##### Core Indicators for Public Health In Ontario

# Meeting Minutes: Core Indicators BUILT ENVIRONMENT Working Group

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Date:** | Thursday March 13, 2014 10am-12 pm |
| **Location:** | Teleconference |
| **Attendees:**  | Aimee Powell, Brian Mosely, Fabio Carbacas, Ahalya Mahendra, Deb Moore, Debeka Navaranjan Ryan Waterhouse, Steve Johnson, Robert Walter-James |
| **Regrets:** | Brenda Guarda |
| **Chair:** | Ahalya Mahendra |
| **Recorder:** | Aimee Powell |
| **Future meetings and recorders** | **May 8, 2014- Deb Moore****July 10, 2014- Debeka Navaranjan****Sep 11, 2014- Fabio Carbacas****Nov 13, 2014- Ryan Waterhouse** |

**Meeting Minutes**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Item** | **Action** |
| **1.0** | **Approval of Agenda**  | Agenda Approved Debeka’s name added to the list for item number 4.1Ryan’s name added to the list for food indicators. |
| **2.0** | **Approval of January 16th 2014 minutes**  | Approved without amendments. |
| **3.0** | **Standing Items** |  |
| **3.1** | **Core Indicators Working Group (CIWG) update*** Cancer screening info is now available on the APHEO website
* Some self-reported indicators
* Some cancer indicators will be updated from this
* Gaps documentation alignment – couple points of clarification
	+ Almost ready to be posted to the web
* CIWG is planning to in future remove the blurb on the relevant sections of the OPHS and add in link but given the amount of work this will mean for existing indicators it is not a priority item.
	+ APHEO website is being redesigned
	+ Community Data consortiums - APHEO will writing a position paper this summer to address access to data needed for decision-making. The position paper will be used to advocate for access to more data, specifically through Statistics Canada and will be shared with alPHa in attempts to garner their support.
 | None |
| **3.2** | **OPHA BE Working group update*** Trying to find a suitable platform
* Vital stat group? – developing groups – housing segregation, something engineering – engaging engineers to work with them on the BE
* Planning group is a subgroup for the OPHA BE group
	+ Working on a work plan currently
	+ Working on consultations with Hwy traffic act, but with election work has been stopped
 | **Will add an update from the OPHA BE group as a standing item to agenda Fabio to update us.** |
| **4.0** | **Ongoing Work** |  |
| **4.1** | **Status Updates Core Indicators Working Group** Traffic measures - * Useful for Aimee to take a look at the connectivity and give some feedback based on what APHEO has done
* Do we need to be putting out a short blurb on how people should use measures together to assess the walkability of their community
* Would this be useful for each health unit?

Niagara - yes, but might be difficult to compile Halton – yes, good for communicationAimee – any feedback would be helpfulTalking about doing a systematic reviewJob Density –* Deb Will send to Ahalya tomorrow, may be ready to send out for review

Food Deserts -* Working with Brian and Robert (Robert now done)
* Will use the literature review that Robert did to help with the indicator
* Ryan will touch base with Ahalya
* Food desert vs. food swamp
	+ Taken the food desert approach but food swamp might be place to go next
	+ Food swamp – no healthy food and are swamped with unhealthy food
	+ Discussion on whether food deserts are an issue in Canada. We know that they are in the states
	+ Equally easy to analyze food swamp as food desert
* Who is using food desert information?
	+ Aimee – could use as a tool for planning
		- Need a better more comprehensive understanding
		- Nutritionists on the built environment team – work has to support other teams in the division
* Need to show practical use of indicator
* Need to do some KT to disseminate to staff
* May work well at the workshop
 | **Ahalya to find out if non APHEO members can attend workshop – ACTION** |
| **4.2** | **Status of indicators that were recently reviewed (Fabio and Ahalya)*** Traffic calming Indicator
* Network Characteristics Indicator
 | * Fabio to work on the action items still associated with this indicator.
* This indicator is ready to be sent for external review after a couple of minor changes.
 |
| **4.3** | **Determine what would be the most reasonable indicators to work on next*** Other work needs to be done before we move forward on other indicators
* Need to go back and look at what we’ve been talking about today – interesting points have been raised
* Another call in June 5 to discuss workshop
 | * none
 |
| **4.4** | **Determine what would be the most reasonable indicators to work on next time*** Might be premature given the current work load of the existing indicators that still need time and feedback to progress.
 |  |
| **5.0** | **Next Steps:**  |  |
| **5.1** | **Determine timelines for moving forward with indicator development.*** Need to talk about the workshop content for APHEO workshop
* Start looking at practical aspects of datasets and how it would look
	+ Laptops
	+ Details
* Talk about knowledge translation component to indicators
	+ Give some thought for July meeting
* Ahalya working on frame work document but needs thought and input from group
* By June meeting will try and have something down in writing
* For July meeting – look at lit review and Ahalya will come up with 2 indicators to assess KT and framework
 | None |
| **6.0** | ***Next Meeting:***  | **June 5th, 2014** |