

## Daily Briefing March 23, 2020

**Invitees from PN; OASIS; CLO:** Michelle Brooks; Ann Bilodeau; Brad Saunders; Brian Davies; Bryan Keshen;Carolynn Morrison; Chris Beesley; David Cohen; David Ferguson; Dean Johnson; Eugene Versteeg; Helene Fournier; James Duncan; Janet Noel-Annable; Jo-Anne Demick; Don Walker; Jonathan Bradshaw; Peter Sproul; Terri Hewitt; AnnMarie Binetti; Christine Dubyk

**Invitees from MCCSS:** No Representative(s) in Attendance

### Opening remarks

#### 1. Updates from MCCSS and progress reports on take-aways:

- Official Communication to be out shortly (end of last week) from MCCSS to include: guidance re: unspent funds, MYRP, Projects, typical reporting, Q4 reporting, compliance expectations etc.- *no update at this time*
- Bill 124 and what it means in terms of compensation. -*no update at this time*
- Yona Lunskey email on resources and updates-*CIRCULATED*. Yona to attend Thur mtg
- **NEW**- Request to investigate subject expert from DS sector at EOC/Health Table. Concerns continue regarding representation and we are receiving requests from this table for a DS voice. Our understanding is that there is no DS rep present only Children's and VAW. The importance of DS-MCCSS representation is being stressed.
- Supply Chain status for DS sector- *no update at this time*

#### 2. Updates on take-aways from the Committee Members:

- Letter from CLO/PN/OASIS sent to Minister's Office re: DSEAP (sent March 22/20). How widely do we want this letter circulated? Brad said Minister's office understood this would be shared. This was to put a placeholder on the financial asks at this time. Joanne D. has a question around whether the request would provide for respite funding as well as residential. The intent is to cover off a number of things.
- Responding to cascading issues once COVID-19 confirmed – Bryan  
Bryan will share a document on this and so that Ministry staff can review and forward areas that we identify as challenges and getting the messages to EOC. Ann B. will work on developing this with Bryan.
- Connection with Complex Care leads around people with significant supports – Dean

Dean had a meeting this morning and this involved Network leads and Managers across the Province, including the GLS Chair. Managers are going to meet to compile information around what is happening in each region with an eye on emerging scenarios. Looking at sharing this on the CNS website once complete. A more fulsome update will be provided on Thursday. Both GLS and Surrey Place have been working with the hospitals around how they might help hospitals in the situation of admissions that require exceptional supports.

- MYRP; sharpened assessment –Brad  
Connected with CLT and Reena. This is not an emergency, and most intakes have been put on hold for a couple weeks. A small working group will look at this. Please connect with Brad if anymore interest from other org's and share any ideas with Brad.

#### Compensation Discrepancies

- Bill 124 – Dave F. had a call with Chuck H. The short version is premiums violate Bill 124. Advice is for agencies to engage their legal services. There is no support to go to a sector wage rate at this time with everything going on. The email that went to the OASIS Board this morning could likely be shared. Dave said it's timely and would be helpful.

### 3. Issues/ Risks:

- **Ann B:** - Her organization dealt with some concerns around how the Public Health and a potential case. Once a connection was made, they were very helpful, however there was some questionable direction. When it came to messaging, they had nothing on their radar on how to message to staff, parents, etc. Staff on site told if no symptoms, keep working. There is a detailed process of what they need to do, and they need to self isolate when at home.
- **Joanne D.** - Email shared re: correspondence to Dr. Jim Chirico, Medical Officer of Health and declaration of Agency as Essential Service Provider. Joanne followed up with insurance pertaining to a possible case in one of her group homes. Email sent to Dr. Chirico and no word back as of yet and no response from PS.
- **Chris B.** – One of the questions raised is how to connect with our sector for support if a parent doesn't know what to do? Members agree that this would be for the local tables such as the Urgent Response Committees and to ensure this item gets on upcoming local table agendas. Provincially this is a big item. Dean said important to keep in mind that the Network has a role to play but is not a 'crisis' network. It is suggested to identify this on the cascading document for the Ministry to understand these challenges from a family perspective.

***Michelle will go back to original email re: engaging locally and keeping conversations within the community and draft something up and have PN review.***

### 4. Significant Decisions: *Based on Recommendations from Take-Aways & Today's Conversations*

- If MCCSS can not be on these calls, do we move the meeting to meet their schedule?