

Federation of Voluntary Sector Networks

Monthly Call: June 3, 2015

Attendees: Kathleen, Sherry, Russ, Cathy, Lawrie, Tracy, Jann

Chair: Russ

Minutes: Jann

1. Volunteer to take Notes: Jann Beeston

2. Who's on the Call: Kathleen, Sherry, Russ, Cathy, Lawrie, Tracy, Jann,

3. Agenda Review

- approved

4. Review of Minutes May 6, 2015

- approved

5. Counterparts 2014 Proceedings

- Russ to follow up

6. Counterparts 2016 Planning

- Cathy reported that the Ontario government, through Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration, Voluntary Sector Relations Unit, will Cohost Counterparts 2016.
- It will be held in Toronto in May-June 2016, over a weekend Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday. Dates to be confirmed.
- Planning Committee to be set up following the summer meeting at the end of June.

ACTION: Cathy to report back to confirm dates and committee establishment

7. Federal Issues Task Group (Sid)

- No report

8. HR Council / Community Foundations of Canada Meeting and Future Direction

- Uncertainty on broader commitments to follow up on outcomes of last meeting
- CFC is happy to steward but not lead the HR Council. They are committed to keeping staff and webpage for now and developing a project plan.
- Imagine Canada is interested in research and data. Bruce to approach PWC for project Manager for transition and identify resources required to continue the work.
- - Volunteer Canada is interested in broadening the focus to paid and unpaid HR which is the next conversation after the immediate future is determined.
- Is there opportunity for a shared leadership and responsibility model?
- Tracy and Cathy to identify the work we need at the national level to link to provincial work. Participants inquired if there is any role for the Federation of Networks? Could the Federation identify potential provincial partners or networks? Do we need a template or survey to identify provincial HR strategy work to date?
- Thank you Tracy and Cathy for your leadership on the HR agenda

ACTION: Add to next Federation call agenda

ACTION: Cathy to share draft people strategy document with the federation group for review and feedback at July 8 meeting

9. Urgent/Emergent Items

- ESDC paper on Board Governance
- ONN funded to write a paper on Innovation and Board Governance: an environmental scan, not an academic paper or research document.
- Federation members asked to provide feedback and responses will be summarized and shared as themes.

ACTION: Cathy to include preamble with instructions and deadline to draft Paper and send to Russ for distribution to Federation members for review and answer a few questions.

ACTION: Board Governance and Innovation to be added to the Counterparts 2016 Agenda

10. Roundtable

- Russ introduced Sherry Robbins, who will assume Kathleen's position as she steps away for the summer.
- Canadian Federation is an important organization linking the provincial perspectives as we all present and focus differently.
- Shared spaces is an arising interest: acquiring property, space development, service centres and the value of proximity of services.
- Police Information Checks:
 - The Issue of cost has not been addressed in Ontario- Onn asking for consideration of processing time and cost.
 - CCL Legislation to regulate what is in a PIC
 - Volunteer Canada in discussion with Public Safety Canada and hosting a national dialogue on Screening in September 2015
- Societies ACT and Nonprofit Corporation legislation:
 - The BC Act was passed but regulation not yet introduced
 - AB S Act review still in process

10. Next Call

July 8 1pm EDT