



Halton Prevention and Intervention Committee (HPIC) – March 23, 2017

Meeting Highlights:

Halton Diversity and Equity Roundtable (HEDR) Conference

Report Presentation - Learned about results of evaluations following HEDR Indigenous Knowledge Conference held November 3, 2016

Complex Needs Data and Trends Report

- Informative presentation
- Issue is bigger than HPIC; therefore need other sectors to get involved.

Priority Group Updates

- Presentation template approved to be used as guide when outside groups making presentations at HPIC
- Agreement to determine priorities for upcoming meetings
- Initial discussion on HPIC membership

Funds to Support HPIC

- Funds received from Ministry of Children and Youth Services to support HPIC were fully utilized by year end (March 31, 2017)

HPIC Co-Chairs

- Seeking interest from HPIC members to take on the role of Co-Chair, starting September 2017, as both current Chairs will be completing their terms as of the May 2017 meeting.

Follow Up Actions

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- Complex Needs Data & Trends Report – will go back to Connections for their feedback and to identify champions to work on recommendations and come back to HPIC for further discussions.



OKN Our Kids – Early Years (OK-EY) Meeting Highlights – April 24, 2017

Meeting Highlights:

Presentations

The committee heard three presentations:

You're the Chef – Jennifer Jenkins-Scott and Cyndie MacNeil

- A nutrition initiative that organizations can implement
- The goal is to have OKN organizations partner with the project and train at least two staff from each partner organization to run a **You're the Chef** Program in their community

Our Kids Community Partners Committee Update – R. Young

- Committee is working to ensure that a family's experience is seamless throughout their journey.

Occupational Therapy School Aged Program Support – Liz Hopkins

- ROCK has a pilot project hiring a full time Occupational Therapist

Updates:

- Ontario Early Years and Child Family Centres (OEYCFC) report is in progress
- Transition to School/Evenstart Committee to provide update at next meeting
- Asset Building conference in early April was well attended and beneficial to participants
- Healthy Kids Steering Committee is engaging communities building community gardens
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Follow Up Actions:

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- Cyndie MacNeil, Roxanne Young and Bonnie DePaul will discuss ways to make the You're the Chef initiative more inclusive.
- Liz Hopkins will update committee on Occupational Therapist Pilot Project.



OK Community Partners Meeting Highlights – May 16, 2017

F-Words in Childhood Disability

- Infant and Child Development Services and Inclusion Services in Halton are adopting the CanChild moving away from developmental domains language to more functional language with work with families and child care. Develop Family Service Plans around the areas of “Fun, Fitness, Friends, Family, Function, Future”
- Piloting with plans to implement fully by September
- Link to Can Child F-Words <https://www.canchild.ca/en/research-in-practice/f-words-in-childhood-disability>

HOPE Place

- Aditi Gulati provided an over view of the community based services offered through HOPE Place for women with addictions.
- Identified opportunities for HOPE Place and services at the OKCP table to collaborate. An example would be the delivery of an ASK clinic for HOPE Place clients.
- Recognized children of participating mothers are at high risk for implications from prenatal exposure.

Moving Forward on Mental Health

- Joanna Matthews provided an update to the committee, identifying the core services and community services that will be focused on initially.

OT Pilot in Inclusive School Age Programs

- OKCP OT services for child care delivered through ROCK are piloting capacity building at the universal level of the staff working in SAP. Objective is to increase awareness and capacity building to make class wide accommodations and enhancements to better support children.
- Have begun the 1 year pilot in 2 programs (Post Corners and Chris Hadfield) and will pick up Alton Village shortly. The pilot will involve 8 programs over the year.
- Aligns with the Can Child Partnering For Change (P4C) model that is being adopted for the delivery of therapy services in schools
- Link to Can Child P4C <https://www.canchild.ca/en/research-in-practice/current-studies/partnering-for-change>

Transition to School

- Bonnie Hewitt presented an update from the new Transition to School Committee focusing on the priorities identified by the OK Committees.

Early Years Mental Health

- The OKCP EYMH working group will be presenting the Halton model and Common Message Paper at Sick Kids IMP (Infant Mental Health Promotion) Rounds in June. <http://www.imhpromotion.ca/TrainingEvents/IMHRounds.aspx>
- The draft presentation was reviewed and approved by OK CP. Very well done and would be informative for other OKN Committees.

Follow Up Actions

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Follow up with Beth – OKN Communications re: difficulty accessing EYMH Common Message Paper on website.

Next Meeting
Tuesday June 20,
2017 9:00-12:00



Collective Impact Planning Committee Meeting Highlights – May 26th, 2017

Meeting Highlights:

Network Development Plan

Network is a little over the half-way mark of the current strategic planning cycle. In discussion with SEG, they have requested that CIPC review the plan and bring forward recommendations with regards for a mid-cycle check-in for their consideration. With the exception of the pieces that related directly to the Researcher/ Knowledge Broker, all others have been completed. Upon further review and discussion, agreed that the network enter into a new strategic planning cycle and when SEG meets again in September, CIPC will present a timeline of the proposed process for their consideration.

OKN Website Redevelopment

In follow-up to the website presentation/unveiling at the last meeting, Elena presented a proposal from the Communications Manager requesting that Committee Co-Chairs continue with building website awareness with their committees. To assist in this process, a schedule of proposed learning opportunities to work through with their committees has been developed.

CIPC Meeting Amendments

Agreed that there will not be any summer meetings – will complete the June meeting and then resume in September. Over the duration of the summer, a small group will work on the strategic planning recommendations for SEG. In addition to the revised summer meeting schedule, it was agreed that these meetings will continue to occur the last Friday of the month but will now run from 1:30-3:30 p.m. instead of the 1:00 start.

Committee Updates:

HPIC (Halton Prevention & Intervention Committee) Theresa

Wilson completed a presentation on the committee profile and their work over the past twelve months. Highlights included:

- HPIC new name for the former CMHDS committee – new name better reflects the scope of the work of the table
- review of the priority areas of the committee: trauma & attachment and DBT
- ongoing concerns/discussions relating to their mandate and the age scope of the committee.

Follow Up Actions

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- **Halton Regional Police Parent Resource Guide:**
This is a tool used within the youth diversion program at HRPS. Requesting today that all members of the table review and forward comments/suggestions directly to Dave Stewart (Dave.Stewart@haltonpolice.ca). Subsequent to this meeting the document was shared with all committee members via Dropbox.
- **OKN Researcher/ Knowledge Broker –**
Announced that Elisabeth Wells; previous OKN Researcher will be returning to the Network effective May 28th and will take on this role.
- **Upcoming presentations:**
EY EDI Project (Shawna Scale and Lysandra Marshall), Asset Building Steering Table (Mary Tabak)
- **Upcoming Meetings**
June 23rd
July 28th - cancelled
August 25th - cancelled
September 29th, 2017
October 27th, 2017
November 24th, 2017



Collective Impact Planning Committee Meeting Highlights – June 23rd, 2017

Meeting Highlights:

OKN EDI Project update

Shawna Scale the Community Impact Animator for the EDI project was welcomed to the table to provide an overview and update of the project.

Highlights of the project included:

- Based on the case study and success in Acton (Turn 20 in 30), OKN applied to Trillium for a 3 year Grow grant to promote early childhood development in order to reduce the number of children who are developmentally vulnerable in key Halton neighbourhoods.
- Nearly a third of all kindergarteners in Halton are vulnerable on 1 or more EDI domains who without additional supports, are likely to experience future challenges in school and society.
- Project will be rolled out over the next three years, commencing with 3 Halton neighbourhoods in year one followed by 2 neighbourhoods and 1 neighbourhood in each of the subsequent years.
- Project provides opportunities to implement a collective impact strategy to identify solutions that are responsive to local needs and build on local assets.
- Potential outcomes of the project include: new or enhanced programs and services for parents and children, common tools to share and use across neighbourhoods, research and evaluation of the local neighbourhood strategies (outcomes and processes), and communication about the project, shared with local and regional stakeholders.
- Evaluation and knowledge transfer component of the project includes: continuous learning, custom evaluation, outcome vs. process, sharing across tables (neighbourhood comparisons), shared findings & research, and knowledge products.

Emergency Preparedness/Crisis Collaboration

As a result of the experience of a partner during a critical incident, working group was struck to explore the potential to develop a service provider support committee that would respond to a community after a critical incident. The intent of the table would be to have something in place for when first responders leave and to decide what needs to be available to the community impacted by the event. This would be a support to managing the community in the aftermath of an incident versus supporting the agency/organization. Working group will continue to work through the development of a critical path and prepare a recommendation to go forward to the Senior Executive Group in the fall.

Community Safety & Well-Being in Halton (CSWB)

Members of HRPS and Halton Region came to the table to present the draft CSWB plan for Halton and to seek the input of the Network. Table identified need for linkages with the Network at the preventative level as well as an opportunity to explore data sharing.

Follow Up Actions

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- **Network Development Plan:** Volunteer group will work through summer months to undertake a review of the workplan and develop strategic planning process recommendation for presentation to the SEG in September. **Nicki Glowacki, Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj, Sandy Palinski, Elena DiBattista**
- **Upcoming Presentations**
Early Years (Rebecca Barrows-Vrankulj) – September 2017
- **Upcoming Meetings**
July 28th - cancelled
August 25th - cancelled
September 29th, 2017
October 27th, 2017
November 24th, 2017



OKN School Years Committee Meeting Highlights – June 2nd, 2017

Meeting Highlights

PRESENTATIONS:

Shelley Lothian – Halton Early Learning and Childcare Plan & EDI Data Results

The Halton Early Learning and Childcare Plan is updated every 5 yrs. The number of childcare spaces in Halton has increased in the past 5 years to 25,357 mainly due to the implementation of FDK. Key issues identified relate to finding and retaining quality staff, implementation of the How Does Learning Happen pedagogy, implementation of the new CCEY Act, early identification and school age programming for children with special needs. Some key results include that job satisfaction is high among ECEs, families reported that perceived level of accessibility to childcare is high but accessing recreation programs is challenging. Action tables are being created to address the recommendations and members are welcome.

This is the 5th EDI, completed in 2015, for Halton. Highest percentages of vulnerability were in Acton, North Georgetown and North Oakville, but highest numbers of vulnerable children are in Milton neighbourhoods. Vulnerability rates have increased in Halton and Ontario. Physical health & well-being is the domain with the highest level of vulnerability. EDI vulnerability is found to be related to income with children having low income families.

Results from 2015 Kindergarten Parent Survey showed that a substantial amount of parents are experiencing high amounts of daily stress, most children in Halton are participating in preschool learning opportunities, highest rate of access was found for recreation and library programs. There is some social inequity in developmental opportunities.

Cheryl Deszpoth - Ready Set Whoa

The Transition Workgroup developed Ready Set Whoa to provide education and awareness for parents of youth transitioning to high school. Packages were distributed to Gr. 8 families through schools each Nov 2014 – 2016 with a companion webpage. An evaluation, including focus groups with parents, showed that webpage utilization was high and the resource was found helpful by parents. Parents said that information must be available at the time it is needed, and that the website needs to be easy to navigate, with “hot topics” featured. The plan is to discontinue distribution of the paper package and instead focus on providing information through the website. Halton Region and School Board Communication Departments will collaborate to promote the website and distribute two key transition resources to families.

WORKGROUP UPDATES:

- **Eat Well Workgroup** – You’re the Chef Training to take place soon. **Oakville/Milton Food Skills Training spots are still available.** SSB (sugar-sweetened beverages) Policy to be presented in the Fall. Committee would like a school board contact from each board to be on this Eat Well Workgroup.
- **Outside of School Workgroup** – Literature review and planning are in progress to determine direction and area of focus.
- **Transitions Workgroup** – Cheryl D presented – see above

ROUNDTABLE INFO SHARING:

- Halton Police have a new resource for parents – Dorothy forwarding link for comment – **comments required by June 9th**
- Research – Liz Wells has returned to OKN as of June 5th
- Halton Newcomer Youth Report has been completed by the Halton Newcomer Strategy Table and it flags the need for inclusivity. A youth advisory is to be formed to help address recommendations.
- HMC will host multicultural event at North Park in Oakville. Tatiana will share information. Community booths are available if interested.

Follow Up Items:

- **Future Meetings**
 - -TBD - (Sept/Oct)
 - Nov. 24th
- **New Halton Police Resource – Comments to Dorothy Barr by June 9th**
- **Halton Learning Foundation – Joyce Jermyn to connect Carrie Baille with Leslie Mansfield re Eating Well Workgroup connections**
- **Halton Portal Refresh Training – is required for family of schools**
- **Food Skills Training – Oakville & Milton spots still available.**



Senior Executive Group Meeting Highlights – June 7th, 2017

Meeting Highlights:

EY EDI Project

Shawna Scale, Community Animator for the EDI (Early Development Instrument) project presented an overview of the work-to-date and moving forward for the project. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Project based on the case study and success of the Action Turn 20 in 30.
- Grow grant from Trillium for 3 years to promote early childhood development in order to reduce the number of children who are developmentally vulnerable in 6 Halton neighbourhoods.
- Nearly 1/3 of all kindergarteners in Halton are vulnerable on 1 or more EDI domains
- Potential outcomes of the project – new or enhanced programs and services for parents and children, common tools to share and use across neighbourhoods, research and evaluation of the local neighbourhood strategies (outcomes and processes) and communication about the project shared with local and regional stakeholders.

2017-2018 Budget

In follow-up to the discussions of the previous meeting, the Director reported that the Network had completed the previous fiscal year (2016-2017) slightly underspent. Audited financial statements will be presented at the next meeting.

Staffing Update

Announced that Elisabeth Wells; previous OKN Researcher will be returning to the Network effective May 28th and will take up the role of Researcher/Knowledge Broker. Liz brings to the position a deep understanding of OKN, solid research knowledge and expertise and a sound understanding and ability to transfer that knowledge for community use.

Follow Up Actions

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- OKN Reserve – Noted that the Network continues to maintain a three-month operating reserve. OKN also maintains discretionary reserve funds. Discussed the need to plan for the strategic use of the discretionary fund through investment in the work of the network. Membership supported the notion that these discussions be aligned with the strategic cycle but queried whether or not there may be opportunities for short-term gains through an organic process across the network. ***Director will approach the planning tables with a request for proposals.***
- **2017-2018 Meetings**
September 27, 2017
December 13, 2017
January 31, 2018
March 28, 2018
June 13, 2018

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