

# Regional Planning Table Minutes

Zoom Meeting, February 15, 2022



## 1. Participation at the Meeting

### **Present:**

Noah Parchment, community member  
Jesse Bosse, community member  
Karen Luyendyk, community member  
Sarah King, community member  
Lynsey James, Centretown Community Health Centre  
Jonathan Schmidt, Family Services Ottawa  
Lisa Loeffen, CHEO  
Stephanie Hemmerick, Seaway Valley Community Health Centre  
James Demers, MAX Ottawa  
Stephanie Carter, CHEO (guest)  
Jeanne Thomas, Ontario Health East  
Alex Tesolin, Wisdom2Action  
Fae Johnstone, Wisdom2Action  
Lynne Tyler, Catalyst Research and Communications, facilitator

**Regrets/Did not attend:** Oliver Thorne, community member; Asha-Maria Bost, community member; Annie Chen, community member; Larissa Silver, Youth Services Bureau; Irena Druce, The Ottawa Hospital.

**Sabbatical:** Leyla Shahid, community member.

## 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Algonquin Territory

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

## 2. Welcome to New Member

The RPT welcomed James Demers, Executive Director of MAX Ottawa, as the newest service provider member of the Table. Everyone introduced themselves and James spoke briefly about MAX Ottawa.

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting of the RPT were adopted as circulated..

#### 4. Update from Wisdom to Action

Fae and Alex reported on a number of areas where W2A is continuing to move forward on the RPT workplan, including:

- a) Website: Almost ready, just a few sections of French content remain to be added. Launch is planned for very soon.
- b) Rural service providers: Alex continues to reach out through conversations with many rural service providers.
- c) Community and social services huddle: Work is continuing to bring together community and social services and queer organizations. Many thanks to Lisa and Larissa for their leadership.
- d) Capacity-building: Production of the training videos for service providers continues to move along.
- e) Community report back video: Filming this week, then editing with a view to launching at the same time as the website.
- f) Work on end-of-year reporting.

#### 5. Workplan for Next Year

W2A has prepared a draft workplan, based on the priorities discussed at the February RPT, and Fae presented these for initial discussion. The draft document will be shared with RPT members, but some of the highlights include:

- Support to the RPT, including a more fulsome community reportback, maintaining and mobilizing the website and associated materials, etc.
- Outreach and relationship-building, especially with francophone, rural and Indigenous/Two-Spirit service providers, and with long-term care homes and palliative care centres in collaboration with the Ottawa Seniors Pride Network.
- Trans health capacity building, including working with Centretown CHC to implement a capacity-building strategy and community of practice.
- Connecting more widely on an intersectoral basis, including through the Community and Social Service Huddle, Rainbow Service Providers Network and other networks.
- Scoping out additional funding opportunities.
- CAT activities, including a toolkit for community members and families, and several panels on key topics.

#### 6. Membership

The meeting discussed potential criteria and process for selection of service provider members in the future. A range of points were raised and Lynne will develop an initial document for discussion at the next meeting.

#### 7. Meetings of the RPT

The RPT considered whether and when to resume in-person meetings. It was noted that zoom meetings provide greater accessibility for a variety of reasons, including the fact that not everyone is located in Ottawa, however there are benefits to meeting in-person. It was decided to have an in-person meeting

in May or June, and then to have them periodically, perhaps two or three times a year. These would be hybrid meetings, with those who are unable to be physically present connecting to the meeting online. The remainder of the meetings would be via zoom.

## 8. Facilitation Contract

It was decided to offer the facilitation contract to Lynne Tyler at Catalyst Research and Communications again for the coming year.