

Regional Planning Table Minutes

Zoom Meeting, January 16, 2024



Participation at the Meeting

Present:

Ryan Lamb, community member
Karen Luyendyk, community member
Sue Merrill, community member
Astrid Fournier, community member
Noah Parchment, community member
Jonathan Schmidt, Family Services Ottawa
Kathryn Owens, Youth Services Bureau;
Stephanie Carter, CHEO
Stephanie Hemmerick, Seaway Valley Community Health Centre
Alex Tesolin, Wisdom2Action
Fae Johnstone, Wisdom2Action (for part of the meeting)
Lynne Tyler, Catalyst Research and Communications, facilitator

Regrets/Did not attend: Jesse Pyne, community member; Oliver Thorne, community member; Aysa, community member; Holly Brown, Centretown Community Health Centre; Hannah Hodson, community member on leave; Asha-Maria Bost, community member on leave; Arlyn Belizaire, Ontario Health East on leave.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Algonquin Territory

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

2. Introductions

The RPT welcomed new community members Astrid and Sue, and acknowledged two other new community members who could not be present for the meeting tonight, Aysa and Jesse. There was a round of introduction.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the November 2023 meeting were adopted.

4. Gender-Affirming Surgery Clinic

The RPT welcomed the announcement of the TOH gender-affirming surgery clinic.

5. Meaningful engagement of communities of intersectional identities

The RPT discussed several possible ways we can deepen our engagement with communities of intersectional identities, including:

- Use days of significance (e.g. Black History Month) to discuss with service providers how to have critical conversations with various communities and how to enhance services,
- Recognize that trans and gender diverse people with intersectional identities are often in survival mode,
- Have focused conversations as an RPT:
 - Work with the immigrant and refugee communities for the purposes of mutual learning, e.g. Capital Rainbow Refuge.
 - Review recent Nova Scotia report on anti-black racism in social services: are there recommendations that might be relevant for Ottawa?

6. Terms of Reference

Postponed until the next RPT meeting.

7. Honoraria

The RPT had previously raised the idea of providing higher honoraria to community members with intersectional identities. Fae reviewed the way the budget is developed and the possible impact of this approach on the number and role of community members, and the practice of other organizations regarding honoraria to community members. It was agreed we would review the budget implications and options in more detail at the next meeting.

8. RPT Google drive

Alex presented the Google drive that has been set up for RPT members to share and review documents, and shared the link.

9. Update from W2A

Alex updated the RPT on other tasks that W2A has undertaken, other than matters reported under other agenda items:

- a) Preliminary thinking on the RPT workplan for 2024-2025, including the upcoming joint RPT/ CAT meeting.
- b) Organizing the joint CAT/RPT meeting.
- c) Recruitment of the new community members announced at this meeting.
- d) Recruitment for the CAT: there were not a lot of applications and so will be seeking more candidates.
- e) Planning the February HCSS meeting.
- f) Ongoing work with the CAT, including development of recommendations to service providers, which should be ready by the end of the fiscal year.
- g) Received an email from CAPSA about a summit in March on intersectional stigma.
- h) Received news from RHO of recently translated materials.

10. New service provider members

There was strong interest in approaching four potential new service provider members: TOH, Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, Ottawa Valley FHT and MAX Ottawa. It is possible that they may not all be interested.

11. Discussion of next steps re: facilitation of the RPT

Jonathan announced that FSO will be issuing a formal RFP for a professional facilitator for the RPT.

12. Updates and Announcements

Seaway CHC is one of the three sites involved in the capacity-building initiative by Centretown CHC.