

GFSI Management Team, April 11, 2022 @ Online, 3:30pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, John Coates, Bill MacKenzie, Susanne White, Shirley Cleave, Hayley AuCoin, Mike Toole, Ricardo Nicolini, Ben Griffin, Promise Mwenga, Yu Ren, Ekaterina Pavlova, Emilee Thibodeau, Mandy Arsenault, Cassandra Swift, Shathi Shanmugam, Kate Walsh

Regrets: Scott Henwood

Guests: Stephane Leclair, Pam Robichau

Minutes recorded by: Hayley AuCoin

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Past meeting minutes approval.
- Basic Income Briefing
- ESIC RSC Transition
- GFSI Updates
- CIN Update
- Finances
- Next meeting date

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from the March 14th meeting as amended.

Moved: Shirley Cleave Seconded: John Coates Carried

Basic Income Briefing:

- Working on creation of a provincial coalition as New Brunswick is the only province without one.
- Launched a website and social media sites (Facebook, using GFSI's Twitter & Instagram).
- These pages will share posts that dispel myths around basic income.

ESIC CIN-RSC Transition:

Presentation from Stephane LeClair, ED ESIC on the progress of the CIN transitions to RSC

Timeline:

- November 18th 2021: ESIC met with board and CINs.
- Nov.-Dec. 2021: ESIC met with CINs
- Dec. 2021: ESIC met with RSC Exec. Directors

- Jan.-Feb. 2022: Created a Transition Working Committee including members from CIN, RSC, and ESIC. This committee met four times.
- Feb.-Mar. 2022: Esic meeting with each CIN board.
- Mar.-Apr. 2022: CINs meet with their RSCs.
- Mar. Apr. 2022: Transition Information Kit.
- Spring - Summer 2022: Transition period, no specific date - to be completed by the end of 2022.
- From ESICs perspective, the next steps are the completion of the transition document.
 - Financial consultation.
 - Transfer of remaining assets.
 - Final transfer.
- Maurice Robichaud is the transition leader for this region and Brett McCrea is the Acting ED for RSC 11.
- What role will ESIC play after the transition from the present structure to the RSC structure?
 - ESICs role will stay the same, but the relationship will change.
 - Will continue to meet with staff, offer training, and coaching.
 - A few folks from the existing CIN will ideally join an advisory committee to help them ensure important knowledge is not lost.

GFSI Update

Meal Planner

- Almost ready for a minimum viable product.

Stepping Stones Senior Centers

- Created a survey for their over 500 members. The data will be analyzed after results are collected.

NPO Data Collaboration

- Planning a survey launch for the fall.
- Will be able to present our project to the Canadian Center for Nonprofit Digital Resiliency
- Offer to present information to ESIC about the project

Renaissance College Students

- Report for Yves and Norma was wrapped up and distributed.
- Students completed their final presentation.

GNB-ACOA Project

- Two new employees starting next week.

CIN Update:

Market Greens

- Completing final project reports for Community Food Centers Canada. Remaining funding can be used to maintain market operations through the summer months.

Emergency Food Relief

- Distribution of \$40,000 to 4 school districts and the Fondation des petits déjeuner de la acadian Peninsula.

Community Food Smart

- Busy month with over 420 bags.
- Note: residents of 12 Neighbors Community received free promotional bags last month. This month 3 out of 4 recipients have enrolled as members and they will set up as a distribution point for CFS.

Basic Income

- Discussions underway with other Atlantic province representatives on creating an event designed to enlist support for BI from elected government representatives..

Urban Rural Rides

- Launched URR service expansion into Oromocto, Cambridge Narrows, Hanwell, Kingsclear and New Maryland. Mayor and Council of Hanwell hosted our launch event with over 50 people in attendance and 11 people joining via Facebook Live.
- Meeting with Deputy Mayor of Fredericton Junction and community supporters at the end of the month in response to their interest in URR.

GFSI Finances

- Transfer has been going well.
- Promise drops off some cheques every few weeks.

Next meeting date

- May 9th @ 3:30
 - Add discussion about Stewardship Board membership to the agenda.
- Stewardship Board Meeting + BBQ - June 23rd @ 4:30

Approved:



Bill MacKenzie – Board President



Promise Mwenga – Board Treasurer