

Provincial Network Daily Briefing Minutes
October 7th, 2020
2:00PM – 3:00PM via BlueJeans

Welcome – Michelle B., PN Chair

- Michelle requested the addition of 'We inspire Week - Nov 16-20: Add to 'PN/HR'

Budget Consultations – All

- Status of follow up items to inform Budget Discussions around: Passport Statistics – Lorrie and Dean will gather this information for the East and Central Regions
 - ✓ Dean reached out to the Passport agencies and they had to think about this, as they are currently not compiling this information. Dean was informed to put a formal request into OPADD and/or PN for provincial stats.
 - ✓ Lorrie said there is a service portal that contains pretty rich data in comparison to what Dean spoke of. Lorrie has stats broken down by the different planning tables and exclusive to that Region.
 - ✓ Michelle said rather than belabour, if Lorrie could share what she was able to obtain with this table, at least one of the regions can be sampled. Usage comparisons is also a part of what can be drawn from the data.
 - ✓ Peter S. shared that this is called a 'service connections portal'.
 - ✓ Brad said at one time a request for Passport to attend PN meetings was asked of OPAN. This request did go to Passport and heard back from Kaitlyn Guthrie/Passport; this is on the full day agenda for the October 22nd Meeting.
 - ✓ Peter S. – inconsistencies on getting data has been an issue for years and seems to be a region to region issue.
 - ✓ Dave F. said that locally the Ministry shared data with the ED Group for Ottawa and they have data for the local picture at least. Dave F. can share this if interested.
 - ✓ **Lorrie will gather the data and try to get the provincial and regional stats and share with this table.**
- Recruitment and MCCSS Survey – Michelle
 - ✓ Michelle reached out to Rupert, however no information to share as yet.
- Rob Hickey's numbers re: recruitment and retention – Ann-Marie
 - ✓ This was completed and shared with the table
- Yona's Report would also be beneficial and releases on Oct 4th
- Michelle will reach out to Rupert re: Visitation and Recruitment – Michelle did reach out and Rupert informed her that updates will be coming out.
- Chris B. shared that he has something in draft form and falls under the headings of stabilization, poverty reduction, family support through respite and PP. Happy to share with everyone for alignment.

- ***Michelle requested if people could share what they have in 'draft' please do so.*** Janet's notes shared with Michelle can be shared with the group.
- **Visitor Guidelines** - Discussion around a Regional approach on Visitor Guidelines are to come out, however no work on this as yet. Janet is going to roll something out in her organization and in anticipation for Thanksgiving. Dean did this on September 21st and rolled back to having no families inside homes or offsite that are not supervised and received great support around this. Eugene said CH is allowing outdoor visits. Dave F. organization is rolling back and having conversations with families prior to any Thanksgiving plans around safeguards, etc.
- Eugene said there are conversations at EOC are taking place and trying to confirm research they have access to pertaining to incidents due to social circles at home, LTC, etc.
- Michelle asked if anyone has been hearing inconsistencies around PPE and masks, etc. MOL seem to be adding to the confusion around PH. Eugene will bring this to PSHA and EOC. ***Michelle will share more with Eugene outside of this call.***
- Janet would like to see a request for clarity on behalf of the PN primarily pertaining to 'visitor guidelines'. Michelle will follow up on this as this was requested with Rupert last week and Geoff had a similar conversation on behalf of OASIS. ***Michelle will include both Geoff and Chris B. on the follow-up and report back on this.***

Ontario Investing \$52.5 Million to Recruit, Retain and Support More Health Care Workers

- Peter S. asked if there was any clarity around this pertaining to eligibility, detail on timeframe, etc. Michelle has heard eligibility would be for people providing supports around Daily Living and would be across Day and Residential Supports.
- There is an effort to look at Passport funding and consideration for increases.
- Michelle made inquiry around Mental Health with Yona and the work of Rob Hickey and looking at considerations for our Middle/Senior Management when looking at wage enhancements.

UPDATES ON TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

EOC Update – Eugene

- Update on Flu Vaccines – this was brought up at EOC, however no word back as yet. Eugene will email EOC on follow up. Access to call and also to put your name forward has changed.
- Eugene also took forward the concerns people shared around leaving the ER; however again no word back.
- Concerns on Essential Support Workers was raised around how to get into the queue for testing. This does not seem to be a priority as it was in wave 1.
- 29M 'quicker results' kits have been ordered and could also come to our workers.
- Lisa indicated that delays are more with the testing sites and currently discussing how to circumvent this in order to get test results back quicker.

PN-HR Committee – Eugene

- Working with OADD around professionalizing the DSW Programming/Diploma. Will be working with an organization to research the sector and see what the value is in this. It was acknowledged this morning that the timing is significant given the public awareness of PSW's and the concept of how care workers are under appreciated. Working to continue this with

OADD and understand that OASIS has also been looking at this. Is there a way to have the 3 Provincial organizations work on this to plan out?

- OADD and PN HR are working with the Colleges for the 'We Inspire Week' (November 16th – 20th) and there are 1200 students invited to do short videos to show/talk about why they chose to get into the DSW Programs. Eugene inquired if there would be interest from PN to contribute to an honorarium as a sponsor to the DSW students of \$100? Michelle said this would go a long way to support recruitment opportunities and understanding the PN table does not make decisions, is in agreement if the member are.
- Yona Lunskey and Rob Hickey's research will assist with this initiative and they have agreed to come together and bring their research to assist us as a sector. Awaiting this information and will bring back to PN.

In-House Health Expertise for DS Continued Conversation – GLS/CNSC

- Lorrie reached out to Rupert to obtain clarification on the 'ask', however no response as yet. Michelle did make Rupert aware of this and understands the challenges on this and will be pulling Eugene and David Remington in as well.

Labour Challenges – Dave F. – OASIS Labour Relations

- Union Discussions – Meeting for October has not been scheduled yet. At the OASIS September Board meeting, recommendations were made are with Geoff McMullen, President.
- Hearing that CUPE has a campaign to message around Day Programs. Not sure where this is coming from but seems to be underway. Dean asked if this could be based around what the Auditor General is doing at looking at how PP and funding is being used?
- Joanne said it is challenging to have CPIC's completed. Dave has heard from others on this, and Police are indicating not to bother coming in at this time. Ann B. said the issue with not obtaining the CPIC is during QAM and organizations are being dinged. Ann said her organization ensure that an attestation is signed and that person states that they have a clean record.
- Dave F. said the Labour Relations committee looked into this years ago and there were real concerns with 'back checks' and concerns with 'name changes' and no tracking, therefore there is a hesitancy to use electronic versions in Canada.

SPPI-Pandemic Planning Framework– Don W.

- The Steering Committee met and there is a 'Working Committee' working on the framework this Friday. Don will be connecting with Ann-Marie around potential COVID related funding.
Michelle and Ann-Marie will connect on this.

Other

- Supportive Housing Engagement – *Michelle*
 - ✓ Consideration to having MCCSS present at the October 22nd Full Day PN Meeting around the 'Supportive Housing Engagement'

Next Meetings:

- PN **Briefing call** is October 14th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- PN **Full Meeting** is October 22nd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 2:58 PM