

GTA LEGAL CLINICS' TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

METRO HALL

PRESENT: Aaron (DCLS), Trevor (SECLS), Nicholas (KBCLS), Christie McQuarrie (WSCLS), Charinee DeSilva (DCLS), Wendy Atkinson (WTCLS), Jack Fleming (NPD-CLS), Joel Levine (NPD-CLS), Joe Myers (WCLS), Vinay Jain (Unison), Noland Merrick (JFCLS), Norma English (NPD-CLS), Sean Rehaag (PCLS), Matt Benson (ETOR), Daina Hodgson (ETOR), Stewart Cruikshank (ETOR), Julius Mlynarski (SECLS), Liz Klassen (SCLS), Jack DeKlerk (NLS), Marjorie Hiley (FCLS), Dennis Robideau (Unison), Brook Physick (FCLS), Erin Metcalf (NLS), Isabella Meltz (KBCLS), Sharon Majik (SECLS), Yodit Edemariam (RCLC), Pamela Courtot (CLCYR), Eva Tavares, DCLS, Sean Meagher (Public Interest)

REGRETS: Cole Webber (PCLS), Dennis Timbrell (FCLS), Haris Blentil (NLS)

SUMMARY OF TASKS

Agenda Items	Discussion/Information	Outcome	Action/Discussion Points
1 Welcome/introductions			
2 Review of meeting materials	Information	Approval	
3 Review of minutes of October 12 and feedback from Clinics	Discussion	Approval	
4 Working Group Report	Information	Received	
5 Data Report from Public Interest	Discussion	Received	
6 Recent Developments	Discussion	Received	
7 Other Business			
8 Adjournment and Next Meeting			

MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the meeting materials

Passed

4. Working Group Report

Jack presented an update on conversations with government bodies and funders.

Jack and Marjorie are pressing MAG for commitments on funding, applying for new funding for this and future projects.

There was discussion about added consultants to provide insight into IT transitions and HR implications.

5. Demographic Data Report from Public Interest: Mapping Exercise

Public Interest presented Maps as a way to review demographic data

Presented context map and a map showing distribution of poverty. Explored patterns and contrasts in volume and concentration of poverty. Noted high volumes but lower concentrations in Brampton, and higher concentrations in

northern Mississauga. SC members noted high volumes and concentrations in Georgina. Noted strong pattern of volume and concentration along the east and west ends of Steels, concentrations and volumes in inner-city settlement communities like Thorncliffe, Regent Park, Parkdale, Crescent Town.

High poverty areas in Toronto showed an inverse correlation to good transit.

SC members compared these maps to total intakes. The comparison showed many areas of mismatch between volume of service and volume of low-income families. Willowdale had more intakes than Brampton; South Scarborough had more intakes than North Scarborough. Richmond Hill and Aurora had more intakes than Markham or Georgina. These maps showed higher correlation between clinic locations and service volumes than between concentration of low-income families and service volumes. However, participants noted that the high volumes near clinic locations were sometimes offset by the use of satellites and active outreach processes.

Similar exercises were conducted with maps showing the use of income supports and the presence of new immigrants. SC members noted divergences between the locations of needs. For example, though many low-income residents live in Georgina, few face immigration challenges. While many low-income immigrants live in North Scarborough and Brampton, few rely on income maintenance.

SC members then reviewed maps showing cases involving income support appeals and cases involving immigration and found several areas where volume of service did not match the demographics associated with those needs.

SC members reviewed transit maps to identify transportation services that might offset special mismatch issues. SC members noted poor transit in many of the locations with the highest concentration of residents needing services.

These initial discussions helped to familiarize SC members with some of the social geography affecting clinic planning.

No decisions were made based on the data to date but there was agreement that these insights should be taken into account when analyzing data in other phases of the planning process.

8. The meeting was adjourned.