



**Toronto Child & Family Network
Steering Committee Minutes**



Date: Friday, April 1, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00pm

Webex meeting

Present	Regrets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri Rennie (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services) (TCFN Co-chair) • Karen Gray (Children’s Services) (TCFN Co-chair) • Diane Banks (Toronto Public Library) • Connie Giorando (Toronto Catholic District School Board) • Cynthia Grundmann (Toronto District School Board) • Cheryl Webb (Lumenus) • Donna Saleh (Toronto Children's Services) • Karen Turner (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services) • Leanne Nicolle (Big Brother Big Sister of Toronto) • Eunice Lee (Toronto Children's Services) • Audrey Spence (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services) • Marissa Tapangco (Toronto Children's Services) • Joe Rock (Toronto Children's Services) • Nancy Hendy (Toronto Children's Services) • Lynn Fergusson (Social Impact Advisers) • Patricia Chorney-Rubin (George Brown College) • Reta Hamlin (Toronto Children's Services) • Trevor McAlmont (Macaulay Centre) • Michele Lupa (Mothercraft) • Paula Carrie (Aisling Discoveries) • Lee Soda (Agincourt Community Services Association) • Marie Nyamabu (Centre Francophone) • Jennifer Miles (Catholic Children’s Aid Society) • Kristin Legere (Central LHIN) • Lisa Binns (Surrey Place) • Terri Hewitt (Surrey Place) • Siobhan McCarthy (AAPC Co-Chair , Native Child & Family Services of Toronto) • Annique Farrell (United Way of Greater Toronto) • Bethany Zack (Toronto Children's Services) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Lambert (Viamonde) • Domenic Gratta (Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto) • Isilda Kucherenko (Ministry of Education) • Jeffrey Schiffer (Native Child & Family Services of Toronto) • Johanne Dupré Le Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir) • Marie Klaassen (Public Health) • Pam Blanchfield (Parks, Forestry & Recreation) • Pamela Hart (Native Women's Resource Centre) (AAPC Co-chair) • Karima Sidi Mammam (Conseil scolaire Viamonde) • Brenda Weitzner (Primary care physician) • Jillian Sewell (YMCA) • Nadejda Lekosky (TDSB) • Regine-Anne Brammer (CSC Mon Avenir - French Catholic school) • Anna Patola (Humber College) • David Willis (Strides)

Staff Support: Janvere Lyder (Toronto Children's Services), Aileen Agcaoili (Toronto Children's Services), David Lee (Consultant, Toronto Children's Services)

Agenda Topic & Lead	Action
<p>1. Welcome and introductory remarks (Karen Gray / Sherri Rennie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherri started the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement • Karen introduced the African Ancestral Acknowledgement • Karen welcomed members back. 	
<p>2. Approval of minutes and agenda (Lead: Karen Gray)</p>	Agenda approved
<p>3. Confronting Ant-Black racism (Lead: Karen Gray)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Beverly Jean Daniel & Dr. Vidoll Regisford will reach out to members for informal interviews, focus groups 	<p>If members prefer not to be contact by the consultants, advise Janvere.lyder@toronto.ca</p>
<p>4. Updates from Working Groups - see attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCFN Portal - discussions regarding Smart Start Hub • TCFN Screening - continue to develop/provide one-on-one virtual screening sessions • TCFN NW Scarborough - continue cross sectoral outreach • TCFN Professional Development (Learning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transitioning to an Advisory Committee, requesting participation • TCFN AAPC - focusing Workforce Initiative- Indigenous Worldview and land base programming • TCFN Raising the Village - maintain and update website • TCFN Equity Framework - develop working group to review online prototype 	<p><u>Materials</u></p>  <p>TCFN - WG Updates April-2022.pdf</p>
<p>5. Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (Lead: Karen Gray) - previous National Early Learning and Childcare Plan - see attached</p> <p>Provincial guidelines and service system manager allocations are not yet available (as of April 1). An opportunity to consider and modernized what the child care system should look like in 2026 in alignment with our goals and values.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Feedback</u></p> <p>Is there are role for Steering committee to inform system planning?</p> <p>What initial thoughts or reactions do you have?</p> <p>Which issues or priorities do you think will require the most attention?</p>	<p><u>Materials</u></p>  <p>TCFN CWELCC.pdf</p>

<p>How do we ensure that equity-deserving families with the highest needs benefit from this program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing expectations of a much needed workforce (wages) will be challenging • advocating for equity access, supporting outcome evaluation objectives, identifying gaps • concern for families who are unaware of available resources • How does CWELCC participation affect child care capital planning and projects with regards to using RTV data and open data to informed decision? • the issue of child care for children with special needs - even with more spaces and subsidies, do we have the right supports in place? • How do we ensure we don't end up with a two-tier system in place divided by cost/affordability, etc. • discuss the critical issues and opportunity and perhaps advise from the different lenses we bring to the table. 	
<p>6. Identification of trends across the sector (Lead: Sherri Rennie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • standing item • collectively share systems, best practise, ideas and resources to assist in areas of focus and targeted actions. 	
<p>7. Next Steps (Lead: Janvere Lyder)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agenda items to be considered, please contact Janvere.Lyder@toronto.ca • Possibly deferred the May/June 2022 TC&FN meeting as MCCSS staff are in remains in caretaker mode due to the recent provincial election. During this period, public facing events and meetings unless time-sensitive or urgent are suspended. The caretaker period will end when parliament resumes. • (if changes required invite will be sent out with new date) 	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Friday May 27, 2022, 10:00am-12:00 pm to be rescheduled (Webex)</p> <p>New Date: June 20, 2022 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. (Webex)</p> <p><u>New Date:</u> Wednesday July 27, 2022 10:00am-12:00 pm to be rescheduled (Webex)</p>