

ATTACHMENT NETWORK MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at Aulneau Renewal Centre

Present: Yvette Savard-Preston (chair), Joanne Brown (secretary), Marge Chomoway (treasurer), Laurie Marcella, Marion Ross, Laurie McPherson, Sheri Beaudry, Pam Freeth, Csilla Przibislavsky, Jean MacKinnon, Irmie Nickel

1. Welcome and Introductions. Several people unable to make it today due to the blizzard like conditions outside. Yvette showed the powerpoint presentation she made on the history and achievements of the Network since its inception. Very impressive!

2. Network Updates

Ellen Moss Conference--Joanne presented the feedback on the conference and on the survey that people filled out. We had 157 respondents from 223 attendees. (The complete results will be sent with this file as an attachment) We are hoping to get Ellen's powerpoint and then distribute it as most people commented that they wished they had it to refer to. Others made the point that they still do not know that the methods Ellen used are used here by several practitioners or how to access those in Winnipeg and surrounding communities who do use this material. Others still, have begun to make the connection that attending to attachment difficulties does not require a stand alone program, but can be imbedded into people's regular therapeutic work.

Speaking for the Baby Video--Laurie updated us that this made-in-Manitoba video is soon to be ready, likely in the fall. Two RRCC staff have been hired to film and produce it, and Healthy Baby clients of diverse cultures, are featured in the film.

Treasurer Update- Marge mentioned that the Ellen Moss conference netted us nearly \$6000 profit, and we still have our initial \$10,000 in the bank. We have applied to Healthy Child Manitoba for another grant of \$10,000 to help cover costs of our next conference, and to eventually fund a website for the Network.

3. Next Steps

The Attachment Network will be presenting Dr. Bob Marvin and Dr. Neil Boris together on April 12 and 13 (location tba). They will be presenting on their use of Circle of Security with school aged children, in addressing attachment difficulties due to late or failing adoptions, foster care, and disruptions and traumas in their relationships with caregivers.

We are currently getting an electronic tickler and a brochure designed, and hope to charge \$175 for early bird registrants, \$200 for later for the two days. Lunch will not be provided, as it boosts the costs way too high, but we will allow for 80 minute lunch breaks so people can have time to go get a bite to eat. We are able to cost share Neil's flight with a group in Calgary, as he is presenting there on April 14.

Joanne has had several emails with Neil and Bob regarding them including in their presentation the work they have done cross culturally on attachment. They are aware of the unique issues facing our Aboriginal people here, such as the effects of the Residential School system; issues that were raised in the questions to Ellen Moss. They are excited to be addressing this here.

4. Roundtable

Gail and Laurie work with new Canadians at Welcome Place, and are hoping to help them expand their program to address attachment issues. They are observing many war affected children to be aggressive, often more competent at English than their parents, and that the parents have lost their confidence in their ability to parent.

Marion- WRHA Families First workers are still excited about integrating attachment into their work with their families.

Laurie McPherson- the Post Partum Mental Health Program through WRHA. Laurie handed out pamphlets. She mentioned 3 initiatives--doing some educational work with front line health workers, some people will be trained in Handle With Care, a mental health promotional program for ECE's through Hinckes-Dellcrest, and they are also considering a conference next fall, perhaps to include mental health effects on attachment.

Aulneau--Irmie and Yvette are doing a presentation to MB Childcare Supervisors on how to integrate attachment into their work. They will again present a multilevel training opportunity on attachment, but perhaps by dividing training groups into professionals and support workers as there seems to be a difference in the intensity of their work. Hope to begin Sept/07. They will still offer MIG practicums.

Csilla is offering a group for youth dealing with parental separation/divorce

There is a group for women and self esteem; and a program of holistic approaches to personal growth and development. They are also offering training in EMDR for adults and children "stuck" in prior trauma. Reminder that Aulneau has a sliding fee structure.

Pam is now at Marymount and hopes to integrate attachment information into some training she will be doing with staff and foster parents

Yvette reminded us that Aulneau can tailor make a presentation to any group on attachment

Joanne mentioned that Ellen Moss' presentation has reinforced to her program (Obawaanaan at New Directions) that one must work with the parent/child dyad, and to encourage parents to participate in this work

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at the Aulneau Renewal Centre, 601 Aulneau St.