



Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

Location: Zoom
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022
Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Agenda & Notes

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<u>Most Pressing Needs Assessment</u>	<p>Review of February 16th Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in number of responses• Most selected pressure items for organizations (increase and remains high) are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Longer-term employee vacancies and retention○ Employee well-being• Areas that respondents indicated as an increase in pressure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Longer-term employee vacancies and retention○ Employee well-being○ Challenges related to program or operational funding• Areas that respondents indicated a decrease in pressure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Access to COVID-19 protective equipment○ Transparent info re: COVID-19○ Short-term vacancies• Most selected pressure items for the community (increase and remains high), as well as areas that respondents indicated an increase in pressure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Feelings of prolonged isolation○ Housing affordability/insecurity○ Long wait times to access programs and/or service• Areas that respondents indicated a decrease in pressure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Information re: COVID-19○ Access to tests and/or vaccination <p>Best Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to explore the best way to pool resources (i.e. if some organizations are already providing trauma-informed supports.) Noted that the CYPT Continuous Professional Learning Committee is actively working on mobilizing a “toolbox”. <p>In a discussion re: making food accessible to all, it was noted that WRDSB doesn't collect hunger-related data because, in order to reduce stigma and judgement, the Nutrition for Learning program has shifted so that children can access it whenever they need it vs. asking for it.</p>



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Hate in Waterloo Region	CYPT and Immigration Partnership are applying for a white supremacy training specifically geared toward white leaders. The training will be funded by United Way.
Education	<p>MonAvenir > Students back in school. Relaying information re: availability of third doses and clinics. Noticing that those who wanted to get vaccinated have already done so.</p> <p>WRDSB > School vaccine clinics in targeted areas ongoing. Short-term remote learning ended on February 11, with all in-person students returning full-time on the 14th. Continuing to send out messaging and have conversations re: racism and hate toward marginalized communities, focusing on going “from knowing to doing to being” in order to make meaningful change. In supporting the messaging sent out by school boards, noted the importance of amplifying voices. Noted an easy way to do this would be to retweet CYPT Twitter.</p>
Public Health	Vaccines for under 5-year-olds is not yet approved by the Federal government, so there is no update on that. Third doses for 12 to 17-year-olds are starting tomorrow. Vaccine strategy is incorporating school based clinics based on areas of low vaccine rates. Vaccine strategy is also moving away from mass clinics to tailored, smaller clinics to support access for those who may be experiencing barriers.
Other Member Updates	Kinbridge > Camp registration opening soon. Programs started this week. Waiting to hear from School Boards if we can use school spaces for summer camps.
Next Steps	Next meeting: March 3, 2022

Future Agenda Items

- Supports needed for children/youth/families during pandemic recovery
- FACS trends related to pandemic impacts