

Tools for an Inclusive Ontario

Meeting 1 Provincial Advisory Group

May 7, 2003

Agenda

1. Welcome – 10:00 am
Michael Fay, Project Coordinator
Connie Clement, Executive Director, Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse
2. Introductions
3. Project Background
4. Questions/Answers
5. Discussion: Working Definition of an Inclusive Society

An inclusive society equally values, and seeks social justice for, its peoples and communities in all personal, social, economic, health, and cultural aspects of life.

6. Discussion: Working Criteria for Indicators

Indicators will be acceptable to the peoples and communities seeking inclusion, will strive to measure the personal, social, economic, health and cultural aspects of inclusion, and will be transferable to other settings.

6. Exploring Populations Seeking Inclusion in the Demonstration Sites
 - a) Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre
 - b) Peterborough Family Resource Centre
 - c) Eastern Ontario
 - d) Other

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Present and Introductions:

Ed Adlaf: Research Scientist and Head of the Population and Life Course Studies Unit at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Dr. Adlaf holds an appointment as Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, where he teaches survey methods.

Pedro Barata: Ontario Coordinator Campaign 2000 & Family Service Association of Toronto. Laidlaw Foundation representative on the PAG.

Connie Clement: Executive Director of the Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse. OPC is a health promotion organization that fosters health promotion practice. OPC provides consulting and training services, information and resources, and supports networking to health workers and activists.

Ginette Goulet: A private consultant focussing in the area of project management. She has nearly 20 years experience in community development in various communities across the province.

Maria Herrera: Currently Manager of Urban Health with Toronto Public Health. She has been involved with access and equity issues for a couple of decades addressing systemic barriers to full participation in all aspects of organizations - governance, program/service planning and delivery, staff resources, communications, research and evaluation.

Axelle Janczur: Executive Director of Access Alliance CHC with over twenty years experience working in community-based immigrant and refugee serving agencies.

Donna Lero, Ph.D. Research Director, Centre for Families, Work and Well-Being, University of Guelph. Laidlaw Foundation representative on the PAG.

Heather Levecque. Policy Director, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres.

Barbara Lillico: Executive Director, Peterborough Family Resource Centre.

Maureen MacDonald: Health Canada, Population and Public Health Branch, Ontario - Program Consultant working with all the Social and Economic Inclusion Initiatives across Ontario.

Michelle Quick: Former Director of Research, National Youth in Care Network.

Laurie Thompson: Special Projects, Ontario Association of Community Living.

Regrets:

Dianne Patychuk: A social epidemiologist at TPH with a background in nursing, sociology, international health & development action & solidarity movements. Developed Neighbourhood Profiles, conducts disparity analysis and supports city staff & community organizations in planning, priority setting & resource allocation.

Technical Support Team:

Michael Fay: Project Coordinator: Michael Fay has worked in public health for twenty years, especially with disadvantaged populations. He is also a writer and former President of the Periodical Writers Association of Canada. He is thrilled to be the Project Coordinator.

Betty Burcher, Consultant on Indicators. Lecturer, Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto. Betty was Manager of Health Planning for Toronto Public Health, specializing in indicator development. She was Manager of the Teaching

Health Unit for the former City of Toronto, after a long an interesting career in public health service.

Cathy Turl, Consultant on Community Engagement: Consultant with Policy and Planning, Toronto Public Health. Current portfolio includes homelessness, community capacity building and urban health issues. Related Affiliations: Board of Directors, Open Door Centre Advisory Committee, Capacity Building for Community Impact, United Way Greater Toronto

Krissa Fay, Consultant on Social Inclusion: Krissa has an MSW in social welfare policy from McMaster, four years as a front line social worker and 3 years as a social policy researcher and community/organizational development worker with the non-profit sector. Research areas include community development, social capital, social inclusion and issues in the voluntary sector.

Lynn Hoppenreys, Administrative Support, Minden: Administrative coordinator of various social service agencies for the last fifteen years.

Voula Karagiannis, Administrative Support, Toronto: Has worked for Public Health for over 20 years and the Healthy City Office for 5. She was the project administrator of the Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

Mary Martin Rowe, OPC: Mary will be the key contact on OPC staff to assist with project development and sustainability. She is a health promotion consultant at OPC with particular interest and experience in community mobilization and capacity building.

Project Background:

Michael reiterated/summarized the information which had been previously forwarded to all the members.

Discussion: Working Definition of an Inclusive Society (Lead by Kathy Turl)

An inclusive society equally values, and seeks social justice for, its peoples and communities in all personal, social, economic, health, and cultural aspects of life.

A Second Draft Working Definition will be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion: Working Criteria for Indicators (Lead by Betty Burcher)

Indicators will be acceptable to the peoples and communities seeking inclusion, will strive to measure the personal, social, economic, health and cultural aspects of inclusion, and will be transferable to other settings.

A Second Draft set of Working Criteria for Indicators will be presented at the next meeting.

Exploring Populations Seeking Inclusion in the Demonstration Sites

Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre (Axelle Janczur)

- Founded by four community groups responding to issue of access to services for immigrants and refugees.
- Moving towards being more focussed on priority issues (barriers, etc.) rather than ethnic groups.
- Located downtown but have a city-wide catchment. Have a west-end focus in terms of community development work.
- Work with immigrants and refugees – 50% are non-status, non-insured. This is less than in previous years because our practice closed, non-insured are more transient. However also the result of efforts for systemic change, such as getting OHIP for babies born here of non-resident parents.
- Thoughts about inclusion indicators – obviously depends on status, age, length of time in Canada.
- Seniors – e.g. involvement in support networks, accessing recreational and other services that reduce social isolation, doing volunteer work, coordination among service providers
- Women and children – women using range of services, children accessing local programs, reduced barriers to accessing these. Point about policies – issues such as school boards and approach to settlement and integration (discussion re: past practice of encouraging use of English in the homes and impact on language development, family relations, etc.). Also, issue of children as immigrants with settlement issues in their own right.
- Also look at health related indicators – breastfeeding, injuries/accidents, healthier children, good attendance at school, employment, volunteer work, reasonable access to daycare services, smoking, sun safety, social isolation, etc.

Peterborough Family Resource Centre (Barbara Lillico)

Presentation material is forthcoming.

Eastern Ontario (Ginette Goulet)

Child & Adult Services of Prescott and Russell: An amalgamated agency, they are an extremely dynamic service provider and are recognized as such. They seek to be on the cutting edge of program policy and approaches. They have over 300 staff and provide service to the entire area, which is mostly rural and francophone.

Francoscénie Inc : A gigantic show! Four centuries of French history in Ontario and in the rest of North America, on a giant stage outdoors, with as many as 300 actors, dancers, stuntmen and more than 1,000 characters, waterfalls and other modern stage effects. This will be held in June 2004, near Bourget, in the magnificent Larose Forest, 50 km from Ottawa (on the way to Montréal). So far, more than 600 local people and organizations have been involved in organizing the show. The profits will go to the Montfort Hospital, to preserve the ecological treasure of the Larose Forest and for community projects throughout Eastern Ontario.

I submit this as a possible project site because « inclusion » is at the core of our « raison d'être » based on community development processes. « Exclusion » is also a reality that we must deal with seeing that the anglophone community is feeling excluded and questions why it must be a francophone-only project.

Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, Thunder Bay (Heather Levecque)

Presentation material is forthcoming.