**Core Indicators For Public Health In Ontario**

# Social Determinants of Health Subgroup Minutes

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| **Date:** | Wednesday, March 20, 2013 |
| **Location:** | Teleconference |
| **Time:** | 1:30-3:30pm |
| **Recorder:** | Dinna Lozano |
| **Chair:** | Virginia McFarland |
| **Attendees:** | Luanne Jamieson, Cam McDermaid, Dinna Lozano, Natalie Greenridge (PHO), Bill Kou, Virginia McFarland |
| **Regrets:** | Fran Scott |

**Minutes**

| **No.** | Item | **Actions** |
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| **1.0** | **Review of the Agenda** | Agenda approved with an amendment: Change 3.6 to ‘Secondary sources of demographic data’ |
| **2.0** | **Review of Minutes: February 27, 2013** | Minutes approved without amendments. |
| **3.0** | **Business Arising** |  |
| 3.1 | Labour Force Indicators | **ACTION 1:** Virginia to add reviewer information. |
| 3.2 | Home Language | Complete |
| 3.3 | Housing Affordability | **ACTION 2:** Cam to add reviewer table. |
| 3.4 | Ethnic/Cultural Origins | **ACTION 3:** Cam to make changes based on external reviews; feedback to be incorporated and presented to the group. |
| 3.5 | CIWG minutes with archiving indicators discussion circulated by Cam on March 15, 2013 | Crime rate & Unemployment rate to be retired.  No formal process for retiring indicators.  **ACTION 4:** Virginia to follow-up at next CIWG meeting |
| 3.6 | Secondary sources of demographic data | Appendix appended to the agenda listing SDOH indicators and whether or not they do and should refer to the NHS.  **ACTION 5:** Cam to review whether the ‘Urban and Rural Population’ indicator should add a reference to the NHS.  **ACTION 6:** Dinna to add NHS reference to the ‘Mother Tongue’ indicator.  **ACTION 7:** Virginia to add NHS reference to ‘Population by Age & Sex’ indicator. |
| **4.0** | **New Business** |  |
| 4.1 | Combining indicators that align | Already done by combining ‘Unemployment Rate’ and previous ‘Labour Force’ indicators to produce a new ‘Labour Force’ indicator page.  Language:  ‘Mother tongue’, ‘Proportion who don’t speak English or French’ and ‘Home Language’ could be combined into one language indicator.  First, finalize the separate indicators. Then, review internally and look into combining into one.  Low income & income inequality:  Statistics Canada distinguishes between the indicators.  Combining allows comparison between the income indicators.  Once the indicators are finalized, put out as separate indicators and ask external reviewers whether or not they would prefer to have the indicators combined into one document. |
| 4.2 | Standardizing completed indicators | **ACTION 8:** Virginia to standardize all indicators to have similar wording and to include same/similar sections.  Need to consider different approaches for finding an indicator through Statistics Canada website since the web structure is dynamic.  **ACTION 9:** Virginia to bring citing Statistics Canada content as an issue at the CIWG meeting. |
| **5.0** | **Indicator Updates** |  |
| 5.1 | Ethnic/Cultural Origins | See item 3.4 |
| 5.2 | Commuting Population | Discussion re: meaning of the commuting population indicator (e.g., indication of an outlying center’s economic viability?)  A geography reference may be appropriate  **ACTION 10:** Cam to include reference/link to Statistics Canada geography reference web page.  Bill noted Question 49 in the NHS does not seem to refer to languages.  **ACTION 11:** Cam to double-check whether Question 49 in the NHS is about languages.  Natalie noted citations for the Census and NHS need to be amended as per the Resource document.  **ACTION 12:** Cam to amend citations to Census and NHS. |
| 5.3 | Aboriginal Population | Cam noted the OPHS specifically mentions Aboriginals as a priority population. Also noted that the Aboriginal Population Profile is available on the Statistics Canada website, and that the Métis National Council has a different definition for Métis.  Natalie noted the indicators currently defined under the ‘Corresponding Indicators’ section (i.e., CCHS & RRFSS) should be listed under the ‘Alternate Data Sources’ section, and that the citation for the Census needs to be revised per the Resource document.  Virginia noted the Health Profile could be listed as a data source. Also noted that ‘Aboriginal Identity’ analyzed using the CCHS or RRFSS is moreso collected for weighting or grouping purposes. Distinction of how to the use of data from different sources should be made and any limitations for their use.  Bill noted that references for the Census (until 2006) and 2011 National Household Survey were needed.  **ACTION 13:** Dinna to make changes. |
| 5.4 | Living Arrangements for Seniors | Bill noted that some households would have possibly completed both the NHS and Census, and some indicators may be contained in both sources. If the indicators could be derived using both sources, the NHS could become an alternate date source.  **ACTION 14:** Cam to check how NHS and Census content overlap.  Virginia noted that living arrangements could be relevant for populations beyond seniors.  **ACTION 15:** Dinna to add content for living arrangement among the general population.  Virginia noted a typo (ism) in ‘Indicator comments’ second bullet.  Natalie noted the indicators currently defined under the ‘Corresponding Indicators’ section (i.e., CCHS & RRFSS) should be listed under the ‘Alternate Data Sources’ section, and that the citation for the Census needs to be revised per the Resource document.  **ACTION 16:** Dinna to make changes. |
| 5.5 | Mother Tongue | Virginia noted the language in the indicator’s ‘Description’ section could be clearer.  **ACTION 17:** Dinna to revise ‘Description’ section.  Virginia inquired about the ‘Ontario Francophone Health Report (1999)’ (not the actual title) cited in the ‘References’ section.  **ACTION 18:** Virginia to email Sudbury about getting the ‘Ontario Francophone Health Report (1999)’. |
| 5.6 | Income Inequality | Bill noted the income inequality document is archived on Statistics Canada website under 2006 Special Tabulations and is called ‘Median share of income’.  Currently, Statistics Canada has no official definition of income inequality. Various indicators could include the GINI coefficitient, SLID definition, share of income by quintile, and the 90/10.  **ACTION 19:** Luanne to change ‘Income Inequality’ to ‘Median Share of Income’, maintain the previous description, and reference the GINI coefficient.  **ACTION 20:** Luanne to take out reference to Ontario marginalization index and rename the ‘Cross-reference to other sections’ section to ‘Cross-reference to other indicators’  Bill noted the ‘median share of income’ is already calculated. Discussion whether to include the equation to understand what the measure represents or to use for calculation if the measure is not included in the 2011 NHS. Consensus to keep the equation and description of the measure in the document. |
| 5.7 | Low Income Rate | Discussion whether to eliminate indicator calculations for each type of family.  **ACTION 21:** Luanne to include each type of family in the ‘Basic Categories’ section and eliminate variants in ‘Method of Calculation’ section.  Virginia questioned whether LICO, LIM and BMB were really complementary. Their strengths and limitations could adapted from the newly issued ‘Low Income in Canada – A Multiline and Multi-index perspective’ produced by Statistics Canada. Additional suggestions included updating the commentary in the ‘Description’ section and leave the discussion in the ‘Indicator Comments’.  It was noted that the ‘Low Income Gap Ratio’ is only available at the provincial level and not at the PHU level.  **ACTION 22:** Luanne to eliminate the ‘Low Income Gap Ratio’ |
| 5.8 | Indicator Progress | **Indicators to Be Retired** Unemployment Rate & Labour Force Participation (now combined) Crime Rate (Social Environment)  **Completed Indicators** Population by Age and Sex (Population) Population Growth (Population) Projected Population Growth (Population) Dependency Ratios (Population) Labour Force Indicators (Social Environment) Housing Affordability (Social Environment)  **In Progress—Not Yet Presented for Internal Review** Urban and Rural Population (Population): **Cam** Immigrant Population (Population): **Cam** Percent Who Cannot Speak English or French (Population): **Cam**  **Presented for Internal Review, Feedback Not Received** Aboriginal Population (Population): **Dinna**  Low Income Rate (Social Environment): **Luanne** Income Inequality (Social Environment): **Luanne**  Living Arrangements for Seniors (Social Environment): **Dinna**  Mother Tongue (Population): **Dinna**  **In Progress—Not Yet Externally Reviewed, Requires Posting** Commuting Population (Social Environment): **Cam**  **In Progress—Not Yet Externally Reviewed, But IS Posted** Home Language (Population): **Bill** Lone-Parent Families (Social Environment): **Bill** Education Level (Social Environment): **Virginia**  **In Progress—Externally Reviewed, Not Yet Finalized** Ethnic/Cultural Origin (Population): **Cam**  Natalie noted the authors for the previous versions of the ‘Home Language’ and ‘Lone Parent Families’ indicators were not written on each document. If the author(s) of the previous versions is not known, the person who revised the indicator is the lead author.  **ACTION 23:** Bill to add his name as the Lead Author.  **ACTION 24:** Natalie to contact Lee Sieswerda to remove the old versions of the indicators from the website and repost the new final versions. Revised: Ginny to do this. |
| **6.0** | **Standing Items** |  |
| 6.1 | Items to bring forward to CIWG | See items 3.5 and 4.2. |
| 6.2 | Leadership transition | FTP site to be set up. **ACTION 25:** Luanne & Cam to send documents to Virginia. |
| **7.0** | **Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting** | May 15, 2013 1:30-3:00 p.m. |