



Provincial Network Briefing Note

March 10th, 2021

2:00PM – 3:00PM via BlueJeans

Welcome – Michelle B., PN Chair

- 'Draft' Agenda for March 10th, 2021 – approval/additions

Updates on take-aways from the Committee Members

EOC – Eugene

- No update on COVAX data at this time.
- Rapid Testing: Trained personnel are able to administer the antigen and swabbing instead of someone else doing this. Reached out to Jody Hendry on this to confirm training, etc. and looking at how this might affect things. She did ask if the sector had a preference on which type of antigen testing re: analyzer or non-analyzer box. Eugene feels either would benefit organizations and dependant on their geographic.

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

- On Friday, spoke with Rupert, Christine and Jody from MCCSS. Where we thought that the SOR's would be the tool utilized for tracking, nothing more has been done on this or shared to date.
- Rapid Testing – 51 expressions of interest have been submitted with questions around the 'short time lines' and discussed collaborating and testing however unable to organize this within the timeline. Not sure where this piece will go in the future.
- Discussed how we make sure families get the information needed around the vaccine and talked about how to get information out to people. Working with the Board of Education to ensure access to information and for those that are not connected with organizations, etc. There is a variety of ways to do this and Province has been working with advocacy groups.
- Bryan shared that Chris B. was at the meeting and a great deal of discussion was had to ensure all are planned for and to think of people with supports coming into their homes and ensuring they are protected. This is a broad question that PH is going to be challenged to face and hoping further discussion on the way forward can be shared and continue to be an active assistance to PH.
- This is the focus of the next webinar and hoping to bring in PH leads or others to this conversation to hear how we can assist them to be more successful y planning with DS. Can highlight AODA compliance and other great models that have been developed. This can be modelled for PH for them to design and plan and support this sector.
- Education now has information to be shared around the vaccine. Talked with the Ministry around expectations for communications.
- Focus is on regional teams and assisting to connect and offer support to PH and Another message is 'get ready', but realize it will now be a waiting game for vaccinations.

- Ann-Marie is working with the group for outreach to families. Working on resources and education videos showing a person receiving the vaccine. The Ministry is providing some funds to put this together. If anyone has people in the queue to get vaccinated, reach out to Ann-Marie to get this videoed.

PN-HR Committee – *Eugene*

MCCSS Investment

- Ann-Marie attended a meeting to discuss the mental health resources for employees and to go over the proposal. Looking at utilizing the resources for staff with a couple of different components around: Partnering with CAMH and to access MH first-aid, etc. Looking to take teams and access micro-brands. Using ECHO program to train the trainer and to build capacity within organizations. Michelle said the focus was around the Community of Practice and looking at having sessions at conferences, webinars, etc. Currently providing templates and terms of reference, and working on putting timelines together.

This will remain on the agenda

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

- The next meeting is March 19th.
- Hearing earlier today that SEIU has an issue around not taking people swimming, etc. Dave is providing this as a heads-up.
- A Pay Equity ruling came from the Court of Appeal yesterday and this is not looking good. Proxy will need to be maintained from when the initial comparison was done. Example: if compared with nurses, the target rate should have been kept in sync with this comparator. This could have huge ramifications for the sector and economy.

Compensation Survey for Sector – *Dave/Janet*

- Meeting on March 22nd
- Intellistaff is working hard to prepare the survey for distribution in April.

Other

ConnectAbility & Real Xchange Update – Ann-Marie

- Ann-Marie was approached by MCCSS to look at French translation from some resources on RXC. Some key pieces are available to be translated, however not sure of what the parameters are at this time and awaiting on more direction from MCCSS. Ann-Marie may go back to the SPPI group to identify some key pieces they may wish to translate.
- Looking at people not connected with agencies and MCCSS is requesting that ConnectAbility be utilized for connections and resources. There is some dialogue taking place around this.
- Michelle asked if there is a newsletter or something similar that people can register for to ensure regular updates are provided. Ann-Marie will check on this.
- Looking at bumping up the videos and to increase accessibility for people.
- 100 families have registered for the CAMH sessions.
- Translation can look different in different parts of the province, and it is suggested to look at a 'provincial translation service'. Ann-Marie said there is one she used in the past, however sometimes MCCSS utilizes their own.

Emerging Issues – All

Terms of Reference – Review **DEFER**

- Discussion re: Committee / Centralized Approach

Next Meetings:

- **Next PN 'Briefing Call':** March 17th, 2021 2:00PM
- **Meeting Schedule:** Christine to schedule next 10 months of meetings