

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT:	Early Years Data Group	
MEETING DATE:	November 27, 2019	
MEETING TIME:	12:00 – 12:30 Lunch in the Georgian room, SCDSB 12:30 – 2:30 Meeting in the Kempenfelt room, SCDSB	
CHAIR:	Irena Pozgaj-Jones, County of Simcoe	
ATTENDANCE:	Christine Vanderbyl, Early ON Graziano Vavala, SMCD SB Stephanie Wolfe, SMDHU Chris Samis , SCDSB Lora D'Ambrosio, County Kholah Nisar, County	Leah Nicholson, SCDSB Marsha Walker, SCDSB Sandy Clee, SCDSB Lesley Watts, Catulpa Christine Hyde, SMCD SB

1. Introductions

2. Review agenda

- No additions

3. Review notes from October meeting

- No edits

4. Review Terms of Reference

- Edits were noted.

ACTION: Irena will make the edits and circulate to the group.

5. Sharing of EDI data

- Irena advised that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Simcoe and the Ministry of Education did not allow for sharing of the raw data. However, this group is the forum to discuss analysis of EDI data.

6. Open discussion

- Kholah shared the two Simcoe County reports received from the Offord centre. The electronic version of the reports will be shared with the group.

- Discussed cross-tabbing the child care waitlist data with early learning experiences
- Stephanie suggested that the hypothesis is that a more positive early years experience will have a positive effect on domain outcomes, and this could be confirmed by doing a regression analysis.
- Irena asked the group if there were any other reports or ways they would like to see from the raw data. Suggestions:
 - Infographic of the highlights, including an explanation of the implications of the results
 - An updated “community index”
- The group decided that the full next meeting will be devoted to discussing an updated community index, and what data it could include.
- The following interesting indices could provide insight into determining our local “community index”:
 - Ontario Marginalized Index, which is based on census data
 - Educational Opportunity Index (EOI), which is available at the school board level.
 - Index of Wellbeing for Youth
- Stephanie shared that the SMDHU has a significant amount of data available on the HealthMAPS website: <http://www.simcoemuskokahealthstats.org/maps>
- The first icon (“HealthMAPS”) contains numerous health (including SES) indicators at three levels of geography, including:
 - Population and demographics (Census data such as income, education, housing, culture, population counts for seniors, children etc)
 - Health Status and Behaviours (smoking, drinking, physical activity etc.)
 - Substance use and injuries (ED visits and hospitalizations for injuries, cannabis, opioids, alcohol etc.)
 - Chronic Diseases
 - Mental Health (sense of community belonging, self-rated mental health

7. Next meeting

- January 22, 2020 @ the SCDSB. Room to be confirmed
- Ontario Marginalized Index – overview to be provided by Stephanie
- Educational Opportunity Index (EOI) – overview to be provided by Stephanie
- Index of Wellbeing for Youth – to be discussed