

Minutes: Health and Mental Health Working Group

Friday July 24, 2020 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Present: Giovanni Rico (TSLIP – CCVT), Jassi Ranauta (TSLIP – The Neighbourhood Group), Domine Rutayisire (CCVT), Teresa Dremetsikas (CCVT), Corina Carvallo (Skills for Change), Danny Anckle (Cecil Community Centre), Andrew Ssawe (South Riverdale Community Health Centre), Lily, Tharnya (WoodGreen)

Minutes: Jassi Ranauta (TSLIP – The Neighbourhood Group).

I= Information Di=Discussion Dc=Decision A=Action

	Agenda Item
I	<p>Update on Strategic Plan Process (led by Giovanni)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pandemic-specific needs assessment survey sent to agency partners and newcomers in early March/April 2020 ● Decision made for a 1 year plan rather than 5 year plan to focus on COVID-19 situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Results of needs assessment presented and feedback taken on what may have been missed. Four focus groups created: Sector Transition, Mental Health (clients and staff), Access to Services and Technology, and Employment. ○ Four Focus Groups (took place in July): Needs assessment survey results shared, priorities for that particular area of focus presented, the group was asked what may have been missed, and top activities for TSLIP to take on voted on. ○ Possible projects identified for HMH WG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support for staff returning to work ▪ Mental Health training for LINC teachers – to help guide/refer LINC clients to appropriate supports. ▪ Translate accessible mental health info into multiple languages
DI	<p>Discussion on Possible Projects for Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to technology and services is connected to other areas of focus as well, including HMH WG projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HMH WG could connect with SISC WG on their survey and results for access to technology.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Translating accessible mental health information and information specific to health and safety when it comes to COVID-19 into multiple languages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promote the TPH documents in several languages. ○ Public education on why screenings are happening in accessing services so that newcomers do not see it as another barrier. ○ Look at health resources to help ensure newcomers are aware of the health services available to them. ○ Note: TSLIP did work with the Uninsured Network to create a resource on changes to legislation in order to give access to medical services regardless of status which was translated into 8 languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We can build on this and make it more specific to ongoing care. ● Look to the capacity of specific agencies on their transition back to work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do all agencies have the capacity to meet the health requirements? ○ Settlement Services WG will be doing a Best Practices Document on transitioning back to work during COVID-19 ● Numbers of racialized and those whose first language is not English have significantly dropped in accessing medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns around this population postponing needed care.
DI	<p>Prioritizing Working Group Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to technology when considering supporting staff returning to work and ensuring clients can access services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considering rising homelessness, ensuring access to services is critical. ● Translating accessible mental health info into multiple languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to interpretation services for non-English speaking newcomers.
A	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Giovanni will develop workplan to be shared with the WG for next meeting.
I	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p>

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