



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

Thursday, October 1, 2020

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Zoom

Present: Jessica Deming (Chair); Mohamed Bille Hassan; Shannon McIntyre; Evan Risko; Tristan Wilkin; Fiona Ellison; Amanda Franceschini; Jillian Welk; Alison Pearson; Dana Liebermann; Alison Pearson; Greta James; Yvonne Asara-Bediako

Regrets: Kelly Roberts

Please click [here](#) to view the PowerPoint Presentation.

Welcome and Introductions

Jessica welcomed members and introductions were made around the table. Jessica was happy to share that Mohamed will be Jessica's Co-Chair for the DRE Team moving forward.

This meeting will be Shannon's last as the CYPT Social Planning Associate. Shannon is starting parental leave in December and in the meantime will be finishing her time redeployed to support Children's Services.

This meeting will also be Tristan Wilkin's last meeting as she moves into a new role at the Region.

Action:

- Shannon and Alison will work with the new Social Planning Associate, Jessica and Mohamed to support transition.

Review Minutes from February

Jessica reviewed minutes and action items from the February meeting.

- Tristan shared that Planning had heard from Statistics Canada regarding the ADA questions submitted last fall. ADAs will be included in the next Census (2021). There will probably be a consultation after the Census regarding their use moving forward. If there is still interest in naming the ADAs members from DRE could be part of the discussion.
- Many actions from the February meeting have been held due to COVID-19, particularly the CYPT System-Level Metadata work and the new Child and Youth Wellbeing Dashboard

Action:

- DRE Team Work Plan for 2020 will be updated and revised to be a 2020-2021 Work Plan.

CYPT Future Focus and Collective Impact

See PowerPoint Presentation (slides and notes).



Alison provided an overview of where the Children and Youth Planning Table's focus will be going in the next months and years. In March 2020, CYPT Voting Members made the decision to as a collective, focus on Belonging for Children and Youth. For CYPT, Belonging includes three pillars: Equity; Attachment; and Children and Youth Feeling Valued, Heard and Included. Moving forward, the Belonging focus will be approximately 75% of the work done by CYPT, the remaining 25% will continue to be focused on system coordination efforts.

For the DRE Team, this means there will continue to be a focus on shared measurement (looking both at a system and program level) for child and youth wellbeing. However, there will intentional time dedicated to measuring belonging.

We reviewed the DRE Team Terms of Reference with this new lens. There are small tweaks that could be made to update the TOR to reflect the future focus of CYPT and ensure there is intentional connection to other data-related tables in the community (WWR Measurement and Monitoring, Community Data Program).

Action:

- Update the DRE Team TOR before next meeting.

Shared Measurement Evolution

See PowerPoint Presentation (slides and notes).

System Level

There is still a desire to monitor and measure the wellbeing of children and youth based on the newly adopted system-level shared measurement framework. However, due to the pandemic, much of this work has been paused.

Program Level & Sandbox Group

Alison and Greta shared work that the Sandbox Group (a sub-set of CYPT organizations that are funded by the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation) have been engaged in. The group is attempting to narrow in on shared measurement option(s) related to belonging at a program level, as well as build out a tool kit for partner organization regarding belonging measurement and actions. DRE team members (Mohamed and Evan) offered to review the short-list of options to date and provide input.

Youth Impact Survey

The Youth Impact Survey (formerly known as the Child and Youth Wellbeing Survey), was a partnership between CYPT, UNCIEF Canada, the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW) and funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The first phase (2019-2020) was a pilot of what a community wellbeing survey could look and feel like for children and youth. The survey questions, tool and marketing were co-developed by local youth. In the summer (July and August), the survey launched. There were 206 respondents, between 9 and 18 years of age (all but nine from Waterloo Region).

The CYPT Backbone Team now has the raw data and starting to report the findings of the survey at a high level. The CIW has also provided CYPT with a report with the results for each question (includes all 306 respondents) in PDF (will be shared with DRE in the coming weeks, waiting on some updates).



Summary results are being shared in chunks – Youth Impact Survey Data Briefs. At this point, two Data Briefs have been published ([available online](#)). A final Data Brief is planned to be published in November to share We are Secure; We are Protected; We are Connected to our Environment; and, We are Happy and Respected.

Actions:

- The system level measurement work will resume January 2021
- Next steps for the Youth Impact Survey
 - Look at the respondent profile based on the makeup of our community.
 - Disaggregation of data where possible
 - Sense making sessions with local youth (online) – If you are interested in supporting the sense making sessions (or hosting one with youth connected to your organization) connect with Joana Lincho (JLincho@carizon.ca)
 - What were your initial reactions?
 - What was surprising?/What stood out?
 - What do you have questions about?
 - What does this look like in your day-to-day life?
 - What is missing from this? Is there anything that you don't see here that might impact child/youth well-being?

Check In

There was an open discussion related to both organizational updates and ongoing (short to medium term) capacity and where, as a CYPT Support Team, should our collective energy be going in the next 6 months to 1 year.

Generally, there is a feeling across all organizations that organizational capacity is limited at this time. There are many pressures as a result of the pandemic and in some cases individuals have been redeployed to other projects/initiatives to support the pandemic response. It is difficult for some DRE Team members to be the “driving force” behind CYPT DRE Team projects at this time. Generally a feeling that as a Support Team, we are okay with slower momentum at this time. It is also difficult to plan too far in advance.

Thinking about the collective energy of the DRE Team:

- There is excitement regarding what Phase 2 of the Youth Impact Survey could look like. Also a great chance to collect data directly from children and youth in the community.
- System-level Shared Measurement Evolution:
 - There has been a lot of work already done to date to implement the evolution of the CYPT Shared Measurement Framework. The language to update the CYPT website and documents (TORs, opt-in forms, etc..) has already been drafted by CYPT Student Carly. Recommendation from DRE Team that the new SPA take this on early in 2021.
 - DRE Team would recommend moving forward with the metadata for the System-Level Shared Measurement Framework. Again, recommending DRE Team the new SPA lead this in early 2021.
- Program-level Shared Measurement: DRE reps (Evan and Mohamed) are providing support in reviewing potential indicators. Interest from DRE in consulting at future stages.