Children and Youth Planning Table of Waterloo Region
Meeting – February 12, 2018
Holiday Inn, Kitchener

Welcome and Updates
Debbie Engel and Barb Cardow, Children and Youth Planning Table Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone. The following statement was provided to acknowledge the land:

> "We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples and thank them for allowing us to do this good work on their traditional land."

The Annual Update and Snapshot of Child and Youth Wellbeing Reports were provided. Electronic copies can be found under the Research and Resources page of the Children and Youth Planning Table.

EarlyON
Ontario Early Years Centres will be collectively known as EarlyON Child and Family Centres going forwad. The Council approved the selection of the Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA as the lead agency until 2021.

Sustainability
The Children and Youth Planning Table year-end report was submitted to Hallman. The Children and Youth Planning Table was invited to reapply for funding and will be submitting an application later this month. An application was submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation in January under the Collective Impact Granting Stream.

Shared Foundation for Practice
The Shared Foundation for Practice team wrapped up their work in December. Debbie and Barb extended a thank you to the group, with a special thank you to Shared Foundation Co-Chairs Dorothy and Salima.

Shared Goals for Child and Youth Wellbeing
The group reviewed the journey to the shared goals and shared measurement system. The group viewed the Collective Impact Forum's video Tackling Complex Social Problems through Collective Impact (click here to access the video). A Collective Impact approach best embodies the work done to date, and has received high interest from voting members. Many voting members participated in an online survey on the subject.

Exploring Collective Impact
A re-cap of the work done at the Forum was provided – reminding members of the activity identifying:

- areas within the Shared Goals that are going well and what needed attention
- and areas of high urgency, readiness, and whether the CYPT is the right group

From this information, 12 areas of focused bubbled to the top - PowerPoint Presentation available online. These were brought back to voting members to weigh in again in the areas of urgency, readiness and if the Table is the right group. Four areas overlapped in two or more categories: Mental Health, Early Child Development, Bullying, and Sense of Belonging. Members explored these four areas, from a collective impact approach, in small groups. In the large group discussion, members

wanted to ensure that caring adults remain a piece of the work moving forward; as well as being mindful of connections with Wellbeing Waterloo Region.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge

Nancy Hall-Jupp and Danielle Lodwick provided an overview of the past themes of the Health Kids Community Challenge. They introduce the current theme – Power Off and Play! – and invited members to share the messaging in their work with children, youth and families. Community Engagement Opportunities are available for interested community agencies in Waterloo Region, who work with children ages 0-12 and/or their families, to put the Power Off and Play! theme into action. One-time funding of $200 – $2,000.00 will be provided to successful applicants. Contact Danielle Lodwick for the application package for funding. The deadline is March 15, 2018.

Family Compass

Former and current members of the Access Working Group, the Navigation Action Team, and the Virtual Access Team provided an overview of the work leading up to today's launch of Family Compass.

Launch

Jaime Jacomen, Virtual Access Chair began the celebration of the new, go-to website for children, youth and families in the Waterloo Region – www.familycompasswr.ca. Attendees watched a How-To Video (available here) about Family Compass and navigating the three doors.

Thank you to all those who participated in working groups, provided feedback, and participated in piloting. A special thank-you to eSolutions Group for their work on website development, and KidsAbility and Development Services Resource Centre (DSRC) Waterloo Region for providing funding.

Melanie Garbarz (Service Planning Associate, Region of Waterloo) spoke to the Search for Services Door. Laura Theis (Director, DSRC) spoke to the I Have a Concern tool, on behalf of the Special Needs Strategy Planning Table and Moving on Mental Health. Diane McGregor (Manager, Parenting Now Project) spoke to the Resources for Parents Door. Finally, Sue Simpson (Executive Director, Waterloo Region Family Network) spoke to Family Compass as a whole on behalf of Waterloo Region families. Sue was also invited to cut the cake on behalf of families.

Click here to access the Family Compass marketing package and promotional materials, available at the Children and Youth Planning Table.

Save the Date

The next Children and Youth Planning Table will be Monday April 23rd.