

GTA LEGAL CLINICS' TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

NORTH YORK CIVIC CENTRE ROOM #1

SUMMARY OF TASKS

Agenda Item	Task	Responsible
1. Welcome/Introductions		
2. Review of Meeting Materials		
3. Review of minutes of September 10 and feedback from Clinics		
4. Working Group Report		
5. Data presentation	Identify and send data sources that can provide data by postal code (FSA) on mental health, housing and OW/ODSP in all three regions	Steering Committee members
	Circulate an electronic copy of the maps presented to all Steering Committee members and Directors of participating clinics	Jack DeKlerk
	Identify major, local service providers in catchment areas (including name and address) in order to inform the service mapping	Steering Committee members
	Data maps to be discussed with staff and board members of their respective clinics	Steering Committee members
	Source data plan gaps and develop new maps for future meeting discussions.	Public Interest
6. Recent Developments		
7. Any other business	Identify interest in participating in a qualitative data subcommittee to Jack DeKlerk	Steering Committee members
8. Adjournment and next meeting		

MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions

Introductions were made of all attending Steering Committee members.

2. Review of Meeting Materials

Meeting materials were reviewed and approved by members present.

3. Review of minutes of September 10 and feedback from Clinics

September 10, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by members present.

4. Working Group Report

Jack DeKlerk spoke to the Working Group written report that was circulated in advance of the Steering Committee meeting. Highlights of the report included:

- More information on the future budgets of general clinics is being sought by Legal Aid Ontario. Jack DeKlerk has requested individual budgets from GTA clinics to provide perspective to the project.
- The project will focus on quantitative and qualitative data collection and review over the next couple of months.

The Working Group report was received.

5. Data Presentation

Sean Meagher presented the updated data plan as informed by the data subcommittee. The quantitative data includes 2006 Census data that is tempered with 2010 tax filer data, 2011 Census data and other available sources of information. There are still sources of data that are being sought to fulfil the data plan, including adding data for Dufferin County.

Sean Meagher presented 18 maps that articulated the following data:

- Context map identifying municipal boundaries and Census tract boundaries
- Percentage of low income families across municipalities
- Number of low income families across municipalities
- Median household income by Census tract
- Median employment income by Census tract
- Amount of government transfers by Census tract
- Population, age 65+ by Census tract
- Percentage of lone parent families by Census tract
- Percentage of residents by marital status “separated” by Census tract
- Percentage of residents by marital status “divorced” by Census tract
- Percentage of residents who speak neither English nor French by Census tract
- Percentage of residents who primarily speak a non-official language at home by Census tract
- Percentage of immigrants by Census tract
- Number of immigrants by Census tract
- Percentage of recent immigrants by Census tract
- Number of recent immigrants by Census tract
- Recent immigrants as a percentage of total immigrants

Grey areas on the maps indicate suppressed data for areas where the data collected by formal sources are too low to be included. In some instances, this can be attributed to industrial areas and sparse residential areas.

The maps are designed to give members the tools to think about where clients are located and to inform and determine service patterns in the future of this project.

Members of the Steering Committee discussed potential data sources for the portions of the data plan that have not been fulfilled, including:

- Mental health: CRICH, SHIP, Across Boundaries, Gerstein Centre, CMHA, Mainstay Housing, Madison Housing, Kirby Commission
- Low-cost housing: Municipal service managers, social and supportive housing providers

- OW/ODSP: Steering Committee members to let Jack DeKlerk know of OW/ODSP staff contacts that may be sources of data by postal code

The data subcommittee recommended, and the Steering Committee affirmed, that the project only consider data that would be accessible for the three regions covered by the 16 legal clinics (Peel, Toronto, York).

An electronic copy of the maps presented will be circulated via email to all Steering Committee members and Directors of participating clinics. Electronic versions of the maps provide the opportunity to zoom into specific geographic areas.

Steering Committee members began to discuss the data presented, including the role of immigration and mental health in poverty law and broader service supports, and identified the need to capture more information than the data identified supported. As a result, patterns of housing and other non-legal support services will be captured through service mapping. Steering Committee members are requested to identify major, local service providers in their catchment area (including name and address) in order to inform the service mapping.

The data presentation is a starting point for the discussion and Steering Committee members are encouraged to discuss the data maps with staff and board members of their respective clinics. The data discussion will continue at the November Steering Committee meeting where additional data will be presented with indications of concentrations of need identified.

6. Recent Developments

Jack DeKlerk reviewed the Working Group update and highlighted the challenges at soliciting a firm response from Legal Aid Ontario regarding funding and staffing concerns.

7. Other Business

A recommendation was made to strike a qualitative data subcommittee. The item will be added onto the November Steering Committee meeting agenda. Steering Committee members are asked to identify their interest in participating in the subcommittee to Jack DeKlerk. Cole Webber indicated his interest in advance.

Steering Committee members are encouraged to solicit support from Marjorie Hiley and Jack DeKlerk for engaging staff within individual clinics in the project.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next Steering Committee is scheduled for November 12, 2013, 6:00pm at Metro Hall.