



LEAD TABLE SUMMARY Q2

For Informational Purposes

Subject:	Lead Table – Q2 2022 (April, May, June) CSWB Summary
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Status Update on Key Actions/Initiatives/Projects/Activities:

DART

- Survivor Panel (SP) meetings and working on campaign for community awareness
- Notebook Project (ongoing) with the Survivor Panel
- Ongoing website updates
- Meeting with potential speakers for upcoming training

DRUG STRATEGY

- FTP delivered addiction awareness/harm reduction presentations to Centre Dufferin High school (CDHS) in April at their request
- Workshop geared towards parents and caregivers developed in collaboration by DCAFS, Pine River and FTP was delivered on June 9th 7-8:30pm
- Planning continues for the Aug. 31st Overdose Awareness Day event (in person)

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

Key Actions and Initiatives:

1) Increase community awareness and understanding of:

- homelessness
- the lack of safe and affordable **housing in our community
- the impact these issues have on our community

This work will be ongoing throughout the 2022-2023 term. Projects and activities underway in Q2 to increase community awareness and understanding include:

- a) Creating an engagement strategy
- b) Creating and distributing information to the community on a quarterly basis.



- c) Leveraging existing community events and gatherings to raise awareness of housing and homelessness issues

2) Increased supply of safe and affordable housing

This work will be ongoing throughout the 2022-2023 term. Projects and activities underway in Q2 to increase supply of safe and affordable housing include:

- a) Engage local landlords
- b) Engage community partners
- c) Engage municipal planning department, housing developers
- d) Engage decision makers

3) Increased access to safe and affordable housing

This work will be ongoing throughout the 2022-2023 term. Projects and activities underway in Q2 to increase access to safe and affordable housing include:

- a) Expand housing allowances and housing benefits offered in Dufferin County
- b) Leverage existing programs and partnerships
- c) Explore additional programs, partnerships and financial incentives
- d) Engage decision makers

4) Increased initiatives to help obtain and maintain safe and affordable housing

This work will be ongoing throughout the 2022-2023 term. Projects and activities underway in Q2 to increase access to safe and affordable housing include:

- a) Expand existing programs and financial supports available
- b) Offer "Rent Smart" training on a regular basis in the community
- c) Leverage County of Dufferin's Home Ownership and "Ontario Renovates"
- d) Engage decision makers

MENTAL HEALTH and WELL-BEING

Key Deliverable: Enhance Overall Mental Health

Activity:

1. Investing in Service Provider resilience – avoid burn out, empathic strain through workshops, yoga and creative self-care training, change management,



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psychological ppe memberships distributed to community partners for front line workers

2. Enhanced awareness to services through distribution of post cards; made mental health resources more available
3. Daily Huddles continue

Key deliverable: Increase Sense of Belonging -

Activity: Lunch and learn opportunities for service providers to share resources and support one another

Key Deliverable – Decrease visits to Emergency department

Activity:

1. Integrated crisis Table promoted network to support and address crisis as they happened prior to ED visit
2. Need Baseline data from Headwaters Healthcare

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- Commencing preliminary consultations on DEICAC priorities, initiatives and mandate.

Outcomes:

DART

- Website updates completed
- Women accessing shelter space received the notebook from the survivor panel. They received encouraging information and were reminded that they are not alone on their journey. The feedback has been that clients are benefitting from insight of survivors.

DRUG STRATEGY

- FTP presentations at CDHS were well received (delivered multiple presentations over the week of April 25/22)
- Parent/Caregiver workshop was well received on June 9, 2022
- Details are being planned for OD Awareness Day event; will include a Health Fair again including having Naloxone kits being available for distribution



HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

- The Housing and Homelessness Working Group has made efforts to expand our membership to be more inclusive of the diverse needs of the community, as well as the needs of our residents across the housing continuum. A flyer has been created inviting new members to join the Working Group. The flyer has been shared on social media sites as appropriate and has been circulated to targeted groups such as: Local landlords, real estate agents, home builders, concerned citizens and those with lived experience.

Expanding our membership group is intended to have a positive impact on the following goals and activities in our work plan:

- Increasing community awareness and understanding of homelessness, lack of affordable housing, and impact on the community
 - Increasing the supply of safe and affordable housing by engaging local landlords, community partners, municipal department, housing developers, decision makers
- The Housing and Homelessness Working Group will have representation at an upcoming community event 'Celebrate Your Awesome'. This event will take place in the town of Orangeville on June 18th. <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/events/celebrate-your-awesome-0>

At this event, the following resources will be shared:

- Infographic/one page handout outlining local housing stats such as: average cost of rent in the area, local housing waitlist details etc.
- Housing Challenges postcards. Postcards will be handed out at the event as an interactive activity. Residents can use these postcards to share their thoughts about housing with the Town of Orangeville/County of Dufferin.

The Housing and Homelessness Working Group's involvement in this event is an additional step towards our community engagement strategy. The intention is that this is the first of several community events that are leveraged in order to help raise awareness of housing and homelessness issues in the community.

The 'Celebrate Your Awesome' event was well attended and a number of the Infographic and postcards were distributed. The infographic and postcards are also shared at the Farmers' Market. These initiatives are raising awareness of the housing and homelessness issues in the community.



MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Key Deliverable – Enhance overall Mental Health

Outcome: increased resilience of front-line workers and provided additional layer of support. Workshops and trainings were all highly attended with positive evaluations

Key Deliverable – Decrease visits to Emergency department

Outcomes – Integrated crisis Team has daily huddles to discuss situations that need responding to. Staff from appropriate agencies respond to individuals same or following day.

Additional information is required from HHCC to establish a baseline in order to prove the outcome.

Since the inception and growth of the Integrated crisis Team, the Dufferin Situation Table has been placed on an “as needed” basis as most situations are now being brought to the daily huddle for resolution.

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- Ruth Cameron Consulting to begin formal consultation in Summer of 2022.

Data:

DART

- 7 notebooks were provided to Family Transition Place shelter program for clients accessing space
- June 28, 2022, Survivor Panel meeting, 6 in attendance

DRUG STRATEGY

- CDHS presentations= 9 presentations (each having 3 classes in them) delivered, reaching all of the students; also able to distribute 9 Naloxone kits to students requesting them
- Parent/Caregiver workshop had 26 attendees participate

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

During this period, Co-chair (Cindy Larocque) has moved out of the area and member Erin Goodyear has assumed this role. To increase greater representation in the Working Group, an active recruitment process began. Eight expressions of interest were received and are being properly vetted.



The number of housing allowances (OPHI) has increased from 54 to 66 and the number of housing benefits (COHB) has increased from 25 to 49 beginning April 1, 2022. In summary, thirty-six singles and/or families received assistance in making their rent more affordable.

MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Waiting on baseline data from HHCC

Collective Results working with mental health group to establish evaluation and data measurements

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- Consultation in Summer of 2022 will gather key informant interviews, cross-organizational literature for analysis, and will conduct a SCOT analysis of focus group and interview content.

Key Considerations and Implications:

DART

- Reconnect with agencies who have not had regular attendance at DART meetings
- Ongoing survivor panel meetings
- Research into 2022/2023 workshop
- Added to the agenda for the next DART meeting is a discussion about whether or not member agencies can share stats which will also support the work of the CSWB

DRUG STRATEGY

- Planning on having Naloxone and other Harm Reduction kits available for distribution at the Overdose Awareness Day Event on Aug. 31, 2022
- To increase comfortability and ease of distribution, multiple agencies will have signs outside their booths at the Overdose Awareness Day's Health Fair to make it easily recognizable to community members where to get kits

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

The Working Group will establish a process for member selection that equitable and transparent.



MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Concrete measurement tools will be necessary to evaluate progress in this area. We look forward to the work to gather data and evaluation processes.

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- Reorganizing and assessing priorities, initiatives, and needs of the DEICAC.

Conclusion and Upcoming Work:

DART

- DART committee is in discussion around what we would need to be in place to review past DV homicides
- Next DART meeting date scheduled for September 23, 2022
- Next Survivor Panel meeting scheduled for September 15, 2022

DRUG STRATEGY

Planning for in-person, Overdose Awareness Day event on Aug. 31st, 2022, continues

HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS

- Housing Continuum visual. We received permission from Habitat for Humanity to modify and/or handout this visual. Other options for this visual can be found online

ACTION: Carol to connect with Julie about revising this document. Visual not likely to be ready in time for event

ACTION – discussion on “branding” of committee to be added to future agenda

MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Another subgroup of the working group has developed a centralized intake form that is intended to be made public this year.

The Integrated Crisis team is expanding itself with the addition of crisis housing/homelessness workers and connection to the MCERT workers being hired at HHCC in partnership with the OPP.



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- Summer 2022 formal consultation on DEICAC priorities, initiatives and needs. Engaging partners, and the County of Dufferin has engaged Ruth Cameron Consulting to support this consultation.

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