

Regional Planning Table Minutes

Zoom Meeting, May 17, 2022



1. Participation at the Meeting

Present:

Jesse Bosse, community member
Oliver Thorne, community member
Asha-Maria Bost, community member
Karen Luyendyk, community member
Sarah King, community member
Lynsey James, Centretown Community Health Centre
Jonathan Schmidt, Family Services Ottawa
Lisa Loeffen, CHEO
Larissa Silver, Youth Services Bureau
Stephanie Hemmerick, Seaway Valley Community Health Centre
James Demers, MAX Ottawa
Jeanne Thomas, Ontario Health East
Alex Tesolin, Wisdom2Action
Lynne Tyler, Catalyst Research and Communications, facilitator

Regrets/Did not attend: Noah Parchment, community member; Annie Chen, community member; 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. Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting of the RPT were adopted as circulated, with the correction to the date.

3. Workplan

Alex reviewed the workplan for the year, highlighting the key actions under each of the five main priority areas:

1. Support RPT infrastructure and core functions.
2. Engage in outreach and relationship-building with key communities, organizations and stakeholders
3. Trans health capacity building within the Champlain Region
4. Strengthen inter-organizational and inter-sectoral relationships to improve trans health care and navigation
5. Support CAT in fulfilling their role as an Advisory Table to the RPT

With respect to engaging with OHTs, Jeanne offered to put Alex and Karen in contact with a colleague who is the OHT admin lead for the Ministry in the Ontario Health East and could facilitate access to a number of OHTs.

4. Update from W2A

Alex provided an update on action in several areas, including:

- a) Website is up and running, so RPT members are asked to share the link with colleagues and on social media, and to please add a link on your organization's website. There was some discussion of our ability to track metrics (only the basics) and the need at some point for search engine optimization.
- b) Community reportback video has been edited and is awaiting approval from Ontario Health East. There was discussion of preparing a video in French next year or to have it transcribed into French.
- c) The first CSS meeting is coming soon. Approximately 15 stakeholders are expected to attend, and they will be encouraged to invite others.
- d) Outreach is ongoing with rural, francophone and Indigenous providers, as well as with the Centre for Innovation in Long Term Care.
- e) CAT are discussing a number of areas, and are looking at possibly creating their own tools for navigation of services.

Lynne will share with Alex contacts with Minwaashin Lodge, who were previously very helpful in outreach to the Two Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQ community.

5. CSS Terms of Reference

Alex had circulated draft terms of reference for the Quarterly Meetings on Wrap-Around Community and Social Services for Trans Communities (short form CSS) and these were approved.

6. Selection of Service Provider Members

Lynne had prepared an initial document on criteria and process for selecting service provider members, based on the discussion at the last meeting, and this was presented for discussion. Out of the various points raised in discussion, Lynne will develop a next draft, including a selection grid.

7. Trans Affirming Resource Team

Karen had brought this organization to the attention of the RPT, to see if we might be interested in joining. It is aimed at service providers, to connect them with relevant resources to support their practice. Alex and Fae will reach out to make sure that providers we are aware of are on the list.

9. Request from Ottawa Police Service

OPS is approaching a range of organizations in the 2SLGBTQ+ community asking to hold discussions on building a better relationship. The RPT declined this invitation. RPT members pointed out that a lot has already been said on this and they would want to see what OPS has been doing with the suggestions they have already received.

10. Next Meeting

There was tentative support for a hybrid meeting in June, at which those RPT members who wished to do so would meet in person, and those who preferred to participate virtually (or who were unable to be physically present) would join via zoom.