



HEALTH
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2024 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 Report (AEP) is prepared annually to highlight the groups we collaborate with to help deliver quality public health and paramedic services to residents of Durham Region. The AEP also serves to document how DRHD has met the relevant Ontario Public Health Standards requirements regarding engagement and collaboration with community partners.

The 2024 AEP Report is organized into eight sections:

- Section 1: Introduction and Key Highlights
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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, 2024, 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 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 (PHUs), government agencies, pharmacies, and more.
- Creating new programs/services and adapting existing ones to better meet the unique needs of over **15** priority population groups.
- Participating in **three** 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

aLPHa: Association of Local Public Health Agencies

APHEO: Association of Public Health Epidemiologists of Ontario

ASPHIO: Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario

ATFO: Alliance for a Tobacco Free 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

CCC: Child Care Centre

CDCCD: Community Development Council Durham

CDP: Chronic Disease Prevention

CEPCP: Central East Prehospital Care Program

CETCAN: Central East Tobacco Control Area Network

CIPHI: Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors

CLOCA: Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

CLS: Congregate Living Settings

CMHA: Canadian Mental Health Association

CoP: Community of Practice

CSCM: Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir

CSV: Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

CYPN: Child and Youth, Prenatal and Newborn Program

DC: Durham College

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

DRCSD: Durham Region Corporate Services Department

DRHD: Durham Region Health Department

DROIS: Durham Region Opioid Information System

DRPEDD: Durham Region Planning and Economic Development Department

DRPS: Durham Regional Police Service

DRSSD: Durham Region Social Services Department

DRWD: Durham Region Works Department

EDU: Ontario Ministry of Education

EM: Emergency Management Program

FS: Food Safety Program

GTA: Greater Toronto Area

HART: Health Analytics and Research Team

HBHC: Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program

HCCSS: Home and Community Care Support Services

HE: Healthy Environments Program

HF: Healthy Families Program

HH5: Hedgehog 5

HIS: Health Information Systems

HKPRDHU: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

HL: Healthy Living Program

HPD: Health Protection Division

HPE: Health Policy and Equity

HPEPH: Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

HPPA: Health Protection and Promotion Act

HRHD: Halton Region Health Department

HWIS: Heat Warning and Information System

IAW: International Agricultural Worker

ICD: Infant and Child Development Program

IDPC: Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Program

IPAC: Infection Prevention and Control

iPHIS: integrated Public Health Information System

KI: Potassium Iodide

KPRDSB: Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

LH: Lakeridge Health

LTCH: Long-Term Care Home

MCCSS: Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

MECP: Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

MOH: Ontario Ministry of Health

MSIFN: Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

OAPC: Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

OBC: Ontario Building Code

OCMOH: Office of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

OHD: Oral Health Division

OPG: Ontario Power Generation

OPHA: Ontario Public Health Association

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

OSCMHS: Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

OTRU: Ontario Tobacco Research Unit

OTU: Ontario Tech University

PCI: Parent Child Interaction

PCOP: Primary Care Outreach Program

PHD: Population Health Division

PHN: Public Health Nurse

PHN PREP: Public Health Nursing Practice Research and Education Program

PHO: Public Health Ontario

PHU: Public Health Unit

PISM: Prevention of Injury and Substance Misuse Program

PPH: Peel Public Health

PSS: Personal Service Settings

PTBPH: Peterborough Public Health

PWUS: People who use substances

PVNCCDSB: Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board

RDPS: Region of Durham Paramedic Services

RH: Retirement Home

RRFSS: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System

RSV: Respiratory Syncytial Virus

SDOH: Social Determinants of Health

SFO: Smoke-Free Ontario Program

SMDHU: Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

STBBI: Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infection

STI: Sexually Transmitted Infection

SW: Safe Water Program

TB: Tuberculosis

TNO: The Neighbourhood Organization

TPH: Toronto Public Health

TRCA: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

VPD: Vaccine Preventable Diseases

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).

DRHD Program Activities

The groups DRHD engaged with in 2024 are listed below and organized by engagement level.

Level 1: Inform

Durham Nuclear Health Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM

Other participant(s): Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, MECP, OPG, OTU, public representatives

HWIS Summer Preparedness Forum

Objective(s): To annually exchange knowledge on preparing and responding to local extreme heat events.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): Local municipalities and more than 500 community partners subscribed to the HWIS

IAW Support Services Steering Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): BCHC, Black Legal Action Centre, IAWs, TNO

Level 2: Gather

Ajax/Pickering Early Childhood Development Network

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): Ajax Public Library, CDCD, DCHC, Durham Family Support Programs/EarlyON Child and Family Centres, DRSSD, Durham Region Welcome Centre Immigrant Services – Ajax/Pickering, Family and Community Action Program, Grandview Kids, OHD, Pickering Public Library, Town of Ajax, YMCA

Alliance for Healthier Communities – Canadian Social Prescribing CoP

Objective(s): To raise national awareness and develop nation-wide strategies and approaches to implement and/or embed social prescribing in health and social systems.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): Alliance for Healthier Communities, Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health, Canadian Institute for Social Prescribing, Eastern Health Social Work (Newfoundland Labrador), Older Adults Centres' Association of Ontario, public health organizations across Canada, Red Cross, United Way of British Columbia, Windsor-Essex Ontario Health Team

Alliance for Healthier Communities – Ontario Social Prescribing CoP

Objective(s): To collaborate and connect with various disciplines implementing social prescribing across Ontario.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): Alliance for Healthier Communities, DCHC, multitude of community partners across Ontario, Older Adults Centres' Association of Ontario, Ontario Caregiver Organization, Ontario PHUs

Canadian Suicide Prevention Coordinators Network

Objective(s): To connect representatives for knowledge exchange purposes and build on existing successes in suicide prevention across Canada.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): Multidisciplinary/multi-sectoral members across Canada

Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation CoP

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

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

Chronic Disease Prevention/Injury Prevention – MOH 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 – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): MOH, PHUs

Energy from Waste – Waste Management Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To provide a forum for public and other partners to monitor, review, and liaise with Durham Region on the Energy from Waste facility.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): DRWD, MECP, Municipality of Clarington, York Region

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 – IDPC

Other participant(s): MOH, PHUs, PHO

Injury Prevention Evidence Network

Objective(s): To network, collaborate, explore evidence-informed practices and reduce duplication across the province related to injury prevention.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): PHO, PHUs

Mental Health Promotion in Public Health CoP

Objective(s): To network and explore evidence-informed practices and practice-informed evidence related to mental health promotion.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): CAMH, PHUs

Ontario Suicide Prevention Roundtable

Objective(s): To connect representatives from across Ontario for knowledge exchange and collaboration to address suicide prevention.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): Multidisciplinary/multi-sectoral members across Ontario

Provincial TB Managers' Meeting

Objective(s): To update PHU staff on news and actions from the MOH and PHO, and to provide a networking forum for PHUs to discuss relevant issues with provincial colleagues.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

Level 3: Discuss & Involve

APHEO Healthy Growth and Development Core Indicator Working Group

Objective(s): To create and revise core indicators for population health assessment and to correspond with objectives from the OPHS regarding growth and development, infant feeding, and visual health topic areas.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

APHEO Immunization Core Data Advisory Collaborative

Objective(s): A data collaborative to support shared learning, knowledge exchange, and the co-development of tools and indicators related to immunizations.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): PHO, PHUs

APHEO Mental Health Core Indicator Working Group

Objective(s): To create and revise core indicators for population health assessment and to correspond with objectives from the OPHS regarding mental health.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): PHO, PHUs

APHEO Reproductive Health Core Indicator Working Group

Objective(s): To create and revise core indicators for population health assessment and to correspond with objectives from the OPHS regarding multiple topic areas named in the Healthy Growth and Development program standard: preconception health, healthy pregnancies, reproductive outcomes, and early infant feeding.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

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

APHEO Substance Use Core Indicator Working Group

Objective(s): To create and revise core indicators for population health assessment and to correspond with objectives from the OPHS regarding substance use.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM, OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): Office of the Chief Coroner, PHO, PHUs

ASPPIO – 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 – SW

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

ATFO

Objective(s): To advocate for a tobacco-free Ontario by making recommendations regarding legislative changes to current smoking/vaping legislation.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

Other participant(s): Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Lung Association, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Lung Health Foundation, Ontario Medical Association, Ontario Public Health Association, OTRU

CBT for Home Visiting CoP

Objective(s): To collaborate, inform, and support the implementation of CBT skills in home visiting practice.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHN PREP, PHUs

Central and Durham ICD Managers Connection

Objective(s): To promote consistent, ethical, and evidence-based practices and service delivery.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICD

Other participant(s): City of Guelph, Dufferin County, Halton Region, MCCSS, Peel Region, 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 – IDPC

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PTBPH, TPH

Central East IPAC Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

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

Central East Vector-Borne Diseases Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

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

Central East VPD Managers

Objective(s): To connect and collaborate with local PHUs to discuss trends and issues within Central East PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Other participant(s): HPEPH, HKPRDHU, SMDHU, PTBPH

Central ON TB Network Meeting

Objective(s): To provide a networking forum for central PHUs to discuss and share TB case and contact management practices and share resources with each other.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Other participant(s): Central Ontario PHUs

Central Sexual Health Manager Meeting

Objective(s): To provide a forum for communication and joint problem-solving, including sharing/resource sharing for effective program delivery.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Other participant(s): PHUs

CETCAN

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, OTRU, PPH, PTBPH, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

CETCAN Enforcement Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

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

CIPHI ON – Food Safety Working Group

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Other participant(s): PHUs

Coordinated School Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): DCDSB, DDSB, KPRDSB

DC Paramedic Programs Advisory Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): CEPCP, DC, Kawartha Lakes Paramedic Service, York Region Paramedic Services

Durham IPAC Hub CoP

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): CLS, LH

Durham Nuclear Sector Working Group

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM

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

Durham Welcome Centre Associate Partners' Committee

Objective(s): To address and support the complex and changing needs of newcomers by providing integrated services through community alliance.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): Approximately 50 participating community partners. Examples include Ajax Public Library, CDCD, DDSB, Kinark Child and Family Services, Settlement Workers in Schools, etc.

Gerdau Site Liaison Committee

Objective(s): To review and exchange information on the operation of the facility and shredder residue by-product landfill including environmental monitoring and general site conditions.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): CLOCA, Gerdau, MECP, Thicksen's Woods Land Trust, Town of Whitby

GTA Child Care IPAC

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC
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 – FS
Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

GTA PHU Infectious Diseases Committee

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 – IDPC
Other participant(s): PPH, YRPHS, SMDHU

GTA PHU Meeting

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC
Other participant(s): PHUs

GTA PSS Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC
Other participant(s): HRHD, PPH, SMDHU, TPH, YRPHS

iPHIS Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To provide a forum where key iPHIS partners can discuss and exchange ideas related to the iPHIS application and related services and projects, advocate for enhancements, and provide recommendations.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART
Other participant(s): MOH, OH, PHO, 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 – IDPC
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 regarding infectious diseases and to collaborate and share among group members.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC
Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

Integrated Planning Committee for Mental Health and Addictions

Objective(s): To deliver a more integrated system of mental health and substance use 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 – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): Ajax Welcome Centre, Backdoor Mission, CMHA Durham, Community Care Durham, DCHC, DCYPN, DMHS, DRPS, Frontenac Youth Services, Kinark Child and Family Health Services, LH, MSIFN, OSCMHS, OTU, Pflag Durham Region, RDPS, Seniors Care Network

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 Emergency Medical Services, Alberta Health Services, British Columbia Ambulance Service, Eastern Health – Newfoundland, Hamilton Fire Department, Hamilton Police Service, Nova Scotia Health, Peel Regional Police, PHO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Simcoe Paramedic Services, Trillium Health Partners

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 – EM

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

LH Committee of IPAC

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): LH

LTCH IPAC Table Talk Committee

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

DRHD participants: HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): LH, LTCHs

LTCH Professional Advisory Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): LTCHs

Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry

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

DRHD participant(s): OHD
Other participant(s): PHUs

Ontario Health East – Health Equity CoP

Objective(s): To co-design a network for East region equity leaders and practitioners to share resources, access documents, and transfer knowledge to reduce disparities in health experiences and outcomes.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): East region hospitals, community health centres, MOH, not-for-profit community agencies, universities

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 – HL (CDP)

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

Ontario Public Health Evaluation Network

Objective(s): To promote the use of evaluation in evidence-informed decision-making and connect with peers to share knowledge in program evaluation and research.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

PHN PREP Group

Objective(s): To serve as an online forum for sharing resources, training, and information to support the implementation of the HBHC program across Ontario.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHN PREP, PHUs

Provincial Community Collaborations ACEs and Resilience CoP

Objective(s): To work collaboratively with PHUs to share information and resources to support strategies that address ACEs and resiliency in communities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHUs

Psychological Health and Wellness

Objective(s): To review initiatives to support paramedic services as part of a funding arrangement.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): CACC, Ministry of the Solicitor General, MOH, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, other paramedic services in Ontario

TB Medical Surveillance Working Group

Objective(s): To provide a forum to examine the best strategies and practices for

addressing and managing TB medical surveillance referrals in Ontario.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO PHUs

Vaccine Operations Touchpoint

Objective(s): To provide timely information related to COVID-19, influenza and RSV to local PHUs to ensure consistent messaging across the province.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Other participant(s): MOH, PHO, PHUs

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): BCHC, Bethesda House, Catholic Family Services, CMHA Durham, Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services, DRIVEN (Safety Network Durham), DRPS, DRSSD, Durham CAS, Durham Family Court Clinic, Durham Family Services, Durham Rape Crisis Centre, Durham Region Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Care Centre, Frontenac Youth Services, Herizon House, LH, Luke's Place, Nijikiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle, Office of the Children's Lawyer, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services, The Denise House, Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Women's Multi-cultural Resource & Counselling Centre, YWCA

VPD GTA Managers

Objective(s): To connect and collaborate with local PHUs to discuss trends and issues within GTA PHUs

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

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

VPD Managers Network

Objective(s): To provide timely information to local PHUs to ensure consistent messaging across the province.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Other participant(s): MOH, Ontario Government Pharmacy and Medical Supply Service, PHO, 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 & 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 & Emergency Services

Advancing Access to Affordable Recreation Durham Committee

Objective(s): To collaborate and plan initiatives for affordable recreation for priority populations, youth and older adults.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

Other participant(s): all recreation centres in Durham Region, Girls Inc., DRSSD, Grandview Kids, Grade 5 Action Pass school participants (in Durham Region)

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): ACEs & Resilience Coalition of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington Public Health, 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

ACEs & Resilience CoP Framework Subcommittee

Objective(s): To identify and adapt an ACEs framework for use by Ontario PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHUs

Adult Nicotine Dependence Advisory Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, PPH, PTBPH, OTRU, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

Ajax Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan Project Management Team

Objective(s): To advance urban renewal and climate action in older urban areas of Ajax.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, TRCA, Town of Ajax

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 (zero to 12 years old); to create resources, establish partnerships, engage in knowledge mobilization, and share evidence informed practices.

DRHD participant(s): OHD, PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC) and ICD

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

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): Children's Development & Behavioural Supports, DC, DDSB, DRCSD, DRSSD, Durham Early Years Collaborative, Durham's Child and Youth Services Advocate, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, 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 with low income about their needs related to financial literacy. To co-create strategies to improve financial empowerment and provide evidence to support those co-produced strategies to be leveraged by other regions across Canada.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): Abilities Centre, CDCD, DC, DMHS, DRSSD, Durham Community Legal Clinic, 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 CEPCP, local hospitals, MOH, Oshawa CACC

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): Central East PHUs, MCCSS

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 – SFO

Other participant(s): ATFO, First Nations and Indigenous Communities, HKPRDHU, OTRU, PPH, PTBPH, SMDHU, Smokers' Helpline, YRPHS

CIPHI ON – Food Safety Working Group

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Other participant(s): PHUs

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 – HPE

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

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Working Groups

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

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

DCDSB/DDSB/Health Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To connect and collaborate with local school boards to discuss trends and issues related to schools and school-aged children.

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

Other participant(s): DCDSB and DDSB representatives

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, DRPS, Durham CAS, Frontenac Youth Services, HCCSS, Herizon House, John Howard Society of Durham Region, Kinark Child and Family Services, LH, OSCMHS, Victim Services of Durham Region

Durham IPAC Hub Steering Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

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

Durham Local Immigration Partnership Council

Objective(s): 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 – HPE

Other participant(s): CDCD, community representatives, Conseil des Organismes Francophones de la Région de Durham, DC, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, OPG, 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): 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 – HPE

Other participant(s): Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services, DCHC, Durham Regional Cancer Centre, Indigenous Primary Health Care Council, MSIFN, Office of the Regional Chair & CAO, 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, PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): AIDS Committee of Durham Region, Back Door Mission,

Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle, CMHA Durham, DCDSB, DCHC, DDSB, DMHS, DRPS, DRSSD, John Howard Society of Durham Region, LH, local fire departments, people with lived experience, Pinewood Centre, OTU, Redemption House

Durham Region Vector Borne Disease Response Committee

Objective(s): To share updates and activities that align with the Durham Region West Nile Virus Response Plan and the Durham Region Vector Control Plan.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): CLOCA, City of Oshawa, City of Pickering, DCDSB, DDSB, DRWD, MECP, Ministry of Transportation, Municipality of Clarington, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, Township of Brock, Township of Scugog, Township of Uxbridge, TRCA

Durham Vision Zero

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

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

Durham Welcome Centre Partners' Committee – Primary Care Assessment Working Team

Objective(s): To address gaps in knowledge and facilitate referrals/access to primary healthcare services for newcomers.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): Christian Faith Outreach Centre, CDCD (Welcome Centre), DCHC, Durham Region Unemployment Help Centre, Kinark Child and Family Services, Spark Centre, LH, The Ajax HUB, Town of Whitby

Durham Youth Drug Action Committee

Objective(s): To reduce substance use rates and delay the age of initiation of substances through the co-planning and the co-implementation of a youth engagement strategy aimed at secondary schools and feeder elementary schools.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

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

Financial Empowerment Champions Committee

Objective(s): To collaboratively strengthen financial empowerment efforts.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): DRSSD

GTA Rabies Central East Working Group

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

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

Grandview Kids/Infant & Child Development Collaborative

Objective(s): To create efficiencies in service delivery and wait times across programs

through collaborative initiatives, efficient service pathways, and training opportunities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICD

Other participant(s): Grandview Kids

Healthy Public Policy CoP

Objective(s): To collaboratively discuss healthy public policy including practices, resources, and mutual learnings; to increase the understanding of the local public health role in healthy public policy development; and to identify priorities and common policy topics for collective action.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy, PHO, PHUs

Hedgerow Software Limited/DRHD Working Group

Objective(s): To improve the HH5 software application to better serve both internal staff and external community partners.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HIS

Other participant(s): HH5 Team, Hedgerow Software Limited, HH5 Committee

Integrated Planning Committee for Mental Health and Addictions

Objective(s): To deliver a more integrated system of mental health and substance use 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): RDPS

Other participant(s): Ajax Welcome Centre, Backdoor Mission, CMHA Durham, Community Care Durham, DCHC, DCYPN, DRPS, Kinark Child and Family Services, LH, MSIFN, OSCMHS, OTU, Pflag Durham Region, Seniors Network of Care

IPAC CoP

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): PHUs

iPHIS Advisory Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

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): DC, GTA Paramedic Services

Local Measles Response Planning

Objective(s): To provide a forum to plan for measles response in Durham Region and to collaborate on resource development and use in hospital and community settings.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC
Other participant(s): LH

Nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training Scale PCI Instructor CoP

Objective(s): To support PCI instructors in enhancing PHN confidence, skills, and abilities related to implementing PCI scales with HBHC clients.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHN PREP and PCI instructors from PHUs

Official Plan Review Committee

Objective(s): To review and provide comments on the Durham Regional Official Plan and municipal official plans.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

Other participants: City of Oshawa, City of Pickering, DRPEDD, Municipality of Clarington, Town of Ajax, Town of Whitby, Township of Brock, Township of Scugog

Ontario Association of Infant & Child Development Management Committee

Objective(s): To advocate for evidence-informed practices and to create provincial and professional development opportunities.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICD

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 Heat Health Project Team

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

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

OAPC Central Zone Deputy Chief Working Group

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

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

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): HF (CYPN, HBHC)

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

Ontario Municipal Rural Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To ensure consistent approaches to enforcing OBC requirements in rural centres, to conduct research and propose changes to the OBC, and to provide technical bulletins to regulators and industry professionals across Ontario related to rural matters.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Part 8 OBC

Other participant(s): Regulators from 15 Ontario municipalities

Ontario Public Health Climate Network

Objective(s): To exchange knowledge and best practices in meeting OPHS requirements related to climate change.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Other participant(s): 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 – EM

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 – HL (CDP)

Other participant(s): EDU, 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 – HL (CDP)

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 – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): PHUs who volunteer to join OPHA and related workgroup

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 – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): PHUs

PHU Tobacco Enforcement Managers Monthly Meetings

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

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

Post Secondary Education CoP

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): DC, OTU, Trent University

Promoting Maternal Mental Health in Pregnancy Champions Network

Objective(s): To collaborate, inform, and support the implementation of mental health interventions with HBHC clients.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): PHN PREP, PHUs

Provincial Equipment Standards for Ambulance Services

Objective(s): To review all equipment currently carried by paramedic services, review quantities/needs, and review opportunities for cost savings.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): MOH, OAPC, Ontario Base Hospital Group

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

PSS CoP

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Other participant(s): PHUs

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Objective(s): To work with other North American providers to determine areas of improvement for safety devices in vehicles to provide more information to CACC after collisions.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Other participant(s): OnStar, Toronto Police Services, paramedic, police, and fire services across North America

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 – HL (CDP)

Other participant(s): HKPRDHU, HPEPH, KPRDSB, PTBPH, PVNCCDSB

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Other participant(s): AIDS Durham, Central East Correctional Centre, Children's Developmental and Behavioural Supports, DCHC, DMHS, Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services, DRSSD, Durham CAS, Family and Community Action Program, First Step Oshawa Medical Centre, LH, Pinewood Centre, Pregnancy Help Centre of Durham, Resources for Exceptional Children & Youth, Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services, The Refuge Youth Outreach Centre, The Youth Centre, YWCA

Talking About Mental Illness Coalition

Objective(s): To increase the knowledge of, and decrease the stigma associated with mental illness.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): CMHA Durham, DCDSB, DCHC, DDSB, DMHS, Durham CAS, Resources for Exceptional Children and Youth – Durham Region, KPRDSB, LH - Pinewood Centre, OSCMHS

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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

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

Youth Nicotine Dependence Advisory Committee

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

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

Youth Suicide Prevention Durham

Objective(s): To support communities to raise awareness about mental health, to build capacity for communities to respond to young people in crisis and to prevent youth suicide.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Other participant(s): CSCM, DCDSB, Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family

Services, DRPS, Durham CAS, Family Services Durham, Frontenac Youth Services, Kinark Child and Family Services, KPRDSB, Lakeridge Community Support Services, Murray McKinnon Foundation, Parents for Children's Mental Health/Children's Mental Health Ontario, Pinewood Centre

Level 5: Shared Leadership

Ajax Pickering Early Childhood Development Coalition

Objective(s): To create a plan to respond to child development gaps identified on the Durham Region Early Development Instrument.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Healthy Families (ICD), OHD

Other participant(s): Ajax Public Library, DCHC, DRSSD, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Family and Community Action Program, Grandview Kids, Town of Ajax, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services

ASPHIO

Objective(s): To provide opportunities for information sharing and problem solving at the leadership level across PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Other participant(s): PHUs

Core Indicators Working Group

Objective(s): To share responsibility for all Core Indicators products, administration, and strategic activities and to coordinate the activities of the Core Indicator Subgroups.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Other participant(s): PHO, 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 – FS and IDPC

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 – FS

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

Ontario Public Health Libraries Association

Objective(s): To support Ontario's public health workforce by facilitating access to high quality research and health evidence, promoting evidence-informed decision-making and fostering collaboration across Ontario PHUs.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

Other participant(s): PHO, PHUs

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, York University – Institute for Social Research

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 – HPE

Other participant(s): PHUs

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).

DRHD Program Activities

The groups that DRHD partnered with in 2024 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

Blue Door Clinic

Purpose of partnership: For referral and co-management of HIV cases who have temporary immigration status.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Communicable Diseases Liaison Unit

Purpose of partnership: To facilitate case management when cases are hospitalized in a Toronto facility.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Connected for Success by Rogers, DRSSD, Durham Community Legal Clinic, Feed the Need Durham, Girls Inc., Prosper Canada

Purpose of partnership: To provide virtual learning opportunities for DRHD and DRSSD staff related to financial empowerment topics.
DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE, RDPS – Community Programs

DCDSB, DDSB, KPRDSB, PVNCCDSB

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, non-reportable outbreaks, displays, PSS presentations, and hand hygiene presentations.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

DRPS

Purpose of partnership: To provide infectious diseases resources.

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

DRPS, LH, and Local Fire Departments

Purpose of partnership: To follow up and provide notification regarding potential exposures.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Durham CAS, EDU, Glazier Medical Centre, Grandview Kids, Local Fire Departments, Medical Associates of Port Perry, Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Ministry of Natural Resources, 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 – IDPC

Durham Ontario Health Team

Purpose of partnership: To provide information and work with the communications working group related to shared promotional activities.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

Durham Region Business Owners

Purpose of partnership: To share inspection results.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Quality Assurance

Durham Region Departments (various)

Purpose of partnership: To provide communications information.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

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 – IDPC

Durham Region Municipalities

Purpose of partnership: To inform local municipalities about special events happening in their area. To provide local area municipalities with inspection results via the Check&Go disclosure portal for business licencing purposes.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – DHCL, HPD – HIS

Environment and Climate Change Canada

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SW

Healthcare Providers

Purpose of partnership: To provide information regarding vaccine storage and handling,

and immunization activities.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

LH

Purpose of partnership: To provide communications information.
DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

Local Approved Community Clinics for STI Medications

Purpose of partnership: To redistribute publicly funded STI medications.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Local Licensed CCCs

Purpose of partnership: To provide current information related to infectious diseases.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Local Media

Purpose of partnership: To provide information to assist with promotion of DRHD programs and services.
DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

Local school boards (CSCM, CSV, DDSB, DCDSB, KPRDSB, PVNCCDSB)

Purpose of partnership: To provide Grade 7 students with access to immunization and to enforce *Immunization of School Pupils Act* with elementary and high school students.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Ministry of Long-Term Care

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources and information on outbreak management.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

PCOP

Purpose of partnership: To work with the PCOP to locate clients with no fixed addresses.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Positive Care Clinic

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases and perform referrals for the testing and treatment of STBBIs.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

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 Child Care

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, outbreak management, and consultation for infectious diseases.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

DRPS

Purpose of partnership: To consult on ad hoc legal matters.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Durham Region Departments (various)

Purpose of partnership: To work with departments on shared promotional activities.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Durham Region Legal Services

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Durham Region Municipalities

Purpose of partnership: To receive information about special event vendor applications.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – DHCL

LH

Purpose of partnership: To work with LH communications on shared promotional activities.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

Local Licensed CCCs

Purpose of partnership: To ensure CCCs are abiding by the *Child Care and Early Years Act*.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Local Media

Purpose of partnership: To assist with media stories related to DRHD programs and services.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – CARD

Local Pharmacies

Purpose of partnership: To work with local pharmacies for respiratory vaccine administration.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Local PSS Facilities

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources and inspection inquiries.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

MOH

Purpose of partnership: To receive information on matters related to food safety.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario

Purpose of partnership: To obtain timely opioid toxicity and suspect-drug related death data to provide an early signal of trends to inform opioid surveillance, including the opioid early warning system and updating the DROIS.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

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 – FS

BCHC, IAW Employers, Municipal Fire Prevention Officers, MOH, Service Canada, TNO

Purpose of partnership: To share information and resources related to the health and wellbeing of IAWs.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

BORN Ontario

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

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

CDCD

Purpose of partnership: To create a food safety presentation for newcomers to Canada.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Centennial College, CTS Canadian Career College, DC, Humber College

Purpose of partnership: To support paramedic student learning.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

CEPCP

Purpose of partnership: To continue work on advancement of paramedic education as required by legislation and/or community demands.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

CLS (LTCHs, RHs and Group Homes)

Purpose of partnership: To plan and implement the administration of respiratory vaccines.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

Colleges and Universities, Community Centres, Community Health Settings, Municipalities Welcome Centres

Purpose of partnership: To plan for the administration of COVID-19 and routine vaccines at community sites to reduce barriers to vaccination.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

DCHC

Purpose of partnership: To initiate planning for a youth hub in Durham Region.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

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

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 review and update the cold/heat warning program to alert Durham residents to extreme cold and heat events which triggers community partners to implement their cold response plans. To receive Early Development Instrument data for Health Neighbourhoods.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE, OCMOH – HART

DRSSD – Monday Night Project

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on management of STBBIs for at-risk populations through the Monday Night Project.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

DRWD

Purpose of partnership: To discuss blue-green algae monitoring and notification processes.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SW

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 Community Housing

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

Durham Emergency Management

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

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 – FS and IDPC

Emergency Service Workers (DRPS, RDPS)

Purpose of partnership: To follow-up regarding potential exposures to infectious diseases including *Mandatory Blood Test Act* and provide training to designated officers.

DRHD participant(s): RDPS, PHD – ICD

Grandview Kids

Purpose of partnership: To reduce duplication of services, ensure effective service pathways, and engage in professional learning and networking.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – ICD

GTA PHUs

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SW

HCCSS

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Hospital for Sick Children

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Hospitals in Durham Region

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

Indigenous Communities

Purpose of partnership: To plan and implement the roll-out of vaccines to Indigenous Peoples.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – Immunization

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 – IDPC

Lake Scugog Stewards

Purpose of partnership: To promote maintenance of private sewage systems along the shoreline.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Part 8 OBC

LH

Purpose of partnership: To share COVID-19 data; engage in conversations for the management of infectious diseases in cases associated with the hospital setting; 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; to plan for the administration of respiratory, Imvamune, and other publicly funded vaccines.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC and Immunization, RDPS

LH Positive Care Clinic

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases and respond to inquiries related to blood borne exposures and assist with hepatitis A vaccinations

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Licensed Child Care Centres

Purpose of partnership: To obtain day care absenteeism data and present data on the Respiratory Virus Data Tracker.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

Local Chief Building Officers

Purpose of partnership: To discuss recreational water facility construction requirements and help with enforcement. To discuss local regulatory issues, building permits, building additions, and complaints to help with enforcement.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SW, HPD – Part 8 OBC

Local school boards (CSCM, CSV, DCDSB, DDSB, KPRDSB) and OTU/DC

Purpose of partnership: To provide up to date information related to infectious diseases and consult on processes with school boards and health and safety managers to manage cases, contacts, and outbreaks in schools.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

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 and to collaborate on an appropriate tiered response system for 911 calls.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM), RDPS

Local School Boards

Purpose of partnership: To obtain school absenteeism data and present data on the Respiratory Virus Data Tracker.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

MECP

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 – SW

MOH

Purpose of partnership: To discuss common safe water concerns for regulated drinking water systems.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – SW

MSIFN

Purpose of partnership: To receive feedback on and review the DRHD Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Primer report.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc.

Purpose of partnership: To discuss the process of TB medications dispensing for treatment of active and latent cases.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Northern PHUS

Purpose of partnership: To discuss OBC issues and build consistency for enforcement and operation.
DRHD participant: HPD – Part 8 OBC

Ontario Provincial Police

Purpose of partnership: To work on a regional Vision Zero initiative and opioid overdoses response. To effectively respond to 911 calls, residents in need, and address concerns of paramedic safety.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM), RDPS

OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide input on areas of academic study.
DRHD participant(s): RDPS

OSCMHS

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 and PHO Laboratory

Purpose of partnership: To meet, discuss and share information related to case, contact, and outbreak management to improve program services and delivery (including laboratory testing).
DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS and HE, OCMOH – HART, PHD – IDPC

RH Regulatory Authority

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources and consultation to support RH in Durham Region.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Town of Whitby

Purpose of partnership: To review and provide feedback on Whitby's Climate Change Action Plan.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HE

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 – SW

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 families from priority populations.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (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

Bayshore HealthCare, OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources, manage outbreaks, and provide infectious diseases and non-reportable outbreak consultations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Ajax Public Library, Canada Revenue Agency, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Clarington Public Library, Durham Community Legal Clinic, Nourish and Develop Foundation Cannington, Oshawa Public Library, Pickering Public Library, Royal Bank of Canada, Scugog Public Library, Service Canada, Service Ontario, South Oshawa Community Centre, Toronto-Dominion Bank, Uxbridge Public Library, Wealth Simple, Whitby Public Library

Purpose of partnership: To support families living with low income at Canada Learning Bond sign-up events through the Financial Empowerment Champions Committee.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HPE

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 – FS

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 partnership: To provide resources, manage outbreaks, provide consultation on other infectious diseases and non-reportable outbreaks, and conduct IPAC audits and complaint investigations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Cornerstone Community Association Durham

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Corporate Services - GIS, DRPEDD

Purpose of partnership: To support the Respiratory Virus Data Tracker.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART

DC

Purpose of partnership: To offer oral health student placements.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

DC/OTU

Purpose of partnership: To provide support and ensure compliance with applicable legislation. To collaborate on smoking and vaping prevention and cessation initiatives among post-secondary students. To collaborate with staff on food literacy programming for students. To collaborate on substance-use prevention and promotion of lower-risk guidelines among post-secondary students.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO, PHD – HL (CDP, PISM)

DCDSB and DDSB

Purpose of partnership: To ensure compliance with applicable smoking legislation. To collaborate on school-based health promotion initiatives in local schools.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO, PHD – HL (CDP)

DDSB

Purpose of partnership: To provide food handler training to secondary school students and process exams/certificates. To collaborate on mental health promotion initiatives in elementary and secondary schools in Durham Region.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS, PHD – HL (PISM)

Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiyag Child & Family Services

Purpose of partnership: To provide parenting support to Indigenous families involved

with child protection services.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

DRPEDD

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

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 – EM and SFO

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 child care settings. To increase awareness of income support strategies and resources. To plan for the needs of families in Durham Region. To support the transition to child care. To provide support and information to property managers and tenants in multi-unit dwellings related to smoke-free policies. To address and support food insecurity initiatives. To work jointly on the PCOP program.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM, IDPC, OCMOH – HPE, PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC), ICD, PHD – HL (CDP), RDPS

DRWD

Purpose of partnership: To ensure that private sewage systems in the source water protection areas are inspected every five years

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Part 8 OBC

Durham CAS

Purpose of partnership: To provide parenting support to families involved with CAS. To provide IPAC resources and consultations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC, PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Durham Emergency Management

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM

Durham Region Legal Services

Purpose of partnership: To draft and implement the various legal tools and strategies when enforcing smoking and vaping legislation and the HPPA.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

Eastern School Boards (KPRDSB & PVNCCDSB) and PHUs' Collaboration for Central East Region

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on mental health promotion in schools.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

Family and Community Action Program and 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)

KPRDSB

Purpose of partnership: To arrange for one certified food handler at each school in Durham Region.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

LH

Purpose of partnership: To support families in the prenatal and postpartum period. LH completes the HBHC screen for prenatal and 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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

LH IPAC Hub

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on cases and outbreak investigations in institutions and CLS.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

Local Licensed CCCs

Purpose of partnership: To provide resources on infectious diseases, outbreaks, displays, inspection requirement presentations, and give hand hygiene presentations.
DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Local LTCHs and RHs

Purpose of partnership: For follow-up regarding potential exposures to infectious diseases including management of suspect and confirmed outbreaks in the settings.
DRHD participant(s): PHD – IDPC

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 – SW, SFO

Local School Boards (CSCM, CSV, 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 – HF (CYPN, HBHC) and ICD

LTCHs and RHs 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 – IDPC

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 PHN PREP.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

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

Purpose of partnership: To support families in the prenatal and postpartum period. Midwives complete the HBHC Screen for clients and refers them for breastfeeding services.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – FS

Ministry of Finance

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO

MSIFN

Purpose of partnership: To work on smoking cessation and address SDOH.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (CDP)

Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham

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

DRHD participant(s): HPD – IDPC

Oak Valley Health and OSCMHS

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 – IDPC

Ontario Oral Health Alliance

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

DRHD participant(s): OHD

OPG

Purpose of partnership: To support the Nuclear Emergency Support Function 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 – EM

OSCMHS

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC), HPD – SFO

OTU

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on research projects to develop and evaluate an online breastfeeding resource.

DRHD participant(s): OCMOH – HART, PHD – HF (CYPN)

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 – IDPC, OHD

Pinewood Centre

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (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 – ICD

St. John Ambulance

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

DRHD participant(s): RDPS

Surrey Place Blind and Low Vision Program

Purpose of partnership: To support collaborative service planning and the overall development of the child with vision and developmental needs.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (ICD)

University of Toronto

Purpose of partnership: To consult regarding studies, research and dental student placement.

DRHD participant(s): OHD

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

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

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

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HF (CYPN, HBHC)

Welcome Centre Immigration Services

Purpose of partnership: To share and receive information that addresses health equity, the SDOH, and engage priority populations.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – EM

Well-Being Advisory Group (Eastern PHUs/Community Agencies/Eastern School Boards)

Purpose of partnership: To collaborate on mental health promotion initiatives in elementary and secondary schools.

DRHD participant(s): PHD – HL (PISM)

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 – IDPC

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 – FS

Chief Administrative Officers in Durham Region, Chief Building Officers in Durham Region, and Durham Region Legal Services

Purpose of partnership: To negotiate ongoing OBC Part 8 and Lake Simcoe Protection Act contracts per the financial cycles on behalf of the seven municipalities.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – Part 8 OBC

Ontario PHUs

Purpose of partnership: To share information, files, and resources with other PHUs within the province using HH5, Microsoft Power Bi, and other applications to capture health protection data.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – HIS

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 SDOH; 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: 2SLGBTQIA+ people, children and young people, immigrants/newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, linguistic communities, lone-parent families, older adults, people experiencing food insecurity, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people living with low income, people with a disability, PWUS, racialized, ethnic, and cultural groups, and religious/faith groups.

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

HPD

Accessible Resources/Form on Durham.ca

Priority population(s): People with a disability

Accessible Safe Water Forms/Resources on durham.ca

Priority population(s): People with a disability

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Assessment Reporting

Priority population(s): children and young people, immigrant/newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, older adults, people experiencing food security, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people living with low income, people with a disability, racialized, ethnic, and cultural groups

CoP – LTCH/RH/Other CLS

Priority population(s): Older adults

DHCL Information Sharing on Mental Health Services, Housing Supports, and Family Health Teams

Priority population(s): linguistic communities, older adults, people with a disability, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused

Food Safety Presentation to Newcomers

Priority population(s): Newcomers

Food Safety Training in Multiple Languages (with access to virtual and in-person options)

Priority population(s): Linguistic communities, older adults

Heat Warning and Cold Warning Information Systems

Priority population(s): Populations at an increased risk of negative health outcomes due to climate change including children and young people, Indigenous Peoples, individuals with chronic health conditions, older adults, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people in Durham's Priority Neighbourhoods, people living with low income, people with a disability, newcomers, racialized, ethnic, and cultural groups

IPAC LTCH/RH Audits

Priority population(s): Older adults

IPAC Shelter Audits

Priority population(s): People experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, PWUS

IAW Support Services Steering Committee

Priority population(s): IAWs employed in Canada under the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program

KI Working Group

Priority population(s): Residents within 10 kilometers of Pickering and Darlington Nuclear Generation Stations, particularly children and young people and pregnant individuals

Low-Cost Rabies Clinics

Priority population(s): People living with low income

SFOA Engagement and Enforcement at Schools

Priority population(s): Children and young people

Staff Language Bank (to Connect Food Safety Clients with Staff who Speak the Same Language)

Priority population(s): Linguistic communities

OCMOH

Building Bridges Together Research Advisory Committee

Priority population(s): People living with low income

Canada Learning Bond Promotion/Events

Priority population(s): People living with low income

Climate Change Health Vulnerability Assessment

Priority population(s): Populations at an increased risk of negative health outcomes due to climate change including children and young people, Indigenous Peoples, individuals with chronic health conditions, older adults, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people in Durham's Priority Neighbourhoods, people living with low income, people with a disability, newcomers, racialized, ethnic, or cultural groups

DROIS

Priority population(s): PWUS

Durham Indigenous Planning Table

Priority population(s): Indigenous Peoples

Durham Local Immigration Partnership Council

Priority population(s): Immigrant/newcomers

Financial Empowerment Champions Committee

Priority population(s): People living with low income

Health Equity Fax About Series: Improving Health Through Financial Empowerment

Priority population(s): People living with low income

Health Neighbourhoods

Priority population(s): children and young people, immigrant/newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, lone-parent families, older adults, people living in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people living with low income, people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, racialized, ethnic, and cultural groups

Income Support Resources

Priority population(s): People living with low income

OHD**Durham Region Day Care Centres**

Priority population(s): Children and young people

Durham Region's LTCHs

Priority population(s): Older adults, people living with low income, people with a disability

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Priority population(s): People living with low income (children and young people and people living in Durham's priority neighbourhoods)

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Priority population(s): Older adults living with low income

Social Services Dental Program

Priority population(s): Adults and older people, people living with low income, people with a disability

PHD

Access to Vaccinations

Priority population(s): Children and young people, immigrants/newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, older adults, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people with a disability, people living in priority neighbourhoods, PWUS, racialized, ethnic and cultural groups

Grade 7 School Clinics and *Immunization of School Pupils Act* enforcement

Priority population(s): Children and young people

HBHC

Priority population(s): Pre and postpartum individuals and families with children birth to school entry identified with risk (people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people living on low income, people with a disability, PWUS)

ICD Home Visits

Priority population(s): Children from birth to school entry who are at risk of a developmental delay or who have a disability, children with ACEs, and people living in priority neighborhoods

***Immunization of School Pupils Act* Vaccinations in Schools**

Priority population(s): Children and youth

Locating Cases and Contacts of Infectious Diseases

Priority population(s): Individuals in priority neighbourhoods, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, PWUS

Mental Health Literacy Welcome Centre Presentations and Facilitated Conversations Series

Priority population(s): Immigrants/newcomers

Opioid Response Plan

Priority population(s): PWUS

Parenting Health Education Programs

Priority population(s): Immigrants/newcomers, people in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people experiencing homelessness or are underhoused, people who experience domestic violence, PWUS

Perinatal Mood Disorders Programming

Priority population(s): Individuals experiencing perinatal mood disorders

Prenatal Education Series

Priority population(s): Prenatal immigrants/newcomers, children and young people, people in Durham's priority neighbourhoods

Prenatal Nutrition & Education Program

Priority population(s): Children and young people, people experiencing food insecurity, pregnant teens and new young parents

Sexual Health Clinics

Priority population(s): 2SLGBTQIA+ people, people in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people living with low income, young people

Supports for Smoking/Vaping Prevention and Cessation

Priority population(s): 2SLGBTQIA+ people, children and young people, Indigenous Peoples

TB Program

Priority population(s): Immigrants/newcomers, people in priority neighbourhoods

RDPS**Community Paramedicine Program**

Priority population(s): Older adults, people living in Durham's priority neighbourhoods, people with a disability

PCOP

Priority population(s): People experiencing homelessness or are underhoused

Section 7: DRHD Professional Affiliations

The professional affiliations that DRHD held in 2024 are listed below.

- alPHa
- American College of Preventive Medicine
- ASPHIO
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology
- Association of Public Health Business Administrators
- Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario
- Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
- Canadian Public Health Association
- College of Early Childhood Educators
- College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
- Dietitians of Canada
- Durham Medical Society
- Government of Canada's Consultation and Stakeholder Information Management System
- Guelph Food Safety Seminars Consortium
- Hazardous Waste Information Network
- Infection Prevention and Control Canada
- International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research
- International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Ontario Association for Infant and Child Development
- Ontario Association of Communicators in Public Health
- Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs
- Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry
- Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders
- Ontario College of Social Workers & Social Service Workers
- Ontario Dental Association/Canadian Dental Association
- Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association
- Ontario Medical Association
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Ontario Public Health Evaluation Network
- Ontario Public Health Libraries Association
- Ontario Society of Physical Activity Promoters in Public Health
- Paramedic Chiefs of Canada
- Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada
- Public Health Ontario Laboratory
- Public Health Physicians of Canada
- Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

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 2024 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.

Professional Advocacy

Immunization Funding for Pharmacists

Purpose: On behalf of the Health & Social Services Committee, DRHD wrote to the Province to advocate for funding for pharmacists so that all vaccines available at Ontario pharmacies are provided at no-cost to clients, thereby ensuring greater access to vaccines and leading to higher immunization rates.

DRHD participant(s): Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, April 15, 2024

Review of Licensing By-Law 120-2005 and Proposed Program Enhancements

Purpose: To write to the City of Oshawa to provide endorsement of the proposed program enhancements related to the Oshawa Licensing By-law and the inclusion of Smoke, Tobacco and Vapour Product Shops and Tattoo Parlours.

DRHD participant(s): HPD – SFO, April 9, 2024

Tobacco and Vaping Products Act and Related Regulations

Purpose: To provide feedback to Health Canada on regulatory measures that would designate certain offences of the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* and its regulations as contraventions.

DRHD participants: HPD – SFO and PHD – HL, April 8, 2024

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