

Working Group Updates

Working Group Name		Health & Mental Health		
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Date of Last Meeting: March 11 th 2015	# of members: 38	# attended: 10	# of regrets: 5	
Main Items				
<i>Item 1:</i>				
<p>Brief Summary: “Addressing Confusion on Uninsured Clients Accessing Health Services”</p> <p>LIP gave a brief background on a project that was derived from a recommendation from an earlier community research report, commissioned by the TSLIP “free to some”: examining the landscape of health services of uninsured residents in Toronto. The McMaster Student team described the current process for front-line, administrative and health professionals when determining eligibility and billing process to the Health Mental Health working group. They then shared three documents 1) a tool to determine eligibility developed by another organization 2) The student team’s tool to determine eligibility 3) the student team’s tool to determine billing process.</p> <p>The students asked members which of the two eligibility tools they found easiest to navigate. Members decided that the student’s team’s tool was easier to navigate and provided feedback on how to further improve it.</p> <p>Members also gave feedback on the possibility of students developing a video tool as supplementary training on ITHP/OTHP. And also developing a poster as an advocacy tool. Members suggested that the poster can be used in the same way that “Safe Spaces” posters are used.</p> <p>The terms for piloting the project with members were discussed. It was noted that the draft tools would be circulated through all of the appropriate LIP networks (and Inter-LIP) to receive feedback from a wide variety of providers.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team of McMaster University Students to develop eligibility, billing, video, poster tools based on members feedback • Pilot the updated tools with member organizations to develop final tool. 		
<i>Item 2:</i>				
<p>Brief Summary: Training for Front-Line Staff</p> <p>Working Group members were debriefed on the success of the “Here I am” Youth Navigating Mental Health Through Trauma and Migration training offered in partnership with the Toronto Public Health. It was facilitated by a child and youth worker from the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, a staff physiatrist at CCVT, and 3 Youth panel from CCVT. There were 45 Health and Settlement workers from across the city that participated in the workshop. Great feedback was given from participants; many enjoyed hearing from the clinical, social work and client perspective.</p> <p>Due to popular demand, a second session of Self-Care and Vicarious Trauma was organized by the Health and Mental Health Working Group for January 29th 2015 entitled “Taking Care of Ourselves.” There were 30 attendees and it was hosted by CCVT. There was great feedback from participants; many enjoyed the three distinct components to the training, including clinical, case studies and narrative therapy exercise.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow through on HIV Impact on Newcomer’s Sexual and Mental Health & Addiction and Newcomers training. • Determine space for the upcoming training opportunities 		

The Health and Mental Health Working Group is also discussing to organize workshop on HIV Impact on Newcomer's Sexual/Mental Health & Addictions and Newcomers . Detailed content will be discussed on next meeting.	
Feedback or Recommendations request:	