

1. Participation at the Meeting

Present:

Noah Parchment, community member
Jesse Bosse, community member
Asha-Maria Bost, community member
Karen Luyendyk, community member
Marcia Gibson, LHIN / Ontario Health
Jonathan Schmidt, Family Services Ottawa
Lynsey James, Centretown Community Health Centre
Irena Druce, The Ottawa Hospital
Larissa Silver, Youth Services Bureau
Lisa Loeffen, CHEO
Stephanie Hemmerick, Seaway Valley Community Health Centre
Brittany Smyth, Family Services Ottawa
Fae Johnstone, Wisdom2Action
Lynne Tyler, Catalyst Research and Communications, facilitator

Regrets/Did not attend: Annie Chen, community member; Oliver Thorne, community member; Leyla Shahid, community member; Mel Thompson, community member.

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Algonquin Territory

The RPT acknowledged that we were meeting (online) on the territory of the Algonquin people, and we reminded ourselves that many of us are guests here and to act, as much as possible, in accordance with local protocols.

3. Approval of June Minutes

One revision was made to the June minutes: under the final bullet point in section 4, the report from the Working Group on Dual Roles, “employer” should be replaced with “place of employment”. The June 16 2021 minutes were approved as revised.

3. Regular RPT Meeting Date

The RPT will hold our regular meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Exceptionally, our next meeting will be October 26, 2021.

4. RPT Terms of Reference

The Working Group on Dual Roles presented recommended changes to the RPT Terms of Reference, and these were accepted, with the addition of the comments noted above under the approval of minutes.

5. Community Advisory Table

W2A has prepared the notice to recruit members to the CAT for various social media, and RPT members are asked to share these on their networks.

For the first year of the CAT, it was decided that quarterly meetings would be most effective and then based on the experience of that first year, the frequency of meetings may be adjusted in the future.

Once the CAT is in place, the RPT will offer our thoughts on the role and then discuss this with the CAT and adjust this as needed. In broad terms, the role will be to provide guidance and feedback on the RPT priorities.

6. Wrap-around Non-medical Supports

Larissa and Lisa have been discussing with Dr. Norris of CHEO the need for more supports for youth and families, including as the youth transition out of CHEO services. How can community providers work in a more cohesive and connected way to provide wraparound supports for these youth and their families? These have been very informal and exploratory discussions so far, and Larissa and Lisa have brought the matter to the RPT to see if this is an area that falls within the RPT mandate and is of interest to the RPT. There was general support for the RPT staying connected to this evolving conversation. Fae agreed to convene a meeting of a range of providers, both from the RPT and beyond, to take this exploration to the next level. Comments noted the importance of considering rural clients and partners in this conversation, and linking in to relevant OHTs as appropriate.

Action: Fae, Lisa, Larissa, Stephanie and possibly Dr. Norris to meet and discuss next steps.

7. Update from W2A

Fae provided a brief update on several areas, in addition to those noted elsewhere in the minutes, including in the following areas:

- Website,
- Training co-hosted with RHO, including other training formats and options, such as a community of practice,
- Interviews with trans seniors have started,
- Expanding the number of primary care practitioners: Centretown CHC is experiencing long wait lists for their clinic, partly because of increased demand and partly because Covid precautions have an impact on the number of patients who can be seen. On behalf of the RPT, W2A will work with Centretown CHC to launch a media strategy to highlight the waiting list and the need for more primary care practitioners to step up – a call to action.

Fae will be sending out various documents related to these and other ongoing tasks.

Fae also highlighted that her new role as Executive Director of W2A may mean that another member of the W2A team will be taking on some responsibilities related to the RPT. However, she will still be strongly involved.

8. Membership

The new community members have been part of the RPT for three meetings and, according to the Terms of Reference, this is the point where they each decide whether to continue with the RPT. If so, they are asked to commit for a year.

Two community members, Mel and Leyla, have missed several meetings. We have reached out several times to Mel and received no response, so it was agreed they would be considered to have resigned from the RPT. Leyla has stayed in contact in various ways with the RPT, so may still be interested. Karen will follow up with Leyla to see if she wishes to remain on the RPT.

Marcia announced that she was retiring from Ontario Health/LHIN, and that this would be her last RPT meeting. The RPT thanked her for her many contributions and consistent support for the Table and our work. She has not been informed about who her successor will be.

9. Possible Future Agenda Items

- a) Ottawa Seniors Pride Network: Given the technical difficulties that prevented our OSPN guest from participating in the last meeting, Karen will reach out to re-invite them to our next meeting.
- b) Sex markers: Jesse willing to be the lead on this, but is not familiar with the array of agencies involved, and asked for guidance on “which door to knock on”. Centretown CHC physicians and nurse practitioners would likely support as this is as it is currently a challenge they face.
- c) Centretown CHC would like to share some data on waitlists at a future RPT meeting.
- d) Indigenous reconciliation: The RPT agreed that we need to take the time to prepare for a considered conversation about how to engage. In preparation for this, RPT members are encouraged to pursue learning through available resources. Marcia mentioned the highly recommended online training through Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, and that the LHIN has made a number of seats available free of charge. After the meeting, Marcia sent a link for this training and for another useful resource:

<https://wabano.com/education/>

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation \(aptn.ca\)](https://www.aptn.ca/en/our-work/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation)

Actions:

- Fae, Lisa, Larissa, Stephanie and possibly Dr. Norris to meet and discuss next steps.
- Karen will follow up with Leyla to see if she wishes to remain on the RPT.
- Karen to contact OSPN about attending our next meeting
- Fae to work with Centretown CHC on a media strategy to reach out to primary care practitioners