



HEALTH
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2022 Advocacy, Engagement and Partnerships Report



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Section 1: Introduction and Key Highlights

The Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) Advocacy, Engagement and Partnerships (AEP) Report is prepared annually to highlight the groups we collaborate with to help deliver quality public health services to residents of Durham Region. The AEP also serves to document how DRHD has met the relevant Ontario Public Health Standard requirements regarding engagement and collaboration with community partners.

The 2022 AEP Report is organized into eight sections:

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The AEP Report is a component of DRHD's 'Accountability Framework'. By implementing the 'Accountability Framework', we will strive to advance our vision and mission and achieve excellence in our programs and services.

Key Highlights

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, highlights from DRHD's advocacy, engagement, and partnership efforts include:

- Engaging with a diverse range of working groups and committees to address complex public health issues, such as COVID-19, climate change, health protection, emergency management, immunizations, infant, child, and youth health, infectious diseases, injury prevention, mental health, nutrition, paramedic services, prenatal health, road safety, smoking and vaping, substance use, and more.
- Partnering with a wide variety of organizations to improve public health services, including community centres, local businesses, school boards, community health agencies, other public health units, government agencies, pharmacies, and more.
- Creating new programs/services and adapting existing ones to better meet the unique needs of over **20** priority population groups.
- Participating in **six** advocacy initiatives of public health importance.

Section 2: Community Engagement Framework

DRHD engages with communities at different levels depending on the program or initiative. The identified levels can help guide the assessment and evaluation of community engagement. The circular graphic below summarizes the DRHD's five levels of community engagement.



Section 3: Abbreviations

The abbreviations used in this report are listed alphabetically below.

ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences

APHEO: Association of Public Health Epidemiologists of Ontario

ASPHIO: Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario

BCHC: Brock Community Health Centre

BORN: Better Outcomes Registry and Network Ontario

BSN: Best Start Network

CACC: Central Ambulance Communication Centre

CAMH: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

CAS: Children's Aid Society

CBT: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

CCM: Case and Contact Management

CDCCD: Community Development Council Durham

CETCAN: Central East Tobacco Control Area Network

CEPCP: Central East Prehospital Care Program

CLOCA: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

CMHA: Canadian Mental Health Association

CoP: Community of Practice

CSDCCS: Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud

CSDCSO: Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre Sud-Ouest

CYPN: Child and Youth, Prenatal and Newborn

DCCAP: Durham Community Climate Action Plan

DCDSB: Durham Catholic District School Board

DCHC: Durham Community Health Centre

DCYPN: Durham Children and Youth Planning Network

DDSB: Durham District School Board

DMHS: Durham Mental Health Services

DRHD: Durham Region Health Department

DRPECD: Durham Region Planning and Economic Development Department

DRPS: Durham Regional Police Service

DRSSD: Durham Region Social Services Department

DRWD: Durham Region Works Department

EMS: Emergency Medical Services

FSP: Food Safety Program

GLISA: Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments

GTA: Greater Toronto Area

HART: Health Analytics and Research Team

HBHC: Healthy Babies Healthy Children

HCCSS: Home and Community Care Support Services

HGD: Healthy Growth and Development

HKPRDHU: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

HPD: Health Protection Division

HRHD: Halton Region Health Department

HSO: Healthy Smiles Ontario

IAW: International Agricultural Worker

ICDP: Infant and Child Development Program

ID: Infectious Diseases

IDPCP: Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Program

IMS: Incident Management System

IPAC: Infection Prevention and Control

iPHIS: integrated Public Health Information System

KFLAPH: Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health

KPRDSB: Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

LCBO: Liquor Control Board of Ontario

LH: Lakeridge Health

LTCH: Long-Term Care Home

MCCSS: Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

MECP: Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

MOE: Ontario Ministry of Education

MOH: Ontario Ministry of Health

MSIFN: Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

OAPC: Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

OAPHD: Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry

OCMOH: Office of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

OHD: Oral Health Division

OLIS: Ontario Laboratories Information System

OPHA: Ontario Public Health Association

OPHS: Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability

OTU: Ontario Tech University

PCOP: Primary Care Outreach Program

PHAC: Public Health Agency of Canada

PHD: Population Health Division

PHI: Public Health Inspector

PHN: Public Health Nurse

PHO: Public Health Ontario

PHU: Public Health Unit

PISM: Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse

PPH: Peel Public Health

PSS: Personal Service Settings

PTBPH: Peterborough Public Health

PVNCCDSB: Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board

PWUS: People Who Use Substances

RDPS: Region of Durham Paramedic Services

RH: Retirement Home

RRFSS: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System

SDOH: Social Determinants of Health

SMDHU: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection

TPH: Toronto Public Health

U of T: University of Toronto

WPH: Waterloo Public Health

YRPHS: York Region Public Health Services

Section 4: Community Engagement

Community engagement is “the process by which people are involved in working together on behalf of their communities to co-create and realize their visions for the future and to improve the health and well-being of their community (Tamarack Institute, from NICE, 2016).

Part A: COVID-19 Response

The groups that DRHD engaged with for its COVID-19 response are listed below and organized by engagement level.

Level 1: Inform

IAW Employers

Objective(s): To ensure access to COVID-19 testing for IAWs through provision of Rapid Antigen Tests to IAW employers.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

Other participant(s): local municipalities

Level 2: Gather

COVID-19 Public Health Coordination Meeting

Objective(s): To provide PHUs relevant and updated information on COVID-19.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): MOH, PHUs, PHO, Public Health Ontario Laboratory

Multi-Ministry Team Initiative

Objective(s): To build on current efforts and implement local level targeted campaigns to raise awareness and compliance with requirements under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Other participant(s): DRPS, Municipal By-Law Agencies (eight municipalities), various Ontario Ministries

Level 3: Discuss & Involve

APHEO COVID-19 and COVax Reporting Groups

Objective(s): To discuss ongoing activities related to the COVID-19 response.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): APHEO, PHUs, PHO

CCM Best Practices and Data Standards Working Group

Objective(s): To make recommendations on provincial business practices and data standards for the CCM solution to facilitate the optimal use of the system and ensure consistent reporting and management of information for cases, contacts, and outbreaks.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, Ontario PHUs

CCM-OLIS Integration Working Group

Objective(s): To provide feedback and share information about CCM-OLIS integration.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, and PHUs

CCM Reporting Working Group

Objective(s): To raise concerns and share lessons learned about using CCM to support analytical reporting.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

CCM Users Working Group

Objective(s): To provide feedback and share information and ideas about CCM and test new functionalities.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART, PHD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

GTA Case/Contact/Outbreak Network

Objective(s): To provide a networking forum for PHUs to discuss and share COVID-19 case, contact, and outbreak management practices.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): GTA PHUs

GTA - COVID-19 PHU Team

Objective(s): To discuss and collaborate for a consistent approach in COVID-19 enforcement with requirements under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* within the GTA.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP, IDPCP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, WPH (ad-hoc member to group), YRPHS

PHAC COVID-19 Wastewater Modelling Working Group

Objective(s): To discuss best practices for wastewater surveillance.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): PHAC, PHUs, research/academic partners across Canada

Level 4: Collaborate**COVID-19 Modelling Project**

Objective(s): To develop an application for DRHD to do its own COVID-19 modelling, share it with other PHUs, and use the application to model COVID-19 projections for Durham Region.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): OTU

COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

Objective(s): To measure SARS CoV-2 in Durham Region wastewater sites, report to public health leaders and the public, and consider the feasibility of using wastewater surveillance for other agents.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): OTU, DRWD, MECP

Durham IPAC Hub Steering Committee

Objective(s): To provide meaningful IPAC information to institutions and assist with IPAC audits.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): HCCSS, LH, MCCSS, Oak Valley Health, Ontario Health

Durham Region Multi-Agency Enforcement Group

Objective(s): To ensure application, continuity, and enforcement of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* and other local enforcement initiatives; discuss roles, responsibilities, and interpretation of COVID-19 legislation; and align enforcement among various local enforcement agencies.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP, IDPCP

Other participant(s): DRPS, Municipal By-Law Agencies (eight municipalities), Fire Services (Clarington/Brock/Scugog), Technical Standards and Safety Authority, Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario, Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Office of the Regional Chair and CAO (Legal Services),

GTA IMS COVID-19 Working Group

Objective: To facilitate the planning and movement of patients between health care facilities.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): GTA Land Ambulance Service Providers, Ontario Health

Health Protection COVID-19 Enforcement Group

Objective(s): To discuss COVID-19 legislation and compliance.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP, IDPCP

Other participant(s): DRWD – Waste Management By-law Officers

Level 5: Shared Leadership

Multi-Ministry Team Initiative

Objective(s): To build on current efforts and implement local level targeted campaigns to raise awareness and compliance with requirements under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): DRPS, Municipal By-Law Agencies (eight municipalities)

Part B: Regular Program Activities

The groups DRHD engaged with for regular program areas that operated throughout the pandemic or were restored during the pandemic are listed below and organized by engagement level.

Level 1: Inform

IAW and employer support committee

Objective(s): To support IAWs and their employers in ensuring safe housing and working conditions for IAWs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

Other participant(s): BCHC, Durham Region Migrant Worker Network, IAW employers, municipal fire chiefs, Service Canada

Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco

Objective(s): To lobby provincial and federal governments to make legislative recommendations and changes to current smoking/vaping legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Other participant(s): Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, MOH, Non-Smokers' Rights Association, Ontario Lung Association, Ontario Medical Association, Tobacco Control Area Network

Level 2: Gather

Durham Nuclear Health Committee

Objective(s): To discuss and address potential radiation and environmental human health impacts.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Other participant(s): Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, MECP, Ontario Power Generation, OTU, public representatives

Infectious Diseases Meeting

Objective(s): To update PHU staff on news and actions from the MOH and PHO, and to provide a networking forum.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

Level 3: Discuss & Involve**Ajax/Pickering Early Childhood Development Coalition**

Objective(s): To enrich children’s readiness to learn from birth by engaging and empowering families/caregivers.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): CDCD, DRSSD, DCHC, Durham Region Welcome Centre
Immigrant Services – Ajax/Pickering, Family and Community Action Program, Pickering Public Library, YMCA

ASPHIO – Central East Region GTA Safe Water Managers Committee

Objective(s): To discuss common concerns about safe water and take a consistent approach to addressing those concerns.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Other participant(s): PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

ASPHIO – GTA Community IPAC Committee

Objective(s): To collaborate and gain consensus among GTA health units with regards to IPAC initiatives and processes.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

Canadian Institute for Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) ON – Food Safety Working Group

Objective(s): To determine Ontario food safety needs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Other participant(s): PHIs, Supervisors and Managers from PHUs

CAPE CoP

Objective(s): To rigorously assess how well the provincial, territorial and federal government in Canada is implementing policies proven to reduce harm from alcohol use.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): Over 300 members including those working in public health/health services, government alcohol regulation/distribution/retail, public safety, cancer-related and other NGOs, advocacy groups, people with lived and living experience, peer organizations, students, research organizations and more.

Central and Durham Infant and Child Development Managers Connect

Objective(s): To promote best practices and ensure consistency of service delivery.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

Other participant(s): City of Guelph, Dufferin County, Halton Region, MCCSS, Region of Peel, Region of Waterloo, Simcoe County, Wellington County, York Region

Central East Infection Control Network

Objective(s): To collaborate and share information among PHUs in the Central East region of Ontario with regards to IPAC initiatives and processes.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PTBPH, TPH

CETCAN

Objective(s): To meet monthly and plan, implement and evaluate tobacco initiatives at a Central East and local level.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, Ontario Tobacco Network, PPH, PTBPH, Program Training and Consultation Centre, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

CETCAN Enforcement Committee

Objective(s): To discuss, share knowledge and ensure consistency on tobacco enforcement activities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention) and Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PPH, PTBPH, SMDHU, YRPHS

Central East Vector-Borne Diseases Committee

Objective(s): To share information and ensure consistency across central east PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): Central East PHUs, MOH, PHO

Chronic Disease Prevention/Injury Prevention – Ministry of Health Care Managers Group

Objective(s): To receive MOH updates and provide a platform for knowledge exchange and communication regarding chronic diseases and injury prevention.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): MOH, PHUs

Durham College Paramedic Programs Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To provide input to Durham College regarding the delivery of paramedic programming.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Central East Prehospital Care Program, Durham College, Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service, York Region Paramedic Services

Durham Nuclear Sector Working Group

Objective(s): To share information and collaborate on nuclear sector related matters.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Other participant(s): Durham Region Finance Department, DRPEDD, DRSSD, Durham Region Transit, DRWD, Office of the Regional Chair and CAO

Grandview Kids/Infant & Child Development Collaborative

Objective(s): To create efficiencies in service delivery across programs through collaborative initiatives and training opportunities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

Other participant(s): Grandview Kids

GTA Childcare IPAC

Objective(s): To share information and ensure consistency across GTA PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

GTA Food Safety Committee

Objective(s): To align food safety requirements across the GTA and discuss food safety matters in each jurisdiction.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

GTA PSS Committee

Objective(s): To share information and ensure consistency across GTA PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

GTA PSS Managers Committee

Objective(s): To collaborate and gain consensus among PHUs in the GTA with regards to PSS.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): Hamilton Public Health Services, HRHD, Niagara Region Public Health, Southwestern Public Health, TPH, WPH, YRPHS

GTA PHU Meeting

Objective(s): To provide a networking forum for PHUs to discuss and share ID case, contact, and outbreak management practices.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PHUs

Infection Control Specialist/Infection Control Practitioner Public Health Peer Group

Objective(s): To share information with peers regarding infection control.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): Central West Infection Control Network, PHUs

Infectious Disease Policy and Programs

Objective(s): To share current updates from the MOH and PHO with regards to infectious diseases, and to collaborate and share among group members.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

IPAC Pre-Hospital Working Group

Objective(s): To collaborate on effective IPAC education and procedures for the pre-hospital setting.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Alberta EMS, Alberta Health Services, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Eastern Health – Newfoundland, Hamilton Fire Department, Hamilton Police Service, Nova Scotia Health, Peel Police Services, PHO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Simcoe Paramedic Services, Trillium Health Partners

iPHIS Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To discuss the use of and enhancements to the iPHIS system, provide recommendations to sustain the ongoing operational governance of iPHIS, and advocate for the ongoing support of the application and its services.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): eHealth Ontario, MOH, PHO, PHUs

KI Pill Working Group

Objective(s): To provide clarity on the existing plans and associated responsible authorities to distribute KI pills.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Other participant(s): Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, Emergency Management Ontario, MOH, Ontario Power Generation, PHUs and Emergency Management Coordinators within 50 kilometers

LH Committee of Infection Prevention and Control

Objective(s): To share information regarding LTCH issues and discuss public health updates.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): LH

LTCH Professional Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To share information about LTCH issues and discuss public health updates.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): LTCHs

Ontario Association of Infant & Child Development Management Committee

Objective(s): To advocate for best practices and professional development.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

Other participant(s): City of Guelph, Dufferin County, Halton Region, Kawartha Lakes, Ottawa Region, Peterborough Region, Region of Peel, Region of Waterloo, Simcoe County, Wellington County, York Region, MCCSS

Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition

Objective(s): To provide a forum of communication for PHUs and foster knowledge exchange to increase the number of schools that adopt the Comprehensive School Health model.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): CAMH, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, Ontario PHUs, Ontario Physical Health and Education Association, Ontario school boards, Physical and Health Education Canada

PSS Information Sharing Group

Objective(s): To share information related to IPAC in PSS.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PHUs

Level 4: Collaborate

911 Management Board

Objective(s): To provide consultation and oversight on the operations of Durham Region's 911 Public Safety Answering Point Call Centre.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Ajax Fire and Emergency Services, Brock Township Fire Department, , Clarington Emergency & Fire Services, Director of 911 Systems, DRPS, Durham Region Dispatch Centre, MOH, Oshawa CACC, Oshawa Fire Services, Pickering Fire Services, Township of Scugog Fire Department, Township of Uxbridge Fire Department, Whitby Fire and Emergency Services

ACEs & Resilience CoP

Objective(s): To work collaboratively with PHUs to share capacity and resources to avoid the duplication of efforts related to reviewing current and emerging research evidence and exploring the current landscape of work in Ontario on the prevention and mitigation of ACEs.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): ACEs & Resilience Coalition of KFLAPH, Belleville Quinte West Community Centre, Community Foundation for Kingston and area, Gateway Community Health Centre (Tweed), Guelph Community Health Centre, Haldimand-Norfolk Health and Social Services, Kingston Community Health Centre, PHO, PHUs, South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre, Woolwich Community Health Centre

Adult Nicotine Dependence Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To jointly plan provincial strategies and activities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PPH, PTBPH, Ontario Tobacco Network, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

Affordable Access to Recreation in Durham Steering Committee

Objective(s): To provide affordable access to recreation in high priority areas.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): BGC Eastview; BCHC, Canadian Tire Jumpstart, CDCD, DCDSB, DDSB, DRSSD, Grandview Kids, local municipalities, Their Opportunity, YMCA

Alcohol Policy Collaborative Working Group

Objective(s): To reduce alcohol consumption at a population level through the implementation of evidence-informed interventions that address each of the seven alcohol policy levels.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): Addictions and Mental Health Services Ontario, CAMH, Canadian Cancer Society, DRHD, KFLAPH, LCBO Employee Union, OPHA, PHO, YRPHS

Ambulance Mobile Data Exchange Committee

Objective(s): To consult and collaborate with the provincial government on proper two-way digital data exchange between CACC and paramedic service resources.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): GTA land ambulance service providers, MOH

BSN

Objective(s): To promote healthy outcomes for new parents and their children; to support the community in implementing a comprehensive, integrated network of services that support families of children from the prenatal period through to early childhood (0-12 years old); to create resources, establish partnerships, and share best practices.

DRHD participant(s): OHD, PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC) and ICDP

Other participant(s): BCHC, Central East Community Care Access Centre, Central East French Language Network, DCDSB, Durham CAS, Durham College Childcare Services, DCHC, DDSB, Durham Early Years Collaborative, Durham Farm and Rural Family Resources, Durham Professional Home Day Care Inc., Durham Region Human Resources Division, DRSSD, Durham's Child and Youth Services Advocate, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Fairy Glen Day Care Centre, Family and Community Action Program, Grandview Kids,, Kawartha Childcare Services, KPRDSB, Kids Campus, Kinark Child and Family Services, Le Centre de Services de Garde Les Lucioles, MCCSS, MOE, PRYDE Learning Centre, Perry House, Pickering Public Library, PVNCCDSB, representatives from the public, Resources For Exceptional Children and Youth, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services, Stonemoor Day Care Centre, Schoolhouse Playcare Centres, YMCA – GTA

BSN Subcommittee: Infant Mental Health

Objective(s): To discuss best practices and create ways to integrate the science of mental health into professional practice, and to plan and implement educational

opportunities for service providers and caregivers.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC) and ICDP

Other participant(s): DCDSB, DCHC, DDSB, Children’s Services, DRSSD, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Girls Inc., Grandview Kids, Kinark Child and Family Services, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services, Wee Watch Home Childcare Services

BSN Subcommittee: Research and Knowledge Mobilization

Objective(s): To build capacity for research and knowledge exchange in post-secondary institutions and agencies serving children, youth, and families in Durham Region by developing and supporting a community-driven research framework, developing and implementing a knowledge exchange framework, and fostering the development of collaborative partnerships. To support the community in implementing a comprehensive, integrated network of services that support families of children from the prenatal period through to early childhood.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC) and ICDP

Other participant(s): Child Development & Behaviour Support, DDSB, Durham Region Human Resources Division; DRSSD, Durham’s Child and Youth Services Advocate, Durham College, Durham Early Years Collaborative, Grandview Kids, Lakeridge Community Support Services, OTU, YMCA

Building Bridges Together Research Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To discover the community-specific barriers to tax filing and the reasons for non-tax filing among people experiencing low income in Durham Region; to use a co-production approach to learn together with people living on low income about their needs related to financial literacy; to co-create strategies to improve financial empowerment; to provide evidence to support those co-produced strategies to be leveraged by other regions across Canada.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

Other participant(s): Abilities Centre, Community Development Council Durham, DMHS, DRSSD, Durham Community Legal Clinic, Durham College, Durham Workforce Authority, North House, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, Oshawa Public Library, Oshawa Senior Community Centre, persons with lived experience, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services

CACC Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To provide consultation to the MOH regarding the Oshawa CACC.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): LH Central East Prehospital Care Program, local hospitals, MOH, Oshawa CACC

Canadian Institute for Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) ON – Food Safety Working Group

Objective(s): To determine Ontario food safety needs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Other participant(s): Managers, Public Health Inspectors and Supervisors from Ontario PHUs

Central East HBHC Manager Network

Objective(s): To engage in information sharing and collaboration with respect to the HBHC home visiting program.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): MCCSS, PHUs

Central East Opioid Strategy Implementation Action Group

Objective(s): To coordinate and plan actions to address opioid overdose across the Central East Local Health Integration Network geographic area.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): Agincourt Community Services Association, HKPRDHU, LH, Ontario Health East, Peterborough AIDS Resource Network Scarborough Health Network

CETCAN

Objective(s): To create consistent promotional material to make the public aware of the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and its enforcement.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, Ontario Tobacco Network, PPH, PTBPH, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

City of Pickering Climate Adaptation Working Group

Objective(s): To help inform and develop City of Pickering's climate change adaptation working group to reduce vulnerability to the health impacts of climate change by building adaptive capacity and resilience.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program, OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): City of Pickering, CLOCA, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Climate Change Adaptation and Scenario Planning Partnership

Objective(s): To increase awareness and understanding of the climate change risks and impacts on human health in Durham Region; improve understanding of scenario planning and how it can be used to help enhance climate resilience; and identify key management concerns, health vulnerabilities, and potential adaptation options using plausible future scenarios, focused on extreme heat and compound events.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): community members, GLISA, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – Advisory Committee; Data Work Group

Objective(s): To develop a community safety and well-being plan for Durham Region with community input and develop indicators for priority risk factors.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): DRPEDD, DRPS, DRSSD, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, RDPS, consultants

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Internal Working Group

Objective(s): To develop a community safety and well-being plan for Durham Region.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

Other participant(s): DRPEDD, DRPS, DRSSD, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, RDPS

DCCAP – Maximum Temperature By-law Working Group

Objective(s): To create a regional maximum indoor temperature by-law.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program, and OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): Durham Environment and Climate Change Advisory Committee, DRSSD, local municipalities, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO

DCCAP Working Group

Objective(s): To help implement the DCCAP plan.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): DRSSD, HPD, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, PHD

DCYPN

Objective(s): To promote healthy outcomes for children and youth.

DRHD participant(s): OHD, PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): Durham CAS, DCHC, DDSB, Durham Family Court Clinic, DRSSD, Enterphase Child & Family Services, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Family and Community Action Program, Grove School, Grandview Kids, Kinark Child and Family Services, Lake Ridge Community Support Services, representatives from the public, Resources For Exceptional Children and Youth, Town of Whitby Recreation Directors Network, YMCA – GTA

DCYPN Analysis Action Group

Objective(s): To promote evidence-informed decision-making in child and youth services through a coordinated and collaborative network.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): DCHC, DCYPN, DRSSD, EarlyON Child and Family Centre

DRHD & Post Secondary Education CoP

Objective(s): To share information on infection control practices.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): Durham College, OTU, Trent University

Durham Connect

Objective(s): To work with other service providers to identify and support individuals and families determined to be in acutely elevated risk.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Community Care Durham, Cornerstone Community Association Durham, DCDSB, DDSB, Durham CAS, DRPS, Frontenac Youth Services, HCCSS, Herizon House, John Howard Society of Durham Region, Kinark Child and Family

Services, LH, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Victim Services of Durham Region

Durham Local Immigration Partnership Council

Objective(s): To is to enhance collaboration, coordination and strategic planning with community service providers and systems, with the goal of fostering more welcoming communities and improve settlement and integration outcomes of newcomers.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

Other participant(s): CDCD, community representatives, Conseil des Organismes Francophones de la Région de Durham, Durham College, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, Ontario Power Generation, Pickering Public Library, Trent University, Town of Whitby, Victims Services of Durham Region, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services, Whitby Chamber of Commerce

Durham Region Emergency Management Working Group

Objective(s): To collaborate on training and preparation for large scale incidents or disasters and to engage with all levels of government, emergency partners, and the community on emergency response, planning and preparedness activities.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program, RDPS

Other participant(s): DRPS, DRWD, local fire departments, local municipalities, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO

Durham Region Indigenous Planning Table

Objective(s): To collaboratively identify public health actions, programs and priorities with local First Nation, Inuit and Métis partners.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity, PHD – Healthy Families Program

Other participant(s): Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag, DRSSD, Durham Regional Cancer Centre, Indigenous Primary Health Care Council, MSIFN, Oshawa Durham Métis Council

Durham Region Opioid Task Force

Objective(s): To prevent and reduce the incidence of opioid misuse and overdoses, integrate/coordinate community services, and develop comprehensive surveillance, data collection and early warning systems.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART, Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): AIDS Committee of Durham Region, Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle, CMHA Durham, DCDSB, DCHC, DDSB, DMHS, DRSSD, DRPS, founder of Inspire by Example (person with lived experience), John Howard Society of Durham Region, local fire departments, Pinewood Centre

Durham Youth Drug Awareness Committee

Objective(s): To reduce substance use rates and delay the age of initiation of substances through the implementation of youth engagement strategies within secondary schools and feeder schools.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): DCDSB, DCHC, DDSB, DRPS, KPRDSB, Pinewood Centre, PVNCCDSB

East Region Evaluation Community of Practice

Objective(s): To provide a PHU wide venue for knowledge exchange and to support staff and build their capacity related to assessment, surveillance, research, and program evaluation.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): East Region PHUs

GTA Directors, Environmental Health

Objective(s): To provide opportunities for information sharing and problem solving to better align program-wide requirements within the various GTA PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP, IDPCP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

GTA Rabies Managers Working Group

Objective(s): To share information and collaborate on rabies initiatives.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): City of Hamilton Public Health Services, HRHD, MOH, Niagara Region Public, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

HGD Evidence Network

Objective(s): To provide a forum for implementation support and information exchange related to the OPHS HGD Standard

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHO, PHUs

Integrated Planning Committee for Mental Health and Addictions

Objective(s): To deliver a more integrated system of mental health and substance care in Durham Region and enable LH to lead a system level transformation in mental health service delivery, while providing people with appropriate services.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): Ajax Welcome Centre, Backdoor Mission, Child and Family Mental Health Services, CMHA Durham, Community Care Durham, DCHC, DCYPN, DRHD, DRPS, LH, MSIFN, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, OTU, Pflag Durham Region, RDPS, Seniors Network of Care

IPAC Community of Practice

Objective(s): To share information from the MOH and PHO.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PHUs

iPHIS Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To keep iPHIS users (a provincial database) updated on database issues.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): MOH, Ontario Health Digital Services, PHO

LH Central East Prehospital Program Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To collaborate and provide input to the CEPCP regarding education and quality assurance programs.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Durham College, GTA Paramedic Services

OAPC Central Zone Committee

Objective(s): To collaborate with the OAPC and other municipal paramedic services.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): GTA paramedic service providers

OAPC Central Zone Deputy Chief Working Group

Objective(s): To collaborate and share resources to support the effective delivery of paramedic service programs and services.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Hamilton Paramedic Services, Muskoka Paramedic Services, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, Peel Region Paramedic Services, Simcoe County Paramedic Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, York Region Paramedic Services

OAPHD

Objective(s): To complete mandatory requirements and promote improved oral health outcomes.

DRHD participant(s): OHD and PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHUs

Ontario ePrenatal Network

Objective(s): To work collaboratively with PHUs using online prenatal education, including promotion/marketing, evaluation/reporting and program delivery.

DRHD participant(s): Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHUs in Ontario, British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Ontario Heat Health Project Team

Objective(s): To collaborate and develop resources and information to support local heat response plans.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

Other participant(s): Clean Air Partnership, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Health Canada, PHUs

Ontario Public Health Emergency Management Network

Objective(s): To engage, collaborate, and share information with public health emergency management representatives and various emergency management

partners.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

Ontario School Health Management Public Health Network

Objective(s): To foster communication and knowledge exchange among managers working in school health.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC), and Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): MOE, MOH, PHO, PHUs

Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health

Objective(s): To foster communication and knowledge exchange among nutritionists.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): PHUs

OPHA Alcohol Working Group

Objective(s): To participate in advocacy efforts with respect to alcohol at all levels of government and provide information and recommendations.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): PHUs

OPHA Cannabis Collaboration

Objective(s): To participate in advocacy efforts with respect to cannabis at all levels of government and provide information and recommendations.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): PHUs

OPHA Reproductive Health Working Group

Objective(s): To advocate for reproductive health at a provincial level with a strong focus on preconception health.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): OPHA, PHUs

PSS CoP

Objective(s): Share information from the MOH and PHO.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PHUs

PHN-Led CBT Community of Practice - Leadership Table

Objective(s): To foster communication, knowledge exchange and coordinated training among PHUs who are providing PHN-Led CBT groups and/or PHN CBT approaches training.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHUs

PHU Tobacco Enforcement Managers Monthly Meetings

Objective(s): To provide an opportunity for knowledge exchange.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Other participant(s): Managers working in Ontario PHUs on tobacco enforcement

Provincial Infant Feeding Surveillance Work Group

Objective(s): To share information on local infant feeding surveillance systems, and to promote a coordinated infant feeding surveillance system at the provincial level.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): BORN, PHUs

Provincial Logistics Working Group

Objective(s): To collaborate and combine resources and materials to support efficiencies in logistics functions for paramedic services.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): Hamilton Paramedic Services, Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service, Middlesex-London Paramedic Services, Muskoka Paramedic Services, Nipissing Paramedic Services, ORNGE, Oxford County Paramedic Services, Parry Sound Paramedic Services, Peel Paramedic Services, Simcoe County Paramedic Services, Superior North Emergency Medical Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, York Region Paramedic Services, Waterloo Paramedic Services

Racing Against Drugs Durham

Objective(s): To promote healthy outcomes for children and youth.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): CAMH, CMHA Durham, Durham CAS, DCDSB, DDSB, DRPS, Ontario Physical Health and Education Association, RDPS

RRFSS

Objective(s): To collect information on health behaviours and knowledge/awareness of the general population via phone or web surveys.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): PHUs, RRFSS coordinator, York University – Institute for Social Research

School Board/Health Unit Collaborative

Objective(s): To foster knowledge exchange, collaboration, and joint planning between Eastern PHUs and related school boards.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, KPRDSB, PTBPH, PVNCCDSB

Special Needs Strategy Steering Committee

Objective(s): To improve special needs resource services, promote seamlessness between services for children and their families, support transitions between support

settings, and minimize potential barriers to service delivery

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

Other participant(s): DRSSD, Grandview Kids, Resources For Exceptional Children and Youth, Surrey Place Blind and Low Vision Preschool Program

Substance Use and Pregnancy/Parenting Coalition of Durham Region

Objective(s): To provide education, leadership, and support for community agencies to further the development and implementation of cohesive services related to women who are pregnant and/or parenting and using substances.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): Central East Correctional Centre, DCHC, DMHS, DRSSD, Durham CAS, Family and Community Action Program, LH, Pinewood Centre, Pregnancy Help Centre of Durham, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services

Violence Prevention Coordinating Council of Durham

Objective(s): To create a coordinated, proactive, and responsive community for families and individuals in Durham Region who have experienced abuse or violence.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): BCHC, Bethesda House, CMHA Durham, Durham CAS, Durham Family Court Clinic, Durham Region Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Care Centre, DRIVEN (Safety Network Durham), DRPS, DRSSD, Herizon House, Luke's Place, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services

Vision Zero

Objective(s): To achieve zero road fatalities and injuries.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Other participant(s): DRPS, DRWD, Ministry of Transportation

Youth Nicotine Dependence Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To jointly plan provincial strategies and activities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PPH, PTBPH, Ontario Tobacco Network, SMDHU, YRPHS

Young Parents Community Coalition

Objective(s): To stabilize the social and economic challenges of young parents by learning more about their lives, and how service providers can best support young parents to give their children the best start possible.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): DCHC, DRSSD, Durham CAS, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Family and Community Action Program, Girls Inc., LH Oshawa, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services

Level 5: Shared Leadership

GTA Directors, Environmental Health

Objective(s): To provide opportunities for information sharing and problem solving to better align program-wide requirements within the various GTA PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

SDOH Public Health Nurse Network

Objective(s): To share resources, provide updates, and build capacity for addressing the SDOH and health equity.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

Other participant(s): PHUs

Wee Care Manual Committee

Objective(s): To develop resources and update manual to share information with childcare operators.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Other participant(s): PHD

Section 5: Partners

Partnerships involve “Collaboration between individuals, groups, organizations, governments or sectors for the purpose of joint action to achieve a common goal” (PHAC, 2022). Boards of health serve populations large and small, in urban and rural settings. Each has responsibility for delivering local public health programs and services within its geographic borders. Public health does this in partnership with many other entities including governmental, non-governmental, and community organizations” (MOH, 2021, p.6).

Part A: COVID-19 Response

The groups that DRHD partnered with for its COVID-19 response are listed below and organized by engagement level.

Level 1: Inform

DRPS, LH, and Local Fire Departments

Purpose of partnership: To provide COVID-19 guidance and follow-up regarding potential exposures.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Level 2: Gather

CMHA, Courtice Health Centre, DMHS, Durham CAS, Durham Youth Services, Grandview Kids, John Howard Society of Durham Region, Paramed, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, and Wee Watch Licensed Home Childcare

Purpose of partnerships: To provide resources, outbreak management, and COVID-19 consultations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Local PSS Facilities

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, COVID-19 consultation, and COVID-19 compliance investigations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

MOH

Purpose of partnership: To get information on COVID-19 requirements.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Level 3: Discuss & Involve

Durham Region Legal Services

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate about COVID-19 legal activities and consult with prosecutors and Regional lawyers regarding legal advice/interpretation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

GTA Food Safety Committee Group – COVID-19

Purpose of partnership: To align COVID-19 enforcement efforts, share COVID-19 resources, and discuss interpretation of COVID-19 legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

HCCSS

Purpose of partnership: To continue work to support populations experiencing homelessness.

DRHD participant(s): PHD, RDPS

LH

Purpose of partnership: To share COVID-19 data.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Local School Boards

Purpose of partnership: To obtain school absenteeism data and present data on the COVID-19 Data Tracker.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Level 4: Collaborate

Bayshore HealthCare, OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, manage outbreaks, and provide COVID-19 consultations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Christian Horizon, Community Living, Enterphase Child and Family Services, Herizon House, Kennedy House, Kerry's Place, Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham, Participation House, Pinewood Centre, Salvation Army, Settlement House, Stewart Homes, YMCA/YWCA, and Youth Connections Inc.

Purpose of partnerships: To provide COVID-19 resources, manage outbreaks, provide COVID-19 consultations, and conduct IPAC audits.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Corporate Services - GIS, DRPEDD

Purpose of partnership: To support the COVID-19 Data Tracker.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Durham CAS – Children’s Services Division

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources and COVID-19 consultations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Durham Region Multi-Agency Enforcement Group (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, DRPS, local fire departments, local by-law enforcement, Technical Standards and Safety Authority and Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development)

Purpose of partnerships: To ensure application, continuity, and enforcement with the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* and other local enforcement initiatives.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

DRWD

Purpose of partnership: To ensure that private sewage systems in the source water protection areas (municipal well heads) are inspected every five years.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Part B: Regular Program Activities

The groups that DRHD partnered with that operated between 2019 and 2021 as part of DRHD’s regular programming are listed below and organized by engagement level.

Level 1: Inform

Ajax Public Library, BGC Eastview, Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program “Food 4 Thought”, Grandview Kids, Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario), Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services, YWCA

Purpose of partnership: To promote oral health education and provide resources.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

Communicable Diseases Liaison Unit

Purpose of partnership: To facilitate case management when cases are hospitalized in a Toronto facility.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

DCDSB, DDSB, KPRDSB, PVNCCDSB

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, non-reportable outbreaks, displays, personal services settings presentations, and hand hygiene presentations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Durham Region Information Technology Division

Purpose of partnership: To prepare for presentation events (e.g., Flu Event) and get help with trouble shooting.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

DRPS

Purpose of partnership: To provide infectious diseases resources.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP and PHD – IDPCP

DRSSD

Purpose of partnership: To work on the PCOP to locate clients with no fixed addresses.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Durham CAS, Glazier Medical Centre, Grandview Kids, Local Fire Departments, Medical Associates of Port Perry, MOE, Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Muslim Welfare Centre, North Oshawa Medical Centre, OTU, Paramed, Participation House, Pinewood Centre, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, Salvation Army, Welcome Centre Immigration Services

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Durham Ukrainian Humanitarian Response Project led by CDCD

Purpose of partnership: To aid in settlement efforts for newly arrived Ukrainian families and other ethnic groups.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Purpose of partnership: To provide beach water quality data upon request.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Local Approved Community Clinics for STI Medications

Purpose of Partnership: To redistribute publicly funded STI medications.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Local healthcare organizations (AIDS Committee of Durham Region, Clarington Urgent Care Clinic, Cornerstone Community Association Durham, DCHC, Glazier Medical Centre, John Howard Society of Durham Region, Medical Associates of Port Perry, Medical Trust Clinic, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Oshawa Medical Centre, Pickering Medical Centre, West Durham Family Health Team, Westney Heights Medical Centre)

Purpose of partnership: To provide current information related to ID.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Local Licensed Childcare Centres

Purpose of partnership: To provide current information related to infectious diseases.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Local LTCH and RH

Purpose of partnership: For follow-up regarding potential exposures to infectious diseases.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Tenants Association (South Oshawa)

Purpose of partnership: To inform residents of services and supports available through DRHD.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

Level 2: Gather**Durham Region Legal Services**

Purpose of partnership: For assistance regarding risk management and litigation as needed.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Hospital for Sick Children

Purpose of partnership: For referral and co-management of tuberculosis cases and contacts in the paediatric population.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide input on areas of academic study.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Parachute Canada

Purpose of partnership: To assist local sports organizations implement concussion tools and resources.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Positive Care Clinic

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases and respond to inquiries related to blood borne exposures.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

St. John Ambulance

Purpose of partnership: To provide volunteer medical response at special events in the community.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Level 3: Discuss & Involve**Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario**

Purpose of partnership: To work together on liquor licensing for new food businesses.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

BORN Ontario

Purpose of partnership: To access and analyze BORN data for population health assessment.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

DCHC and DCYPN

Purpose of partnership: To develop knowledge products, including a Microsoft PowerBI dashboard, and to promote evidence-informed decision-making in child and youth services.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Centennial College, CTS Canadian Career College, Durham College, Humber College

Purpose of partnership: To support paramedic student learning.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Cornerstone Community Association Durham

Purpose of partnership: To review and update a cold/heat warning information system to alert residents in Durham Region to extreme cold/heat events which also triggers DRSSD and other community partners to implement their cold response plans.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

CSDCCS, DDSB, DCDSB, HKPRSB, MOH, PVNCDSB

Purpose of partnership: To discuss common safe water concerns for regulated drinking water systems.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

DDSB, KPRDSB, PVNCCDSB

Purpose of partnership: To provide presentations on Health Neighbourhoods and promote the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Durham Region Legal Services

Purpose of partnership: To discuss legal activities, consultation with prosecutors and Regional lawyers regarding legal advice/interpretation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

DRPS

Purpose of partnership: To effectively respond to 911 calls, residents in need, and

address concerns of paramedic safety.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

DRSSD

Purpose of partnership: To receive Early Development Instrument data for Health Neighbourhoods

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Durham CAS

Purpose of partnership: To inform, discuss and aid in dental care for children and youth suffering from dental neglect.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

Durham Emergency Management Office

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on emergency planning and management.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

DRWD

Purpose of partnership: To discuss blue-green algae maintenance.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Grandview Kids

Purpose of partnership: To reduce duplication of services, ensure seamless service for clients, and engage in professional learning.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

GTA PHUs

Purpose of partnership: To discuss common recreational water concerns and to build consistency for enforcement and operation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

HCCSS

Purpose of partnership: To support patients receiving home care via Community Paramedicine or 911 Palliative Care Pilot.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

IAW Employers, Durham Migrant Worker Network, Municipal Fire Prevention Officers, MOH

Purpose of partnership: To share information and resources.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

John Howard Society of Durham Region

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources and displays related to infectious diseases and collaborate on needle safety information.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

LH

Purpose of partnership: To engage in conversations for the management of infectious diseases in cases associated with the hospital setting and to collaborate in supporting patients that call 911 and require emergency health services and to address offload delay challenges that prevent RDPS resources from being available in the community.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP, RDPS

Local Chief Building Officers

Purpose of partnership: To discuss recreational water facility construction requirements and provide assistance on enforcement.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Local Fire Departments

Purpose of partnership: For follow-up regarding potential exposures to infectious diseases and to collaborate on an appropriate tiered response system for 911 calls.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP, RDPS

Local Municipalities (Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge, Whitby)

Purpose of partnership: To discuss and involve local municipalities regarding opioid overdoses and local actions to address this and to collaborate on an appropriate tiered response system for 911 calls.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM), RDPS

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Purpose of partnership: To discuss common safe water concerns for regulated drinking water systems, follow-up with blue-green algae complaints and provide guidance and request beach water quality data.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Ministry of Transportation

Purpose of partnership: To work on a regional Vision Zero initiative.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc.

Purpose of partnership: To discuss the process of tuberculosis medications dispensing for treatment of active and latent case.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Ontario Provincial Police

Purpose of partnership: To work on a regional Vision Zero initiative and on the topic of opioid overdoses and to effectively respond to 911 calls, residents in need, and address concerns of paramedic safety.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM), RDPS

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Purpose of partnership: To address programs and support for paramedics requiring mental health supports and to collaborate on programs and services for the community.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

PHO

Purpose of partnership: To meet, discuss and share information related to healthy environments issues to improve program services and delivery, food safety (e.g., laboratory testing), data sources and population health assessment and to receive advice on management of infectious diseases cases and contacts.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP and Healthy Environments Program, OCMOH – HART, PHD – IDPCP

Positive Care Clinic

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases and respond to inquires related to blood borne exposures.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPCP

Regional Housing, Durham Mental Health

Purpose of partnership: To discuss strategies to provide heat/cold alert information Durham Region's residents experiencing homelessness/those who are underhoused.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

Walkerton Clean Water Centre

Purpose of partnership: To discuss training initiatives and common safe water concerns for regulated drinking water systems.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program

Level 4: Collaborate**Ajax and Pickering Public Libraries, Ajax and Pickering Welcome Centres, EarlyON Child and Family Centres, Family and Community Action Program, , Pinewood Centre, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services, Sunrise Pregnancy and Family Support Services**

Purpose of Partnership: To provide parenting and early child development programs and resources to target population families.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Association of Ontario Community Health Centres

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate and advocate for improved access to dental care for Ontarians.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

Brock University

Purpose of partnership: To hire and mentor a Master of Public Health student during their student work term.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

CAMH

Purpose of partnership: To report health data for Durham Region youth Grades 7 to 12, promote a survey, determine questions, access data, analyze results, and report findings.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Purpose of partnership: To take actions during food recalls and prevent food-related illness.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Cornerstone Community Association Durham

Purpose of partnership: To offer resources, conduct non-COVID-19 infectious disease investigations, and collaborate on shelter infectious diseases prevention and control information packages.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

DCDSB and DDSB

Purpose of partnership: To ensure compliance with applicable smoking legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

DDSB

Purpose of partnership: To provide food handler training to secondary school students and process exams/certificates.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiyag Child & Family Services

Purpose of Partnership: To provide parenting support to Indigenous families involved with child protection services.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Durham Region Legal Services

Purpose of partnership: To develop and implement the Regional Smoking and Vaping By-Law.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

DRPS

Purpose of partnership: To liaise and collaborate on emergency response, planning, and preparedness activities to keep residents safe and healthy, and to provide support while enforcing the applicable tobacco legislation in the community and within schools.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program and Smoke-Free Ontario Program

DRSSD

Purpose of partnership: To promote emergency preparedness, foster communication, build relationships with community partners, and enhance the understanding of each agency's role in emergency response during an emergency. To provide resources, displays, and presentations related to infectious disease prevention in childcare settings. To collaboratively increase awareness of income support strategies and resources. To plan for the needs of families in Durham Region. To work jointly on the PCOP program.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program, IDPCP, OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity, PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC), RDPS

DRSSD and Durham Region Children Services Division

Purpose of partnership: To implement special needs resource services to the childcare community and to implement the Ontario Autism Project: The Play Project.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

Durham CAS

Purpose of Partnership: To provide parenting support to families involved with CAS.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Durham College

Purpose of partnership: To set up MOH approved food handler training, for advisory support for dental hygienist and dental assistant programs, and to offer oral health student placements.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP, OHD

Durham College/OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide support and ensure compliance with applicable legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Durham Emergency Management

Purpose of partnership: To perform emergency response, planning and preparedness activities to keep residents safe and healthy.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Durham Region Planning Division

Purpose of partnership: To work on active school travel initiatives.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Girls Inc.

Purpose of Partnership: To deliver Food 4 Thought programming during the prenatal and early postpartum period to young families with identified challenges, such as:

poverty, teen pregnancy, substance use, violence, and mental health concerns.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Great Lakes Integrated Sciences + Assessments, CLOCA

Purpose of partnership: To develop extreme heat planning workshops to share knowledge and promote engagement between community partners with respect to developing extreme heat response plans for clients/community.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Healthy Environments Program

KPRDSB

Purpose of partnership: To arrange for one certified food handler at each school in Durham Region.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

LH

Purpose of Partnership: To support families identified with risk. LH completes the HBHC screen for postnatal clients, refers clients for breastfeeding services upon discharge, works collaboratively with DRHD to provide breastfeeding services for clients in North Durham, and promotes DRHD programs and services through resource distribution.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

LH and Markham Stouffville Hospital (Uxbridge Site)

Purpose of partnership: To provide support and ensure compliance with applicable legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Local Licensed Childcare Centres

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases, outbreaks, displays, inspection requirement presentations, and give hand hygiene presentations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Local Municipalities

Purpose of partnership: To provide support and ensure compliance with applicable legislation and to collaborate for beach water quality surveillance.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Safe Water Program, Smoke-Free Ontario Program

Local School Boards (CSDCSO, CSDCCS, DCDSB, DDSB, KPRDSB, PVNCCDSB)

Purpose of partnership: To conduct school dental screening and implement the HSO program, to support early child development and decrease vulnerabilities and to support the transition of children to school and work on matters related to school health.

DRHD participant(s): OHD, PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC) and ICDP

Local Sports Organizations (Pickering Football Club, Oshawa Storm Ringette Association, Oshawa Minor Hockey Association, Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club, Minor Hockey League Coach, Sunderland Ringette Association, Ajax Pickering Raiders Hockey Association, Whitby Minor Hockey Association, Whitby Girls

Hockey Association, Team Impact Wrestling Club, Clarington Girls Hockey Association, Pickering Horse Centre Ltd., Clarington Eagles Junior Hockey Association, Dreamcrest Equestrian Centre, Clarington Zone AAA Hockey Trainers, Survive Combative and Martial Arts)

Purpose of partnership: To assist in implementing tools and resources on the Concussion Protocol Harmonization Project for coaches and parents.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

LTCH and RH in Durham Region

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases, outbreaks, displays, give hand hygiene presentations, perform audits, and collaborate at professional advisory committee meetings.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

MCCSS

Purpose of partnership: To improve dental health via education, promotion assessments, and adjudication of dental claims.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

McMaster University

Purpose of partnership: To build capacity related to the role of PHNs and family visitors delivering the HBHC program to clients via the Public Health Nursing Practice Research and Education Program.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Midwifery Practices (Community Care Midwives, Midwifery Services of Durham, New Life Midwives, Uxbridge Community Midwives)

Purpose of Partnership: To support families identified with risk. LH completes the HBHC Screen for postnatal clients and refers clients for breastfeeding services upon discharge.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Purpose of partnership: To meet and discuss food safety concerns in our respective jurisdiction and conduct joint inspections.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Ministry of Finance

Purpose of partnership: To conduct joint investigations to enforce applicable tobacco legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

MSIFN

Purpose of partnership: To work on smoking cessation and address the social determinants of health.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (Chronic Disease Prevention)

Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases and collaborate at IPAC meetings.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Oak Valley Hospital and Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases, outbreaks, displays, give hand hygiene presentations, perform audits, and collaborate at professional advisory committee meetings.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Ontario Oral Health Alliance

Purpose of partnership: To advocate for optimal oral health for all Ontarians.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

Ontario Power Generation

Purpose of partnership: To support the Nuclear Emergency Support Function Potassium Iodide (KI) distribution and public awareness strategies relating to KI and to engage with all levels of government, emergency partners, and the community on nuclear emergency planning and preparedness activities, such as Exercise Unified Control.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

Purpose of Partnership: To address the needs of clients experiencing symptoms of perinatal mood disorder, and to ensure compliance with applicable smoking legislation.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC), HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program

OTU

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on research projects to develop and evaluate an online breastfeeding resource, which resulted in the publication of six peer reviewed research papers, and to plan a DRHD Research and Knowledge Exchange Symposium presentation.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

PHO

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate with communities of practice, access presentations, and receive guidance information, and IPAC risk assessment for lapses.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP, OHD, PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Pinewood Centre

Purpose of partnership: To address opioid overdoses, addiction services and harm reduction strategies.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program (PISM)

Resources for Exceptional Children and Youth

Purpose of partnership: To support families and children with Collaborative Action Planning and service coordination to address complex needs.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICDP

St. John Ambulance

Purpose of partnership: To support the community response to emergencies and plan exercises.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program

University of Toronto – Dalla Lana School of Public Health

Purpose of partnership: To hire and mentor a Master of Public Health student during their student work term.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

University of Waterloo

Purpose of partnership: To supervise a group of Master of Public Health students as they completed their capstone project.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART and Health Policy & Equity

Violence Against Women Shelters (Bethesda House, Herizon House, Denise House, Muslim Welfare House, Y's Wish)

Purpose of partnership: To provide parenting support to families residing in shelters.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families Program (CYPN, HBHC)

Welcome Centre Immigration Services

Purpose of partnership: To create a multilingual video promoting the awareness of KI information in ten different languages as well as how to obtain free KI pills for anyone living within 50 kilometers of Pickering or Darlington Nuclear Generating Stations. To share and receive information that addresses health equity, the SDOH and engage priority populations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Emergency Management Program and OCMOH – Health Policy & Equity

York University – Institute for Social Research

Purpose of partnership: To work on the administration of a health survey (i.e., RRFSS), to develop survey modules, and select questions.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Level 5: Shared Leadership**LH**

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases, outbreaks, displays, collaborate at professional advisory committee meetings, and collaborate with

outbreak response plan/pandemic plan committee.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPCP

Local By-law Agencies within Durham Region

Purpose of partnership: To deal with licensing of food businesses, property standard issues at food premises, and joint inspections/investigations at food premises

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FSP

Section 6: Working with Priority Populations

Priority populations: are those that are experiencing and/or at increased risk of poor health outcomes due to the burden of disease and/or factors for disease; the determinants of health, including the social determinants of health; and/or the intersection between them. They are identified using local, provincial and/or federal data sources; emerging trends and local context; community assessments; surveillance, and epidemiological and other research studies (MOHLTC, 2018, p.13).

Examples of priority populations include children/youth/infants, female lone-parent families, immigrants/newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, individuals in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, linguistic communities, people experiencing food insecurity, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people living on a low income, people who use substances (PWUS), people with a disability, racialized/ethnic/cultural groups, religious/faith groups, seniors, and two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus communities (2SLGBTQ+).

The following is a list of DRHD initiatives that provided targeted programming to one or more priority populations in Durham Region, organized by departmental division.

HPD

Climate Adaptation Planning

Target priority populations: Children, Indigenous Peoples, individuals with chronic health conditions, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people living on low income, people with a disability, racialized populations, seniors

Community of Practice – LTCH/RH

Target priority population: Seniors

Heat Warning and Cold Warning Information Systems

Target priority populations: People experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, outdoor workers and seniors

IAW and Employer Support Committee

Target priority population: IAWs employed in Canada under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program

IPAC Community/Group Home Audits

Target priority population: Children, youth, and infants in congregate living settings, people with a disability, and workplaces in outbreak

IPAC LTCH/RH Audits

Target priority population: Seniors

IPAC Women's shelter

Target priority population: Female lone-parent families, people living on a low income

KI Working Group

Target priority populations: Residents within 10 kilometers of Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generation Stations, particularly pregnant individuals, infants, children and youth

Low-Cost Rabies Clinics

Target priority population: People living on a low income

Seniors Centres – COVID-19 collaboration and guidance

Target priority population: Seniors

Resources/forms made accessible on durham.ca

Target priority populations: People with a disability

OCMOH**Canada Learning Bond Program**

Target priority population: People living on a low income

Climate Change Health Vulnerability Assessment

Target priority populations: Populations at an increased risk of negative health outcomes due to climate change (e.g., people living on a low income, people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, seniors, newcomers, children and youth, priority neighbourhoods)

Early Childhood Development Report

Target priority populations: Children, youth, infants, and individuals in priority neighbourhoods

Health Neighbourhoods

Target priority populations: Indigenous Peoples, people living on a low income, people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, racialized, ethnic, and cultural groups, female lone-parent families, seniors, immigrants and newcomers, children and youth, priority neighbourhoods

Income Support Tool

Target priority populations: People living on a low income

Introduction to Durham Region Health Department - Welcome Centre Presentations

Target priority populations: Newcomers

OHD

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Target priority populations: People living on a low income (children and youth 17 years and under)

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Target priority populations: Seniors living on a low income

Social Services REACH Program

Target priority population: People living on a low income (youth)

Social Services True 2 Life Program

Target priority population: People living on a low income (youth, adults)

Social Services Workability Dental Services Program

Target priority population: People living on a low income (adults)

PHD

Durham Region Isolation and Recovery Program (COVID-19)

Target priority populations: People living on a low income, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused

Infant and Child Development Home Visits

Target priority populations: Infants and children at risk of a developmental delay, infants and children with disabilities, families experiencing low income, families living in priority neighborhoods, families who are underhoused, families who are newcomers to Canada, official language minority communities, 2SLGBTQI+ communities, single parent families, families experiencing food insecurities

Locating Cases and Contacts of Infectious Diseases

Target priority populations: Individuals in priority neighbourhoods, PWUS, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused

Parenting Health Education Programs

Target priority populations: Immigrants/newcomers, individuals in priority neighbourhoods, females who experience domestic violence and experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, PWUS

Perinatal Mood Disorders Programming

Target priority populations: Individuals experiencing perinatal mood disorders

Prenatal Education Series

Target priority populations: Prenatal immigrants/newcomers, children, youth and infants, individuals in priority neighbourhoods

Prenatal Nutrition & Education Program

Target priority populations: Prenatal female lone-parent families, people experiencing food insecurity, children, youth and infants

Sexual Health Clinics

Target priority populations: Individuals in priority neighbourhoods, people living on a low income, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, youth

Tuberculosis Program

Target priority populations: Immigrants/newcomers, individuals in priority neighbourhoods

RDPS

Community Paramedicine Program

Target priority populations: People with a disability, seniors, priority neighbourhoods

Primary Care Outreach Program

Target priority populations: People experiencing homelessness

Section 7: DRHD Professional Affiliations

The professional affiliations that DRHD held in 2022 are listed below.

- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American Public Health Association
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- Association of Local Public Health Agencies
- Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario
- Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors Ontario
- Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Canadian Dental Association
- Canadian Public Health Association
- Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
- College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario
- College of Dietitians of Ontario
- College of Early Childhood Education
- College of Nurses of Ontario
- College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
- College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health
- Dietitians of Canada
- Digital Health Canada
- GOLD Learning
- Hazardous Waste Information Network
- Infant and Early Mental Health Promotion
- Infection Prevention and Control Canada
- International Association of Dental Research
- Ontario Association for Infant and Child Development
- Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs
- Ontario Association of Public Health Business Administrators
- Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Ontario Building Officials Association
- Ontario College of Pharmacists
- Ontario Dental Association
- Ontario Dental Assistants Association
- Ontario Dental Hygienist Association
- Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition
- Ontario Medical Association
- Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association
- Ontario Parks Association
- Ontario Public Health Association

- Ontario Public Health Evaluation Network
- Ontario Public Health Nursing Leaders
- Ontario Society of Physical Activity Promoters in Public Health
- Paramedic Chiefs of Canada
- Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada
- Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
- Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- UpToDate – Evidence-based Clinical Decision Support
- World Association for Infant Mental Health

Section 8: DRHD's Professional Advocacy

Advocacy: Advocacy is defined as “the speaking, writing, or acting in favour of a particular cause, policy or group of people – often aim[ed] to reduce inequities in health status or access to health services” (PHAC, 2022).

The types of advocacy initiatives DRHD participated in 2022 are listed below. Please note that DRHD staff also participates in advocacy efforts through regional and provincial public health networks, working groups and associations. The advocacy efforts below do not include DRHD's participation in and contributions towards advocacy initiatives led by regional or provincial networks, working groups or associations.

Political Advocacy

LH Offload Delay Crisis

Purpose: To raise awareness about the serious impact of offload delays, provide an update on the steps RDPS has taken to support LH and address the crisis, and to communicate RDPS's efforts to advocate for hospital-led escalation plans.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS, June 9, 2022

Professional Advocacy

Bill S-254 An Act to amend the *Food and Drugs Act*

Purpose: To advocate for support of the Senate Bill S-254 An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcohol beverages), calling on the federal government of Canada to implement alcohol warning labels, which is an important step to better inform constituents about the health risks of alcohol.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program, December 19, 2022

Legislative Review of the *Cannabis Act*

Purpose: To provide feedback on the legislative review of the Cannabis Act and to advocate for public health approach to the legalization and regulation of cannabis to continue to minimize the negative health and social impacts it may cause.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program and PHD – Healthy Living Program, November 18, 2022

Motion-61 Warning Label Strategy for Alcoholic Products

Purpose: (1) To advocate for support of the motion put forward by Member of Parliament, Lisa M. Barron, calling on the federal government of Canada to implement alcohol warning labels, which is an important step to better inform constituents about the health risks of alcohol; and (2) To advocate that the federal government of Canada implement an Alcohol Act which could house alcohol labelling regulations.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Living Program, November 8, 2022

Ontario Association of Public Health Business Administrators

Purpose: To network with other public health business administrators to discuss topics of common interest and share knowledge.

DRHD participant(s): Business Affairs Division

The Tobacco and Vaping Products Act

Purpose: (1) To provide feedback on how the TVPA is moving towards reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products in Durham Region; (2) To advocate that Health Canada continues to urgently respond to this public health issue, as vaping continues to be on the rise among youth; and (3) To provide the following recommendations for consideration to Health Canada: Plain packaging, appearance and flavours for tobacco products; restrict the concentration and/or delivery of nicotine; and restrict online retail access of vaping products.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Smoke-Free Ontario Program and PHD – Healthy Living Program, April 27, 2022

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