

**Children are Safe Pillar Committee**  
**January 19, 2015 – Pathstone Mental Health**

**Attendees:** Rosemary Gentilcore, Angela Hayes, Marie Jones, Brandie Lancione, Katherine Martin, Amy Romagnoli, Sandy Toth, Stephanie Tukonic, Karina Armstrong (recorder)

**Regrets:** Lori Bell, Robin Bleich, Nancy Lisi, Susanne McCarroll, Sandra Noel, Sandra Richardson, Samantha Sendzik, Chris Steven

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved without change.</li> </ul>	
<b>Niagara College ECE Program – Angela Hayes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Hayes from Niagara College explained that every ECE program course includes a bullying topic, from early years to development, within the family context, etc. The school age context identifies bullying behavior and devising strategies for the bully, bullied, and bystanders.</li> <li>- A. Hayes updated the table on a new certification course for bullying prevention (<a href="#">See Course Link Here</a>), which only takes a few hours to complete online. The first half identifies all types of abuse, what the behavioural indicators are, bullying behaviours, and strategies that lead to bullying and strategies that prevent bullying. The course is very clear and is in line with Mary Gordon’s lecture material. All ECE students will complete this certification, as it is included in their tuition.</li> <li>- There are hopes to have training in Seeds of Empathy for Niagara College faculty. A new child abuse class will run this coming September.</li> <li>- A. Hayes asked if there are key things about bullying that should be included in the curriculum that are specific issues in the Niagara community. The table shared that evidence shows that a 2-year-old is capable of intentionally bullying, and the difference between bullying and developmental teasing. Another issue raised are that teenagers use the word “bullying” ubiquitously and are mislabeling behaviors as bullying.</li> <li>- S. Tukonic updated A. Hayes on the current status of the Mary Gordon video distribution plan. A. Hayes stated that the videos would be great in the classroom, throughout the program. It was discussed that the videos and resources could be adapted to the course curriculum and student expectations.</li> <li>- The goals of the Pillar appear to be line with what the ECE program is focusing on and find important to teach. All bullying topics are taught throughout the program in several courses. What is left to refine is knowing where to place which topics and strategies in which courses.</li> <li>- A. Hayes stated that any ideas that the Pillar comes up with are welcome. Niagara College is working on a part-time program option. They are considering offering 3 in-class sections and one section completely online, but these are not running until 2017. What may realistically be offered is enrollment in one or two courses at a time.</li> </ul>	<p>S. Tukonic will send details about videos to A. Hayes for her staff meeting next week.</p> <p>A. Hayes and her team will send any feedback on the video sessions to the Pillar.</p>

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<b>Mary Gordon Video Distribution Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each video has Part A = content, Part B = putting content into practice, asking for reflection. Total videos = 7 in first section, 8 in second section.</li> <li>- Mary Gordon’s response about sharing videos on YouTube is pending. Once permission is given, the videos may be released publicly. In the meantime, BEC will prepare YouTube links for the videos and email to Pillar members.</li> <li>- The next meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> will be a review of the first 3 videos and their reflection questions, designating the audience, and clarifying other details of disseminating the videos. The videos will not be viewed in full during the next meeting, so all members are asked to view these videos before the next Children are Safe meeting. The video links will be sent to members next week.</li> <li>- Any feedback and suggestions for the videos and/or their reflection questions may be sent directly to Stephanie Tukonic at <a href="mailto:Stephanie.Tukonic@niagararegion.ca">Stephanie.Tukonic@niagararegion.ca</a>. She will make the appropriate changes before the next Pillar meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All members will review the video series and reflection questions, giving feedback prior to next meeting</li> <li>- Identify the video audience and set a timeline for posting the videos online with the resource at next meeting</li> </ul>	<p>BEC will create the video links and share with the Pillar members for review. Please note: these videos are meant for Pillar members only and are not for distribution at this time.</p>						
<b>Updating Work Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating Work Plans will move to the February meeting.</li> </ul>							
<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Pathstone Mental Health in the Community Room</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Tuesday February 16, 2016</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Tuesday May 17, 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday March 22, 2016</td> <td>Tuesday June 21, 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday April 19, 2016</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday February 16, 2016	Tuesday May 17, 2016	Tuesday March 22, 2016	Tuesday June 21, 2016	Tuesday April 19, 2016		
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