**Core Indicators for Public Health in Ontario**

**Core Indicators Work Group: Social Determinants of Health Subgroup**

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| Date | Wednesday, February 27, 2013 |
| Location | Teleconference |
| Recorder | Virginia (Ginny) McFarland |
| Chair | Luanne Jamieson |
| Attendees | Natalie Greenidge, William (Bill) Kou, Cameron (Cam) McDermaid |
| Regrets | Dinna Lozano, Fran Scott |

**Minutes**

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| **No.** | **Item** | **Action Item** | **Follow up** |
| **1.0** | **Review of the Agenda** | All | No changes. |
| **2.0** | **Review of Minutes: January 23, 2013** | All | Approved. |
| 2.1 | Outstanding items from 3.1 of January 23, 2013 minutes.  **Natalie**  Require the following information to finalize webpages: |  |  |
|  | Labour Force Participation Rate will change to Labour Force Indicators. | Natalie | Ask Lee Sieswerda to change name |
| Labour Force Indicators needs an acknowledgements table and a reviewer table.  Crime rate indicator needs a changes made table and an acknowledgements table. Criminal code offenses has no data source listed. Crime rate links are broken. | Ginny | Will update all but crime rate as we wait for information on sunsetting. |
|  | Home Language needs a changes made table and an acknowledgements table. | Bill | Will update |
|  | Housing affordability requires a reviewer table. | Cam | Will update |

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| **3.0** | **Business Arising** |  |  |
| 3.1 | Feedback on Ethnic/Cultural Origins from external reviewers  **Cam**  Some of the comments were about the language of the core portions of the indicators, so these issues may have to go back to CIWG.  → many concepts of culture and ethnicity floating around, from Census to CCHS to RRFSS  → culture vs. ethnicity—what are we actually measuring/reporting?  → many of us tend to use language as a proxy for ethnicity/culture in reporting at the health unit level  → issue with identification as “Canadian” as a response option is discouraged through the way the question is asked  This might not be a useful indicator on its own, adding ethnic/cultural identity would be useful. | Cam | Will modify this indicator to a collection of indicators as discussed, and will present that for discussion at next meeting. |
| **4.0** | **New Business** |  |  |
| 4.1 | Feedback from CIWG RE: Archiving indicators on website  **Cam**  There is currently no system to archive indicators.  Most people identified that their workgroup had copies of the indicators, but there is not necessarily a repository of indicators. The decision was perhaps not to have that show on the current website format, but maybe when the new website comes up this could be incorporated. | Cam | Will circulate the CIWG minutes to the group. |

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| **5.0** | **Indicator Updates** |  |  |
| 5.1 | Income Inequality  **Luanne**  Spoke with Statscan client services and spoke with someone in Income Statistics Division. There have been substantive changes to the website.  Could use SLID, this gentleman provided information about the MBM, LIM, LICO. Luanne will be following up with Mike Wilson at U of Ottawa.  Statscan does not have a single measure of low income or income inequality, but there are measures that can be used in conjunction with others to provide some context to the income sphere.  There might be measures that could complement these indicators.  **Cam**  LICO is not linked to the distribution of income within the population. These are two constructs in income: dispersion and poverty/cut-off point.  **Ginny**  Could add a description what constitute measures of income inequality and explain that median share of income is the one that is readily available at the health unit level from Statistics Canada. | Luanne | Will modify this indicator to reflect that it is *one* potential measure of income inequality and that it is available at Statcan. |
|  | **Bill**  Robert Spasoff has used GINI and called it income inequality. | Bill | Forwarded (during meeting) two documents that use GINI coefficient as measure of income inequality, for reference |
| 5.2 | | Low Income Rate  **Luanne**  As mentioned in 5.1, spoke at length with Statcan client services and is consulting with Mike Wilson.  There are some measures that are relatively new, such as the Low Income Gap Ratio, which may be useful to include. | Luanne | Will forward links for B2020 data to demonstrate which Low income data are already available  (completed 28 Feb, note: Gap ratio not available at HU level) |
|  | | Many group members have not yet reviewed this indicator. | Group | Will review and send feedback to Luanne. |
| 5.3 | | Lone-Parent Families  **Bill**  Received feedback and updated variable. Census vs. NHS- NHS does include these questions, so it makes sense to include this NHS information in the documentation. It’s unclear right now if/how these data will be linked back up with the Census data. | Bill | Bill will finalize the version sent out Monday, which includes NHS information. |
|  | | **Ginny**  Some of our already completed indicators may similarly be indicators that are used in crosstabs with other NHS data, so the NHS referencing may need to occur with those indicators as well.  **Bill**  One of these indicators will include Home Language | Ginny | Will check completed indicators to ensure we follow this format.  (Urban/rural and Mother Tongue may need to be updated) |
|  | |  | Cam | Will ensure ethnicity matches this format. |
| 5.4 | | Aboriginal Population | Dinna | Deferred |
| 5.5 | | Living Arrangements for Seniors | Dinna | Deferred |
| 5.6 | | Mother Tongue | Dinna | Deferred |
| 5.7 | | Indicators to be completed:  **Population indicators:**  Immigrant population – Cam/Natalie – *in progress*  Percent Who Cannot Speak English or French – Cam - *completed*  Living Arrangements for Seniors – Dinna- *in progress*  Aboriginal population – Dinna – *in progress*  Mother Tongue – Dinna- *in progress*  **Social Environment and Health indicators:**  Income inequality – Luanne – *completed*  Low income rate – Luanne *–in progress*  Single Parent Families – Bill - *completed*  Education Level – Virginia – *completed* | All |  |
| **6.0** | | **Standing Items** |  |  |
| 6.1 | | Items to bring forward to CIWG  **All**  Nothing brought forward. | Cam/Luanne | Will forward info on sunsetting indicators to the group. |
| 6.2 | | New Leadership of SDOH CIWG  **Luanne**  Ginny will lead the CIWG SDOH workgroup. | Luanne/Cam | Will send files to Ginny |
| **7.0** | | **Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**  **March 20, 2013 1:30-3:30pm** |  |  |