**Thursday, February 23, 2023**

**Present**: Wendy Miller (Chair), Alex Cranfield, Amelia Morrison, Christine Curran, Danica Cross, Karen Faragher, Kim Hesketh, Kirsten Udvari, Lanna Coletti, Laurie Braidwood, Leslie Suite, Lillian Ciona, Linsday Bray, Lise Montpellier, Margo Russell-Bird, Marla Jackson, Olivia Ng, Rebecca Main, Sam Marvin, Tara Kydd

**Regrets**: Andrea Belanger, Anna Ierullo, Ashley Morrow-Malouf, Bridget Fewtrell, Chris Hartley, Darlene Derbyshire, Janet Isaac, Jennifer Jovanovski, Karen Margallo, Kristen Baumann, Michelle Blackburn, Michelle Truppe, Mileva Vuletic, Sasha Delgado, Tina Jamieson, Tracy Shonk-Lacey

**Staff Support**: Maureen Oulton

1. **Welcome**

Wendy Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

November 3, 2022 and December 15, 2022. Deferred to next meeting.

1. **Follow up on action items**
   1. *Informal Partner Updates*

KidsAbility’s process of getting MOUs returned from partners is going slowly. Some partners don’t understand why they need to sign these because they already had arrangements with KidsAbility. It’s not a problem, just not a priority for the partner agencies.

Grandview is the same.

At ErinoakKids, partner agencies took longer to get back than anticipated. One agency doesn’t want to sign so Erinoak is looking at the possibility of having them as an informal partner. It is the Ministry who stipulated who should be formal partners, but in this case, the Ministry is on board with the informal partner possibility.

Ron Joyce has good relationships now with formal partners. They have two MOUs back and are waiting on the other two.

* 1. *Ujima*

Wendy Miller has a document from Ujima that EKO will share. It lists Ujima’s agencies, where they’re located and what CTC / SmartStart Hub agency(ies) are in their area.

* 1. *About My Child*

Margo Russell-Bird raised a question about numbers reported in different places. These will not ever match. If a family is calling a centre because they are looking for some direction on what is wrong with their child, Leslie Suite said she believes that is the reason for the tool. If a family calls specifically asking for PSL, they are streamed to that service and no assessment is necessary. If there are long waiting lists, the clinicians question the value of having an assessment done a year before a child actually receives service.

KidsAbility don’t distinguish between Hubs work and other work.

Deciding whether to use / not use the About My Child Assessment tool is not straightforward.

McMaster is having the ABC tool translated into Arabic, Spanish, Punjabi, Urdu and Somali, with the approval of CanChild. They will share these translations with the group when they receive them.

George Jeffrey have been asked about whether it will be translated into any indigenous languages.

CTN – they have agreed with a partner to test things for three months and then evaluate and adjust.

TVCC has an infant development program that they have a long-standing relationship with, so they have agreed to partner and share numbers to keep the power balance as it has always been.

* 1. *Potential Discussion Topics*

Please send potential topics for ongoing discussion to Wendy Miller.

1. **Next Meeting**

Thursday, March 23, 2023

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.