

MB4Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Friday October 7, 2005

Council Members in attendance: Andrea Berger, Albert Cater, Angele Faucher, Angrea Guimond, Ashly Larson, Ashley Lavalley, Robert Pankhurst, Nathan Peto, Khang Pham, Christopher Roehl, Nicole Sadler

MB4Youth Division staff in attendance: Veronica Dyck , Sonya Janzen-Penner, Lindsay Williamson, Heather McRae

8:30 – 9:00 Opening Remarks and Introductions

- Overview of day
- Veronica Dyck, Executive Director, MB4Youth Division discussed the importance of the MB4Youth Advisory Council
- Introductions of the new MB4Youth Division coordinator (Lindsay Williamson) and unit manager (Sonya Janzen-Penner)
- Introduction of the new MB4Youth Advisory Council

9:00 – 10:30 Future Goals Revisited and Terms of Reference

- Need Mb4Youth Advisory Council bios for internet and annual report
 - o name, leadership activities, for privacy issues – no personal identifiers
 - o *To do:* Lindsay will email link to council and council will give feedback and forward bios to Lindsay
- Review the MB4Youth Planning Chart and Wish List – removed completed items and suggest new items to be added
- Suggested wish list items include:
 - o Lindsay will send application form (for MB4Youth Advisory Council) to council for review
 - o Albert to present Briefing Note to Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth regarding Aboriginal Child and Youth Suicide
 - **gatekeeper** program has proven very effective for early intervention in schools and communities
 - o Ideas:
 - Conference coming up in the North on youth suicide – partnership?
 - ADM committee involvement
 - Assign a government department as lead
 - Gather information about suicide prevention and bring to next meeting
 - if council chooses this issue as a priority, then need concrete action plan

- maximize use of resources to ‘advertise’ our plans
 - split council into working groups to get action
 - Recruitment and Selection Working Group to develop power-point presentation on the MB4Youth Advisory Council
 - Rob will forward a power point presentation that was started last year.
 - CBC Broadcast Proposal (Ashly)
 - CBC strike has delayed work
 - Lindsay will get in contact with Cabinet Communications re: guidelines and get back to Ashly next week
 - Community programming for rural Manitoba youth – committee will research potential programming/models
 - Council will develop a sustainability policy for the MB4Youth Advisory Council to determine long-term outcomes through a path process
 - Research after-school care programs for children and financial support for daycare programming
- Use smaller working groups to head up particular areas of interest on the council.
 - Recruitment and Selection Working Group: Ashly, Nicole, Khang, Robert Pankhurst and Andrea Berger
- Review terms of reference
 - **Mandate:** Facilitation in Youth Conferences and events needs to be highlighted as well as a focus on all intergovernmental agencies that the council could collaborate with.
 - **Membership and Selection:** Discuss having an alumni on the MB4Youth Advisory Council each year and having a recruitment and selection working group.
 - **Reporting:** Annual MB4Youth Advisory Council Report to be presented to the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth by the council chair.
 - **Rules of Order:** Robert will put together a rules of order section to the terms of reference.

10:45 – 12:00 Best Practices to Providing Input

- Conference Forms (Sonya)
 - 1 page form for members to fill out - describes event, etc
 - revisions to sheet: add “total cost of event”, “other”
 - create list of funders (where there is a common pool of money, not personal sources)
- Suggestions for providing input in meetings, conferences and providing council feedback on programs, documents and communications products

- Council agreed that any requests to council for input should be replied to within 1 week.
- Feedback form to be used by council when providing input, revised form to be sent out with minutes
- Lindsay will look into business cards for Youth Council members
- Discuss the council priorities to be forwarded to the ADM's Committee on Youth:
 - o Child/Youth Suicide
 - o Education issues (financial aid, finding a career path)
 - o Healthy living and alternative opportunities and recreation for youth to distract from substance abuse
 - o Access to services for youth, including youth participation in global issues
 - o Youth employment – finding and keeping jobs with career aspirations

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch with the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth

- each member introduced themselves to the Minister and spoke about their contributions to the council; Honorable Peter Bjornson spoke briefly on the importance of MB4Youth Advisory Council contributions
- Photo with Minister

1:00 - 1:30 Vote – MB4Youth Advisory Council Chair

- Discussed role of the Chair
- Ashly Larson elected as Chair for the council through a silent ballot

1:30 – 2:00 Council Activities

- Reviewed Northern Youth Conference (February 06) and discussed potential role for MB4Youth Advisory Council
 - o concerns: non-school students not invited, high costs, limited to top students
 - o Albert will participate on planning committee, Ashley Lavalley would like updates on committee
- Manitoba Education for Sustainable Development Working Group – interested council members Albert Cater and Nicole Sadler. Lindsay will confirm with Learning for Sustainable Future about having 2 members on working group.
- Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards – Andrea Guimond, Ashley Lavalley, Angele Faucher, Robert Pankhurst and Andrea Berger interested in attending. Sonya will confirm # of members that can attend.

2:00 – 3:30 Cross-Cultural Awareness Training

- Clayton Sandy presented on the Aboriginal cultural and history in Manitoba

- Discussed the past and present treatment of Aboriginals in Manitoba and Canada and discussed the levels of healing that need to take place
- Watched a video on the Residential School System in Manitoba
- Council had the opportunity to ask questions

3:30 – 3:45 Closing remarks

- minutes to be distributed by October 14, 2005
- next meeting is a teleconference meeting in November 2005

3:45 Meeting Adjourned