

Notable Events: CLB Holiday Open House



On December 9th, CLB held it's Annual Open House for staff, committee members, Board members and Community Partners. People were treated to live entertainment, coffee and hot chocolate from Altitude Coffee, Beaver Tails, Face Painting, Caricatures and Games. Thank you to everyone who attended and all our volunteers who helped make the day such a tremendous success!

SECTION ONE: NEW BUSINESS

- Ministry funding/services updates as required
- Training events Community Initiative and Project updates

-The City of Brantford increased funding by 5% to our EarlyOn Program. This will assist us with covering costs associated with increases obtained through Bargaining.

-Belonging Brant officially wrapped up in December 2023. Support staff will still be working with those supported through Community Living Brant to ensure they stay connected to groups, or receive the supports needed to run groups on their own.

-“From Presence to Citizenship” will be holding their first conference since the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 19th in Toronto. Guest Speakers will include Joe Erpenbeck and Rebecca Pauls, and will feature panel discussion that will include members of the Belonging Brant team, who will discuss the work they have done in community since receiving their Trillium Grant in 2020.

-Agencies across Ontario continue to make public pleas demanding a 5% increase to our base funding. Over the past 30 years, agencies have only received a 3.9% increase to their base funding, despite rising costs (food, maintenance, utilities, gas, insurance, etc.). The campaign is titled #5tosurvive.

SECTION TWO:

LEGISLATIVE & CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS COMPLIANCE REPORT

I am reporting that we are:

- In compliance with the Income Tax Act
- In compliance with the Pay Equity Act
- In compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- In compliance with the Host Family Directives
- In compliance with the Social Inclusion Act
- In compliance with all other applicable Acts
- In compliance with our Contractual Agreements
- Operating within our approved Bylaws
- Operating within our approved Governance Policies
- Operating within the ratified Collective Agreement (April 1st, 2023-March 31st, 2025)

SECTION THREE: CURRENT POTENTIAL RISK & RESPONSE

Budget and Subsequent Service Changes

- Impact of the budget package for the 2023-24 fiscal year and continued fiscal stabilization funds

MCCSS Journey to Belonging 10 Year Reform Plan

- Long term impact on proposed changes to service delivery and funding will be carefully monitored and responded to over the coming year. With the implementation of an Individualized Funding model, there will be changes to services contracts. Our current work on individualized teams, Passport model and strategic directions support these changes. Greater emphasis on marketing our services will be required in the coming months/years.

Impact of people/families in crisis and who are requiring extensive supports

- Ongoing discussions with MCCSS Program Supervisor about services and supports being individually designed for a person rather than a person fitting into an existing vacancy that would be inappropriate.

Impact of EarlyOn and CLB

- Regularly seeking clarification and attending meetings with the City to maintain budgets and clarify our role.

SECTION FOUR: MONTHLY GOVERNANCE POLICY UPDATE
Governance Policy #:

Status of Key Factors in Policy