

MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT:	Early Years Data Group	
MEETING DATE:	January 22, 2020	
MEEETING TIME:	12:30 – 2:30	
LOCATION:	Simcoe County District School Board – Georgian Room	
CHAIR:	Irena Pozgaj-Jones, County of Simcoe	
ATTENDANCE:	Kholah Nisar, County Graziano Vavala, SMCDSB Stephanie Wolfe, SMDHU Lesley Watts, Catulpa	Leah Nicholson, SCDSB Marsha Walker, SCDSB Christine Hyde, SMCDSB Peggy Hargrove
REGRETS:	Christine Vanderbyl, Early ON Lora D'Ambrosio, County Sandy Clee, SCDSB	Chris Samis, SCDSB Tanya Bedard, SMCDSB Kathy Manners, Coalition

1. Introductions

2. Review agenda

3. Review notes from November meeting

- A number of questions were asked at the November meeting related to the EDI reports that Kholah provided. Kholah presented information based on literature review to answer the questions that were raised.
- The information Kholah presented would be useful to include as supplementary information to the Offord EDI report, to set context for the results.
- **ACTION:** Irena will send out the EDI reports

4. Ontario Marginalization Index and Early Opportunity Index – Stephanie

- Stephanie provided background information on the two indices, including which indicators are used.

5. Canadian Index of Wellbeing for Child and Youth – Kholah

- Kholah provided background information, including which indicators are used.
- Irena mentioned that the Coalition Dashboard work group had a teleconference with Lisa Wolfe, the Director of Research from UNICEF, to gain insights into the development of the baseline report and indicators. Lisa indicated she would be happy to provide further insights as the project progresses.

ACTION: Irena will send all the slide decks with the minutes.

6. Open discussion

- Lesley mentioned that Simcoe County has been selected for an Early Years Pathways project, in partnership with Sick Kids Hospital and CHEO. The Early Mental Health Committee of the Best Start Network is the local lead. Lesley suggested that there is likely alignment between the pathways project and the community index that the EYDG is developing.

ACTION: Irena will connect with the county leads to identify potential connections between the two projects.

- The group discussed the general gap in data for indicators for the 0-3 population group. Lesley mentioned that Australia has a lot of data for 0-3 year olds.
- The information presented on the community indices will be useful in informing the development of a local community index.
- The group also discussed the indicator 'immigrant'. They discussed if it is a proxy measure of language, and if it should be left out or included in the community index.
- The group discussed the focus of recent research related to ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and the potential relevance to the EYDG's work.

ACTION: Kholah will consolidate the list of domains and indicators into a short handout, to be used as a reference guide at the February meeting.

- The focus for the February meeting will be to identify what indicators would be relevant for a Simcoe County community index.
- The group discussed the need to identify the purpose of our community index; that is, what exactly do we want to measure? What has been the purpose of the community index in the past?

7. Next meeting

- February 26, 2020 12:00 – 2:00 (note change in start time)
- The group decided that although Best Start Network meeting is cancelled for February, we'd like to continue to meet in February to maintain our momentum.

ACTION: Irena will book a room at the County.

Attachments from today's meeting:

- Meeting notes
- 2 EDI reports
- Kholah's 2 slide decks
- Stephanie's slide deck

For next meeting:

- Agenda
- Kholah's reference handout