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Mental Health & Substance Use Leadership Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 23, 2023 3:30-5:00 PM Microsoft Teams

Chair: Laura Conboy

Recorder: Wendy Fisher

Attendees: Scot Gillam, Laura Conboy, Wendy Fisher, Cheryl Snider, Gillian Gunn, Ellyn Clost-Lambert, Kristy Luffman, Leah Carey, Michele Miller, Victoria Cadue, Megan Brunet, Adam Andrecyk, Mike Whiteman, Valerie Arsenault, Rae McDonald, Shawn Quigley, Amanda

Posadowski

Regrets: Liv Rondeau

	Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions	MRP
1.	Welcome/Land Acknowledgement	Welcome to Committee members. Laura Conboy thanked Michele Miller for representing the Adolescent Care Worker affinity. Michele will be stepping down from her role on the Committee effective today and Victoria Cadue will be replacing her. Land Acknowledgement shared.	L. Conboy
2.	Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda by Rae McDonald. Motion seconded by Ellyn Clost-Lambert.	All
3.	Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the October 2023 minutes by Ellyn. Motion seconded by Rae.	All
4.	Community Partner Updates	Shawn Quiqley reported that there are new vaping products and dissolvable cannabis products that youth can put into mouths. There are also pods that inject nicotine that are being used by youth.	S. Quigley
		Maltby is open for walk-in appointments on Tuesdays. All Nexus classrooms are currently full.	M. Whiteman
		No updates from Public Health at this time.	A. Posadowski

5. 2021-2024 Strategy Development Review	The Committee reviewed the development of the 2021-2024 MHSU Strategy. Laura reviewed the 6 key areas of focus. The 2024-2027 Strategy should align with the requirements outlined in PPM 169. Shawn wondered how we know if we have moved the needle in any of these areas. How are we monitoring the impact of the strategy? Laura advised that we do have annual progress reports but acknowledged that we do not have great ways to measure impact. Ellyn suggested that we could set up desired outcomes for each area of focus. To measure impact, we need to build it into our strategy. PreVenture includes a standardized measurement tool.	L. Conboy
6. PPM 169	Laura provided an overview of PPM 169 which comes into effect on January 1, 2024. LDSB is already doing much of what is required. PPM 169 outlines the requirements for school boards working within a broader system of care for community and hospital-based supports. Moving forward, MHSU strategies will be sent directly to the Ministry of Education rather than School Mental Health Ontario. School board websites will need to include a description of their collaboration with community-based child and youth mental health lead agencies. LDSB's suicide prevention, intervention postvention protocols will need small updates. Family mental health literacy and awareness is an area where LDSB could enhance our efforts. School boards are required to complete and submit to the Ministry of Education an annual report on the implementation status of the PPM requirements, along with their three-year MHSU Strategy, and one-year action plan by June 30th of each school year.	L. Conboy

7. School Climate Survey Review	Ellyn reviewed the School Climate Survey which is required at a minimum of every two years, as part of the Education Act. School Climate is offered to students in grades 4-12. KFL&A Public Health and LDSB are currently working on a data sharing agreement. The survey is currently in the review stage. Work is being done to enhance accessibility features. Educators will receive a guide outlining how to support students with the survey. Families will have the opportunity to opt their child out of the survey. Students also have the choice not to complete it. Surveys will be available electronically and in hard convenience.	L. Conboy
Q. Deta Inventory	and in hard copy. This survey will be reviewed by educators and unions. Committee members were asked to review the draft and provide feedback directly to Ellyn.	L. Conhou
8. Data Inventory Discussion	Laura reviewed the various sources of data available to review for the 2024-2027 Mental Health Substance Use Strategy. Committee members were asked to consider the following questions: What data do you have within your agency for the development of the 2024-2027 Strategy? Where are the gaps in our data?	L. Conboy
	Committee members brainstormed several data sources that could be reviewed. These included, but are not limited to, the LDSB Human Rights Reporting tool, School Improvement Plans, attendance referral data, and newcomer statistics.	
9. Adjournment	Laura adjourned the meeting and thanked the Committee for their time. Next meeting will take place January 18, 2024 from 3:30-5 PM via MS Teams.	L. Conboy