



Children and Youth Planning Table Data, Research and Evaluation Team Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

99 Regina St. S., Room 409

Present: Jessica Deming (Chair); Shannon McIntyre; Evan Risko; Tristan Wilkin; Nadia Khan; Rebekah Churchyard; Katie McDonald; Kristine Allison; Rebekah Churchyard; Fiona Ellison; Mohamed Bille Hassan; Amanda Franceschini; Carly Greco (recorder)

Guests: Lyndsay McCallum

Regrets: Jillian Welk; Jill Stoddart, Dana Liebermann, Kelly Roberts; Allison Dunn; Leyco Wilson

PowerPoint Presentation attached with minutes.

Welcome and Introductions

Jessica welcomed members and introductions were made around the table.

Action:

None

Review Minutes from December

Jessica reviewed minutes and action items from the December meeting.

- Tristan shared that her colleague Margaret has followed up with Statistics Canada regarding the ADA questions submitted last fall but no response has been received.
- Shannon provided a brief update about youTHINK, expanded upon in Community Updates section.

Action:

- Tristan will share response once received from Statistics Canada.
- Shannon will draft the DRE Team Work Plan for 2020 and share at next meeting.

Shared Measurement Evolution

Shannon reviewed the progress of internal shared measurement evolution.



Backbone Update

- Carly has reviewed all internal and external documents and websites with reference to the former 6 Shared Goals and has started to draft new language to better reflect the new shared measurement framework.
 - Jessica and Mohamed have volunteered to review on behalf of the CYPT DRE Team.
- Question raised about new language of Collective Impact. Tamarack 3.0 Article suggests changing the former “Shared Measurement” to “Strategic Learning”. [Article available online](#). [Webinar also available online](#).
 - For the time being, CYPT will continue to use “Shared Measurement” when referencing the measures and indicators used to measure and monitor the wellbeing of children and youth. “Strategic Learning” is a broader term and will include the Shared Measurement work as well as other evaluation related to CYPT (i.e., Annual Survey, governance, CYPT processes, etc...)

Metadata

- Backbone staff have received a list of sources and data sets from UNICEF for the 125 indicators within the nine dimensions of child and youth wellbeing.
- Nadia is mapping the 32 measures from the CYPT’s Six Shared Goals on top of the data supplied by UNICEF.
 - Comparative work is taking place to ensure indicators are measured consistently (ie CYPT and UNICEF are using different data sources to measure high school graduation rates, and we will only measure this once).
 - Some indicators are unique to Waterloo Region, and we need to decide as CYPT if we will continue to measure those indicators or not.
- Backbone team is aiming to have this work drafted by the end of February. DRE Team may need to have a working meeting in March to ensure we’re ready to have a fulsome conversation about indicators and data sources in April.

Actions:

- Jessica and Mohamed will act as a second set of eyes on the draft changes to external content.
- Shannon to share collective impact article out for DRE member review (links above).
- Conversation to move forward about data sources and indicators at next meeting once Nadia has completed the metadata set.
- Shannon will send out a Doodle poll regarding the March working meeting.



Review Child & Youth Well-being Dashboard

Guest Lyndsay McCallum reviewed the Child and Youth Well-being Dashboard with members. This Dashboard is a collaborative between Public Health and Community Services (Children's Services) at the Region of Waterloo and has been in development for some time. The project team has been considering that in a new phase, this dashboard could fulfill CYPT data reporting needs related to Shared Measurement.

Lyndsay toured members through Phase 1 of the dashboard. A working group from Community Services and Public Health has been providing feedback on the dashboard regarding what people would like to see in terms of user experience and content. Current neighbourhood boundaries are being used, GIS went back and geocoded old data onto new neighbourhoods.

Several questions were posed:

- Is data downloadable?
 - Not at this point, however that is a conversation that could be taken forward. It is the ideal.
- As members think about those at their organization who might use this dashboard but are less data literate, how can the DRE Team support capacity to use this dashboard and be able to interpret it in a meaningful way?
- How does this dashboard evolve to meet the needs of CYPT and shared measurement work?
 - Lyndsay has worked to prepare and clean up data so that it can be moved to any dashboard.
- Request to Lyndsay for OneList to be linked on the childcare page.

Action:

- Lyndsay will bring the downloadable data discussion back to the table on her end.
- Jessica and Shannon will continue to provide updates on the Dashboard as appropriate.

CYPT Member Meeting Feedback

Carly reviewed 2019 meeting feedback survey participation rates and backbone concerns about the usefulness of data being collected. The Backbone Team is seeking feedback on strategies to increase engagement, and advice on participation levels that make the surveys useful or not. Discussion provided the following suggestions:

- Paper and pen is best, but a potential mobile survey could be partially completed in the moment, to be followed up by an emailed survey.
- Could the backbone team remove some elements of anonymity so we can see which segments of the membership are responding?



- QR codes within meetings to access mobile-friendly surveys.
- Suggestion not to evaluate every meeting but potentially annually or biannually.
 - This will be easier as we move to a biannual meeting schedule.
- Multi-modal surveys both at the meeting and after can help collect data where larger response needed or where sentiment can be gathered immediately at the meeting, as well as responses that require more reflection.
 - Qualitative data has no required response rate so that feedback is always valuable.
- Suggestion to use apps such as Kahoot to capture sentiment.
- Close the feedback loop. Can membership hear about the changes we are making based on their feedback?

Action:

- Backbone team to test suggested changes over the next year and report back on participation rates in 2021.

Community/Partner Updates

Smart Waterloo Region 2.0

- Funding secured through the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation. Stay tuned!

Community Child and Youth Wellbeing Survey

- More information about the survey project online.
- Survey development is in process. Draft questions have come back and require work, particularly around accessible language.
- The survey tool for the pilot will be Qualtrics.
- Upcoming youth co-development event, [youTHINK](#), being held on February 22nd in Kitchener. Please consider sharing!

Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries

- Upcoming event on Feb 27, 1-4:30: [The Perils of Poverty and Social Isolation Across the Lifespan](#).
- After 30 years, the Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries is closing. [Celebrate their 30 years of service on February 27](#).

Carizon coding camp



- Carizon has launched a new project exposing kids grades 1-12 to coding in neighbourhoods with lower STEM exposure. They are running a March Break Camp in the Chandler Mowat neighbourhood.

Region of Waterloo – Data Analysis Coordinator

- Rebekah led a DAC call about the Early Years Survey at Kindergarten, originally thought of as replacement for the Kindergarten Parent Survey. It's a 5 question survey about childcare and will not replace the data from the KPS.
- The Region of Waterloo has posed clarifying questions to the Ministry of Education about the parameters of the EYE@K data collection, storage and access to the data. We were informed on Jan 28 that responses to our questions are in the approval process.
- Rebekah will participate in another DAC call in March around data visualizations across Ontario.

Action:

- Shannon to send youTHINK poster to members for distribution (attached).
- Members to distribute youTHINK poster (attached) and [registration information](#) to their organizations and communities.