

Meeting Notes

Subject: Simcoe County Data Consortium Winter Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

Meeting Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Chair: Victoria Chapman, County of Simcoe

Attendance:

- A.M., Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County
- Olga Belanovskaya, County of Simcoe
- Tiffany Boening, County of Simcoe
- Kulminder, Simcoe County District School Board
- Jessica Dinner, County of Simcoe
- Sandra Lee, County of Simcoe
- Melanie Dupuis, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Muskaan Karwal, County of Simcoe
- Kim Latour, Catulpa Community Family Services
- Magda Montagnese, Newpath
- Kostandinos Mehilli, County of Simcoe
- Tonya Nicholson, County of Simcoe
- Padmavati Chandvani, Children's Treatment Network Simcoe York

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Group shared the current projects they were working on. Topics included geocoding, developing strategies, working with census data, collecting labour market information and creating client data profiles.

2. CDP Updates

a. Leads update

Victoria provided updates detailed in the attached PowerPoint.

Group discussed their experience with Environics Analytics data. Some members mentioned using population forecasts between Census years and Prizm data to

understand clients. As well understanding possible clients within specific driving times from services and publishing some data publicly was also discussed.

b. Data Purchasing and Access Working group meeting updates

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

Action: Victoria to send out information to the group on the webinar in May where Statistics Canada staff will be discussing possible options for mitigating the impact of COVID supports on income data and indicators from the 2021 Census.

The group is interested in CDP Tableau dashboards providing more information on housing data and changes in the renter profile such as information on those in the middle income range due to interest rates and housing prices.

Other members were interested in gaining access to seasonal resident data, any changes to low-income methodology and sharing information on the living wage for 2022 which was \$20.70 per hour for the economic zone of Bruce, Grey, Perth, Huron and Simcoe.

Action: Victoria will follow up on when new Building Permit data will be available.

Update: 2022 Building Permit data will be available from Statistics Canada in June. Still waiting for an update on 2021 Building Permit data.

c. New tables

Victoria provided an update on new tables in the CDP data catalogue, detailed in the attached PowerPoint.

Discussion Questions:

1. What was the last CDP data you downloaded and worked with?

Members mentioned population estimates and business counts.

2. Is there any CDP data you are excited to start working with?

A member mentioned being curious when new Canadian Community Health Survey data will be available.

d. Training and Capacity Building

Victoria provided details about upcoming and past webinars available through the CDP.

A member mentioned attending the February 14, 2023 webinar on 'Using the 2021 Canadian Census Data Quality Indicators for Statistical Inference' noting the webinar being very technical.

Action: Members to e-mail webinar ideas of datasets or topics they would be interested in to Victoria.chapman@simcoe.ca.

Muskaan presented notes from the webinar on January 24, 2023 titled 'Early Learning and Child Care: Data and Findings for Use of Child Care for Children aged 0 to 12'. See slides. Data was available at the provincial level.

3. Local Updates

- a. Roundtable – any other updates to share?

No additional updates.

4. New Business

- a. Conversation on collecting sensitive demographic information (gender, race and/or ethnicity)

Slides posted at www.simcoe.ca/dataconsortium under 'Data Consortium Updates'. The group really appreciated the 5 best practices and discussion around examples provided. The response option wording 'prefer to self describe' seemed to resonate with members of the group.

- b. Data presentation on the Longitudinal Administrative Databank (LAD) -
Deferred

5. Next Meeting

- a. June 15th, 2023