

Meeting Minutes

Subject: Simcoe County Data Consortium Summer Meeting
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14th, 2023
Meeting Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Chair: Janessa Boutin, County of Simcoe

Attendance:

- Janessa Boutin, County of Simcoe
- Sarah Tiller, County of Simcoe
- Melanie Dupuis, Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit
- Jonathan Katz, County of Simcoe
- Tonya Nicholson, County of Simcoe
- Ebin Mudeyapan, County of Simcoe
- Tiffany Boening, County of Simcoe
- Trupti Sadare, County of Simcoe
- Ian Knutson, County of Simcoe
- Olga Belanovskaya, County of Simcoe
- Jessica Heitzner, County of Simcoe
- Brandon Correia, Town of Innisfil
- Chris Streets, Barrie Public Library
- Richard Rinaldo, Georgian College
- Padmavati Chandvani, Children's Treatment Network Simcoe York
- Anna Drexler, Family Connexions
- Viktoria Tumilowicz, Barrie Police

[Link to PowerPoint presentation](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Janessa initiated the meeting with a land acknowledgment and invited all attendees to provide updates on various topics including census data, strategic planning, website renovations, upcoming changes, and challenges.

2. Guest Speaker- Melanie, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

[Link to SMDHU HealthSTATS Revitalization Presentation](#)

Melanie provided an overview of the SMDHU Health STATS Revitalization project, emphasising the renovation of their website to provide comprehensive information on population, health, and youth. She highlighted the availability of data in various user-friendly formats and the addition of interactive story maps to the website. Recommendations for

future health status reporting and alignment with the Ontario Public Health Standards were also discussed.

Melanie mentioned ongoing efforts to redesign the website for a modern look and feel, including the addition of a dashboard and external user acceptance testing. The creation of a landing page and the transformation of content from text-heavy formats to interactive dashboards and health maps were highlighted.

3. Local Updates

a. Roundtable – any other updates to share?

A member from the Barrie Public Library shared insights into utilising online resources to enhance learning and creating a dashboard using data visualisation tools.

4. CDP Updates

Sarah presented updates on the Data Purchase and Access Working Group Meetings. She discussed tables currently in production and their expected usefulness. New tables added to the CDP were presented. An upcoming webinar was mentioned.

5. New Business

a. Introduction to Business Intelligence and New Public Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Dashboard for Shelters and Those Experiencing Homelessness

Jonathan discussed his department's roles and responsibilities at Simcoe County and outlined prospects. He emphasised the importance and impact of data visualisation on Emergency Shelter Data. Various ways of using dashboards and accessing information were explained to enhance data interpretation and utilisation. Navigation through statistical data and customising summaries of extensive county data were also covered, facilitating trend analysis.

6. Next Meeting

November 16th, 2023.