

**Provincial Network Daily Briefing Agenda**  
**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**2:00PM – 3:00PM via BlueJeans**

**Welcome – Michelle B., PN Chair**

- 'Draft' Agenda for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Add: MCCSS Wage Enhancement under 'Emerging Issues' - Brad
- Briefing Note of February 10<sup>th</sup> approved for sharing and posting
- Minutes of PN Regular Meeting of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 approved for sharing and posting

**Updates on take-aways from the Committee Members**

**EOC – Eugene**

- Majority of the EOC meeting was around rapid testing and the various styles. Some are more accessible, allowing more people to do these.
- People continue to ask questions on the various 'strains' and the continued school of thought is that the current PPE is still the reasonable level to be wearing.

**DS Sector Vaccine Preparedness 'Ad-Hoc' Committee – Bryan / Lorrie**

- Lorrie shared that there are 5 or 6 organizations meeting and concentrating on the mandate of vaccines and conversation needs to happen between SPPI and some of these groups.
- Talked about the data and databases/COVAX around having a drop down box for DS.
- The Prioritization Group will be sharing a letter with the regions that can be used for MPPS and local Public Health, and will be ready in the next couple of days with tools and tips. A few templates will also be included.
- Continue with calls where questions can be answered and/or taken forward. More webinars are planned and the next one is next Thursday and looking for system matter experts. There are still a few questions to be responded to from the last webinar.
- Bryan shared that he is seeing in various communities that they are moving forward with vaccination plans geared to workers and some residents. Discussions taking place on ensuring we have healthy people working with the Public Health units and to build up an understanding and the data to support a more community based vaccination need and how to link, methodology to bring forward, etc.
- If anyone has particular strategies/idea you can reach out to Bryan. Things are starting to pick up and move quickly, seeing significant discrepancies region by region.
- There are a few webinars done by various agencies and Lorrie will try to get a hold of these. Dean said he is waiting on slides from Yona Lunskey.
- Michelle asked for the 'webinar' dates/information to be shared with this table.
- Brad said a package was sent from EOC in the EAST around staff and vaccinations and where information was wanted within 12 hours, however this was not enough time to gather the data.
- Janet shared that the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose seems to have a significant impact and suggests that not having all staff vaccinated at the same time to avoid staff shortages. Kim said within 5-12 hours after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, many sick calls were coming in.

- Jo-Anne said there was a re-prioritization and her Public Health had moved them further down the list due to this. Bryan said this re-prioritization can be read multiple ways so just need to remind Public Health that the document says 'other'. One of the things talked about was getting 'success stories' and sharing in combination with risks.

### **PN-HR Committee – Eugene**

#### **DS-HR Forum – Ann-Marie B.**

- Ann –Marie shared that the forum deadline is Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and a reminder email will go out today. Over 300 people have registered and all is going well.
- Working on the leadership recognitions.
- Eugene said there are resources that MCCSS has to invest into the sector and the committee discussed creating a recommendation for ministry to assist in investing in the DS sector leadership and in association with CAMH. Looking at train the trainers; organizations creating a health and wellness training; mental health needs; etc. Feedback will be shared with MCCSS and looking to provide a proposal in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

### **Labour Challenges – Dave F. – OASIS Labour Relations**

#### **Union Discussions**

- Two discussions were held with the unions last week. Shared information on ECHO and requested for this to be shared.
- Raised the 'HLDA' discussion that is taking place with 2 DS locations being raised by SEIU. CUPE and OPSEU remain opposed to the plan and the feel is that this is between the unions as opposed to the LR Committee.
- The draft 'Vaccination Policy Template' was shared last week with all

### **Other**

#### **Emerging Issues – All**

#### **MCCSS Wage Enhancement - Brad**

- Brad updated members that an email was sent to the OASIS members yesterday looking for some quick information and feedback on the impacts organizations have seen due to the Wage Enhancements. The ministry is looking for details to help feed a narrative on this investment. All are encouraged to complete to ensure this is as quantitative as possible and will only takes 5 minutes to complete. There was a reached out to some organizations for more specific data. Please get this back by Friday noon if possible and forward to Jonathan. Another reminder will go to the OASIS listserves today.
- Janet asked what the sense is on this potential. Brad's feel is that as long as the Emergency Orders continue this money will be there, however the longer term piece may need more information. Need to really focus our advocacy around this.

**Next Meeting:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10AM – Regular PN Meeting