

# Minutes



## Youth Task Team

**Date:** January 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4:00 to 6:00 pm

**Location:** via Zoom

**Chair:** Kristyn Munroe

**Recorder:** Kellie Coelho

**Attendees:** Kristyn Munroe (WECHC; Agency Chair), Destiny Bertasson (Youth Co-Chair), Jess Ross (Wellkin), Troy Carlson (OPP), Jessica Austin (SWPH), Tareasa Tellier (West Elgin), Kellie Coelho (YWCA), Selaena Hayward (Youth Co-Chair),

**Guests:** Julia Whitehead (Fanshawe placement until April)

**Regrets:** Angela Kelly (SWPH);

**Absent:** Trish Corneil (Dutton Dunwich)

Kristyn shared that David James and Jennifer Keech are no longer able to participate as committee members;

#	Time (est)	Topic	Desired Outcome ( <i>update, input, evaluate, decide, share</i> )	Individual Responsible	Discussion/Action
1	5min	Introductions	Share/ Evaluate	All	<p>Kristyn welcomed all to the meeting and members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Destiny shared land acknowledgement to open the meeting: As we gather here in Elgin County, we take the time to acknowledge this sacred land on which we now stand. We are meeting on Aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous Peoples from the beginning. This is the traditional territory of the Huadenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and we are honoured to have the opportunity to live and work on this land. As we open our hearts to end exclusion, violence and fear among all, we are especially mindful of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and acknowledge that we walk upon the territories of the first peoples of this land whose children and families continue to seek justice.</p>

2		Approval of agenda	Decide	All	Motion to Accept by Destiny
3		Approval of minutes	Decide	All	Motion to Accept by Taraesa
4	5min	Terms of Reference	Share	Kristyn	Approve Terms of Reference - Kristyn will send TOR via email for approval
5	20min	Youth Ambassadors Update	Update	Youth Ambassador Co-Chairs	<p><b>Updates/changes from YA Meetings</b>  – 6 adult allies currently supporting – 2 adults to attend each month to support youth based on advance scheduling.</p> <p><b>Youth Chatter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Destiny shared that it was great to have started Wellness Wednesdays during the lockdown to support youth</li> <li>- Selaena shared that virtual learning is taking a toll on youth in terms of being able to meet expectations and is stressful</li> <li>- Disconnect between board communications and classroom communications discussed (ie. expectations, wellness etc.)</li> <li>- Chair of WESS Parent Council looking for feedback through social media</li> <li>- Jessica A: priority during crisis is connection to caring adult; any opportunity for key messages to be shared over social media?</li> <li>- Destiny shared that a letter was written as part of another committee she is involved in around supporting youth in employment and expressed that she would be interested in writing a letter in support of youth perspectives</li> <li>- Jessica R. – if youth do take on writing a letter, perhaps it could be a call to action to address disconnect and better align priorities for youth</li> <li>- Kristyn will work on determining student board members of TVDSB that could be reached out to and/or opportunity for rural youth to be represented/involved at Board Level (Call to Action)</li> <li>- Destiny shared that she has had supportive teachers during this time</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates from the last meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Care packages developed in November, with plans to distribute through schools, but schools were closed. Kristyn has been distributing to youth as possible and has shared on social media</li> <li>- Destiny shared that Wellness Wednesdays are underway</li> </ul>

6	30min	Current status of CI Grant	Evaluate/ Input/Decide	Kristyn/Jessica	<p>Next steps for Theory of Change plan</p> <p><b>Wellness Wednesday for Youth</b> – Pound, Yoga, Zumba being offered virtually, free of charge to youth on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays each month since November, however no youth have registered to participate; Feedback: everything is virtual, after being online most of the day for school, youth need a break from virtual; rural internet can be challenging; activity needs to be something that youth are very passionate about – for example, hub session numbers are high with 11-18 youth attending with different topics each week; the Hub can be promoted with youth– most participants are from Elgin County; Jess to send poster to Kristyn for sharing with the committee to promote. Saleana and Destiny to bring back to YA's and look into whether there is anything that youth would be interested in participating in virtually or in person when restrictions allow;</p> <p><b>Adult Influencers in the Community</b> Brief write up has been prepared for people identified as adult influencer(s) to be emailed out to make initial connection; roles outlined on social media</p> <p><b>Building Social media presence in the community</b> Weekly posts on facebook page including impact statement, goals, posters from launch event etc.; Encourage organizations and youth to like and follow facebook and instagram; some social media posts to be prepared around youth charter and framework</p> <p><b>Update on CIW Survey Results</b> Results are in from 2019 survey; data from 2014 and 2019 is not from the same youth that previously completed the survey; Kristyn will share results and final report will be prepared; 132 youth responded; 34.9% reported they did not have a strong or somewhat strong sense of belonging</p>
7	15min	Data/Shared Measurement	Share/Decide	Jessica	Update from Jess - in conversation with school board research and ethics– 1 page graphic of shared measurement to understand needs of local youth shared; interest in rolling out survey late Fall 2021 in western Elgin area;
8	30min	Next Steps	Input/Decide	Kristyn	<p>Youth CI</p> <p><b>Influencers</b> – email to be sent to influencers re: opportunities with various roles</p> <p><b>Social Media</b> – various platforms being used to promote; please share with youth that may be interested in joining youth table</p> <p><b>Update on Kristyn's Role</b> - interviews being hosted for Kristyn's position; information can be shared in February and March; Julia is also available to support with activities and initiatives</p>

9	15min	Meetings moving forward	Decide	Kristyn	Next meeting date: February 22 <sup>nd</sup> via zoom.
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