</b>”</p>

					<p>Launch grant was successful and took place over 9 months to action items from Theory of Change and plan including completion of a situational assessment with support of students from Western, development of a Youth Charter, hosting a launch event etc.</p> <p>Execution grant to continue moving forward was applied for and successful for 90K. Moving forward has been on hold since the start of the pandemic. WECHC and SWPH are leads on grant and have met a couple of time(s) to discuss/plan.</p>
5	15min	<b>Youth Ambassadors Update</b>	Update	Youth Ambassador Co-Chairs	<p><b>Update on YEA, Youth Chatter and recruitment</b></p> <p>Kristyn shared that the group is constantly evolving with some youth continuing on from launch grant phase and new youth joining in with approx.. 7-8 youth involved currently.</p> <p>In the absence of Youth Ambassador Co-Chairs, Avory was welcomed as a Youth Ambassador and invited to share any updates on tasks and/or youth perspectives. Avory shared participation in activities with youth including youth drop of with electronics, planning food drives, playing Kahoot for gift cards etc.</p> <p>Avory expressed that some friends don't know how to access supports or services that are available (ie. getting a job).</p> <p>Kristyn added youth efforts underway to enhance social media presence, creation and distribution of over 100 masks by youth for youth in the community, preparing approx.. 75 youth care packages, development of a resource toolkit for youth. In addition to virtual meetings, three in-person meetings have been hosted with youth outside with safety measures so far and meeting plans will be re-evaluated as weather changes. Kristyn shared that some funds from launch phase were allocated to develop a presentation kit and a meeting kit including items such as blue tooth speaker, chromebook, projector and additional supplies that can be signed out by youth for activities within the community. More comfortable chairs were requested by youth and approx.. 15 stadium style chairs were also purchased. 1 day of coaching/consultant support remain set aside for future.</p> <p>Jessica R shared discussion from Community Action Network (CAN) Youth Engagement Sub-committee (YES) including youth experiences of:</p>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adults being dismissive of youth interested in politics</li> <li>- perception/assumption that many services are still closed</li> <li>- challenge in navigating mental health services</li> <li>- stress and anxiety re: school, unknown etc.</li> </ul> <p>and importance of youth having time to gather information/prepare to share youth chatter on behalf of others. Members shared additional information of youth experiences of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited access to healthy foods (food bank items do not often include fresh produce)</li> <li>- Lack of trust (ie. with school system, police and/or caring adults) and/or knowing where to get info</li> </ul> <p>Kristyn shared that WECHC currently receiving weekly donation of fresh produce from Teen Challenge on Mondays – <b>ACTION:</b> please connect with Kristyn on more information around accessing produce for youth</p>
6	30min	Current status of CI Grant	Evaluate/ Input/Decide	Kristyn/Jessica	<p><b>Where do we currently stand?</b></p> <p><b>1. Community Theory of Change:</b></p> <p>Kristyn reviewed the theory of change; Language of community theory of change was edited/updated by youth to be clearer and more meaningful.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Kristyn will provide update with minutes; 5 strategy areas of TOC based off of Ottawa Charter for health promotion; short term activities (2021) accomplishments and goals set for next term were reviewed with members with focus to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- support youth with increased knowledge/awareness of opportunities and link to communication strategy</li> <li>- support training for adult allies in the community (ie. safe talk, youth engagement, mental health first aid etc.) for adults to have the resources they need to be supportive of youth;</li> <li>- system level changes led by SWPH</li> <li>- collaboration on addressing barriers.</li> </ul> <p>With Wellkin, youth have developed adult ally training that will be facilitated by youth with adjustments being made to be piloted over zoom – timeline to be determined. May be an opportunity for youth to also facilitate for adults in Western Elgin.</p>

					<p>Youth friendly designated space and small pockets of funds may be available to support community groups in creating youth dedicated and youth friendly spaces. Community partners will need to show proof of consulting with youth in the community before receiving support in their youth friendly/dedicated spaces.</p> <p><b>2. Community influencers list/situational assessment:</b> There was a lengthy conversation around increasing our capacity via community influencers. These are the people in our community who are working with youth at a grass roots level. We are not asking these individuals to attend meetings or dedicated time at a committee level but we are asking them to like our Facebook page and assist the team in spreading the message. These community influencers could be coaches, youth group leaders, adult allies etc. <b>ACTION:</b> If you are aware of someone who in the community who fits this profile please forward their name and contact information to Jessica A. (SWPH) or Kristyn (WECHC)</p> <p><b>What initiatives are underway?</b></p> <p><b>1. Social media platforms</b> Youth Task Team Facebook page, Instagram – posting about 1x/week; <b>ACTION:</b> youth please reach out to Kristyn to post; <b>ACTION:</b> Please support youth, community members and stakeholders to like YTT Instagram page, follow the YTT facebook page with goal to build social media presence.</p> <p><b>2. Marketing tools (logo, masks, ideas?)</b> – YTT info distributed with masks, YTT branded bandanas &amp; YTT youth resource toolkits included in youth care packages; <b>ACTION:</b> Please reflect on marketing tools to assist in building social media presence to discuss at next meeting</p>
7	30min	Data/Shared Measurement	Share/Decide	Jessica	<p><b>1. Presentation: Planet Youth data collection/Community Index of Wellbeing data</b></p> <p>CIW completed in 2014, redone in 2019 -report/data may be available by November 2020; Data from 2019 re: sense of belonging may be completely different now in light of impacts of COVID and various shifts in how our communities look.</p> <p>Jessica provided presentation of Planet Youth and model developed in Iceland</p>

					<p>(1998) around creating environments that are low in risk factors and high in protective factors. Based on 5 guiding principles around a “primary preventative approach to enhance social environment.” <b>ACTION:</b> Jessica will provide presentation to be attached with minutes along with specific questions for consideration by group members;</p> <p><b>2. Charter (are the needs of youth being met in these times? Do we have gaps needing to be filled?)</b> DEFERRED DISCUSSION TO NEXT MEETING</p>
8	30min	Next Steps	Input/Decide	Kristyn	<p><b>Execution Grant work plan</b>  <b>Discussion on submitting an execution grant application</b>  <b>Community</b>  <b>Partnership agreements/data sharing agreements</b>  <b>Community Influencers/recruitment/promotion</b>            DEFERRED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING; For now, collective focus is to increase facebook presence and social media platforms, gather information on community influencers and grassworks networks and support youth actions; Request to consider/confirm start date of Youth CI Execution phase with funder has been received. Difficulty of committing to anything at this time with so many unknowns was discussed. <b>ACTION:</b> Kristyn will follow up with Tamer on urgency of confirming start date. Ability/capacity to move forward in January to be considered by members.</p>
9	1min	Meetings moving forward	Decide	Kristyn	<p><b>Capacity to meet monthly? Or bi-monthly? Action oriented?</b>  <b>Capacity to meet while working through COVID? In person vs online</b>  <b>Next meeting date:</b>            DISCUSSION DEFERRED; Next meeting date TBD</p>