

Meeting Notes

Subject: Simcoe County Data Consortium Spring Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

Meeting Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Chair: Victoria Chapman, County of Simcoe

Attendance:

- Jennifer Saunders, Child Youth and Family Coalition
- Morgane Dunot, County of Simcoe
- Madison Charman, Barrie Police Service
- Melanie Dupois, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Terry Dumond, North Simcoe Muskoka Home and Community Care Support Services
- Richard Rinaldo, Georgian College
- Afra Mehwish, Catholic Family Services
- Olga Belanovskaya, County of Simcoe
- Carina Nunes, Simcoe County District School Board
- Sandra Lee, County of Simcoe
- Kholah Nisar, County of Simcoe
- Victoria Chapman, County of Simcoe

Link to PowerPoint Presentation

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcomed Madison Charman, representative from a new member organization Barrie Police Service. Welcomed Jennifer Saunders a new coordinator with Child Youth and Family Coalition. Group shared current projects they are working on. Many members mentioned projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic and some members mentioned projects related to program evaluation. Carina mentioned working on an online platform available to the public that will display school related data. Morgane mentioned an Immigrant Health Outcome Survey that will provide data on immigrants health and healthcare experiences in Simcoe County.

2. CDP Updates

- a. Leads update

Victoria provided updates detailed in the attached PowerPoint.

b. Data Purchasing and Access Working group meeting updates

Victoria provided updates from the working groups detailed in the attached PowerPoint.

3. Breakout Group Discussion 1:

The group broke into two smaller groups to discuss:

-What was the last data set you downloaded from CDP?

-What was the last dataset you searched for?

Victoria shared experience searching for the number of veterans in Simcoe County and although we don't have it now, when the 2021 census data comes out we will because there was a new question added 'Has this person ever served in the Canadian military?'

Topics that came up during discussion included accessing population estimates to predict future need for services, analyzing polling data and access to data through liberation partnerships, need for updated GIS roads data, use of data management software used such as excel, SPSS, python and R, data gap on housing data for the immigrant population more recent than 2016, violence against partners or children before and during the pandemic data filled by 211 data and accessing racial identity data.

a. New tables

Victoria provided updates on new tables in the CDP data catalogue detailed in the attached PowerPoint.

b. Training and Capacity Building

Victoria provided detail on upcoming and past webinars available through the CDP. Some members of the group had attended presentations on the 2021 Census. Victoria shared on the CMHC's Prototype Core Need Finder, mentioning CMHC is taking big steps towards making more of their data available to the public and in more useable formats to cut the data in different ways. The CDP will keep members updated on the launch of the CMHC Core Needs Finder which is expected to launch in September.

4. Local Updates

- a. 211 Community Services Mapping Tool update

Deferred

- b. Roundtable – any other updates to share?

Morgane shared the newcomer navigation website which offers a variety of data on immigrants: <https://www.newcomernavigation.ca/en/index.aspx>

- c. Update on the Solutions Lab: Developing easy-to-use community decision-making tools to help achieve National Housing Strategy goals

Victoria provided an update on the content that is being discussed and upcoming meeting dates (see attached PowerPoint). Members are welcome to participate and share input.

5. New Business

- a. Discussion around 2021 Census

Victoria provided detail in the attached PowerPoint.

6. Breakout Group Discussion 2:

The group broke into two smaller groups to discuss:

- Dissemination plans for the 2021 Census Data
- How can the CDP better support you?

The groups discussed recreating 2016 reports with 2021 data such as Immigrant and Recent Immigrant profiles and fact sheets, planning strategy timelines around data releases and updating annual reports to share with partners and on websites.

Some priority data included religion, language (non-official mother tongue), income spent on housing for populations of interest and demographic data for the geographies that members work in (ex: Simcoe County, SMDHU boundaries, Barrie Police boundaries) including household and student growth.

One group mentioned going to Statistics Canada, colleagues, National LIP secretariat, and the RA team at the County of Simcoe for data.

Groups also discussed the possibility of getting data on those living in congregate housing, assisted living and group homes and seeing income dips related to the COVID-19 pandemic. They also discussed changes in methodology around Indigenous data.

7. Next Meeting

- a. August 26th, 2021