

## **Liaison Report October 2016**

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### **OSNPPH Workplace Nutrition Advisory Group**

The OSNPPH Workplace Nutrition Advisory Group officially launched the “Creating a Healthy Workplace Environment Toolkit” via webinar on October 6<sup>th</sup> through the Nutrition Resource Centre.

### **OSNPPH Healthy Eating in the Recreation Setting Work Group**

No new updates.

### **OSNPPH Family Health Nutrition Advisory Group**

The Child Care Work Group is seeking financial support for translation and graphic design of their “Nutrition Recommendations for Licensed Child Care Providers in Ontario” document. This document provides provincial guidance on nutrition in child care settings to help them implement the new CCEYA regulations, and will be hosted on our OSNPPH website, under resources. The Ministry of Education, Child Care and Licensing Branch, will also include a link to the nutrition recommendations document on OSNPPH website in their Licensing Manual. Is there a possibility to include a call out for funding in the Tid-Bites? As it stands right now, the translation and graphic design is due by December 1<sup>st</sup> so that it can be linked to the Ministry website that will be posted on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **OSNPPH School Nutrition Workgroup**

Suzanne Neumann, part of a HKCC group that’s building a Pledge website, was wondering about remaining money leftover from the project (chances are slim, but in case it does happen). Could it be put back towards the OSNPPH teleconference lines?

### **OSNPPH Menu Labelling Working Group**

Below is an update on the *Healthy Menu Choices Act* and its regulation:

- The Ministry of Health and Long-term Care requested feedback on proposed regulation amendments during the summer, 2016. The amended regulation was posted on September 27 and contains the contextual statement that OSNPPH, NRC/OPHA and DC had proposed in collaboration. This contextual statement will be phased in by January 1, 2018.
- *A Guide to Menu Labelling Requirements in Regulated Food Service Premises in Ontario* was updated to reflect the regulation amendments and was posted to the OSNPPH website on Oct 6.

- Seven sector-specific fact sheets have been developed by the Ministry in order to support industry implementation of the Act and regulation. These fact sheets provide additional detail on how to implement relevant sections of the Act and regulation and have been posted to the OSNPPH website.
- The Ministry hosted a technical webinar on October 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the regulatory amendments and provide some Frequently Asked Questions and Answers. Some MLWG members attended and prepared a summary of the webinar discussion which was shared via the OSNPPH list serv.
- The MLWG will be working with OPHA/NRC to prepare and forward recommendations/ideas to the Ministry regarding the public education campaign and the evaluation. This feedback will be sent to the Ministry by way of the menu labelling e-mail ([menulabelling@ontario.ca](mailto:menulabelling@ontario.ca)). Timeline to be determined.

### **OSNPPH Food Security Working Group**

- Approval of letter to OMAFRA (see attached)
- A FSWG member has contacts with social policy advocates and they were wondering if OSNPPH could appear as a witness to the Standing Committee on Social Policy for Bill 6. Bill 6 aligns with the NFB work that FSWG members do locally with the Scenario Spreadsheet. The timeline for the hearings is unknown and there may not be more than a few days' notice once the hearings are scheduled. A written submission could also be made rather than appearing as a witness. Could a written submission be a possibility?
- The Food Security Working Group is interested in the OPHS modernization and would like to receive updates (as appropriate) about Exec's process.
- OSNPPH was mentioned in Queen's University Horizon letter (see attached) on page 7, on the topic of Basic Income Guarantee.

### **OSNPPH Food Literacy Working Group**

No report received.