

Outcome Measures & Accountability Committee

Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2012, 9-10:30am

Bay of Quinte Boardroom, Highland Shores Children's Aid

Present: Ruth Ingersoll, CDC Carmela Ruberto, Hastings County
Mike Whiteman, PCYC Beverley Bell-Rowbotham, DAC
Brandi Hodge, UW

Regrets: Tami Callahan, HSCA Wendy Anderson, CYSN
Angela Harvey, HPEDSB Janet Moorhead-Cassidy, HPECHU
Pam Kent, PELASS Lois MacNeil, ALCDSB

Recorder: Colleen Thompson, HSCA

Beverley presented the repository data for the purpose of identifying more red, green and yellow flags:

Discussion:

- Green Flags:
 - The committee discussed the indicator, "Sense of Belonging" – it can be subjective, so it would be helpful to include indicators that make up the sense of belonging.
 - Number of Triple P facilitators
 - Quinte Children's Foundation bursary program
 - Youth in CAS care who proceed into post-secondary education

- Yellow Flags:
 - Student Success: EQAO trending upwards but still below provincial average. Over the past 10 years HPEDSB has experienced double-digit percentage point growth in almost all areas of the primary and junior assessments. Grade 9 math results are above the provincial average for students in applied math and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results by pathway exceed the provincial average as well.
 - Food Security – H/PE rate of food insecurity is the highest in Ontario (StatsCan). 40% of the 4,620 people served by food banks in HPE were children, and 50% of the households using food banks included children. Suggestions: include link to items in the nutritious food basket.
 - Prevalence of Low Income: concerned about availability of data – may not have 2011 data, which was part of voluntary data on census – some or all may be discarded – other data sources may be tax filer data, OW, ODSP data, labour stats, Quinte Labour Council, rates of families with children on social assistance, SPO (Ruth).
 - % of Women who Smoked During Pregnancy: HPE had highest rate in Ontario of pregnant women who smoked in Ontario in 2008. Difficult get trend data.

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- Red Flags:
 - Rates of Children in Protective Care (CAS data, parenting programs, Babies & Beyond, Helping Hands, Family Enhancement Team, etc.)
 - % Births to Teenage mothers: HPE is more than double the provincial rate; need pregnancy rates, trends.
 - Youth Transitions: youth unemployment, high school graduation rates, hospital data – mental health, ER visits, crisis line calls, etc.
 - Bullying/Safe Schools: threat assessments; safe school data. Bullying was the 2nd most mentioned by youth as a challenge or issue (CARP research, 2012). Bullying is also related to peer pressure, violence and feelings of isolation.
 - % Developmentally at Risk 2006,2009 & 2011– the results of the EDI provide a snapshot of how young children are doing.

Next Meetings:

- November 19, 9am at CAS (*Network meeting is November 22*)
- Brandi and Beverley will meet the first week of November to prepare a mockup of the brochure
- For Children and Youth Services Network presentation on November 22: data repository, mockup of brochure and 12 page document