



Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of DataSHARE Peterborough was called to order by Nancy Fischer at 1:05pm on May 7, 2019 at the Bata Library, Trent University (1600 W Bank Dr, Peterborough).

Present

Nancy Fischer – Senior Program Analyst, City of Peterborough
Caren Thayer – Data Analysis Coordinator, City of Peterborough
Jacqueline Smith – Summer Intern, City of Peterborough
Brittany Wakefield – Crime Analyst, Peterborough Police Services
Tammy Sikma – Manager of GIS, County of Peterborough
Jane Hoffmeyer – Manager, Foundational Standards, Peterborough Public Health (PPH)
Anita Wong – Health Promoter, Peterborough Public Health (PPH)
Ashley Fearnall – Business Support Specialist, Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Sarah Amirault – Research Analyst, Institutional Research Office, Fleming College
Jason Dennison – Careers and Workforce Analyst, Trent University
Ellen Olsen-Lynch – Learning & Liaison Librarian, Trent University
Barb Znamirovski – Maps, Data, Government & GIS Librarian, Trent University

Regrets

Peter Williams – Community Development & Engagement Coordinator, Peterborough Police Services
Jennifer Lamantia – CEO, Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Andrew Bell – Labour Market Info Analyst, Workforce Development Board (WDB)
Mohamed Kharbouch – Epidemiologist, Peterborough Public Health (PPH)
Jennifer Chenier – Supervisor – Quality Initiatives, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society
Cheryl Stager – Program Support Partner, Peterborough Regional Health Centre
Lori Richey – Executive Director, Peterborough Family Health Team (PFHT)
Amanda Hiemstra – Quality Improvement Decision Support Specialist, PFHT
Sherry Gosselin – Director, Project Management Office, Fleming College

Guests

Dr. Gillian Balfour - Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning and Trent Online; Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Dr. Cyndi Gilmer - Associate Professor, Trent / Fleming School of Nursing
Ryan Sisson – Coordinator, Trent Community Research Centre

Welcome and Introductions

Nancy welcomed the group and invited everyone to introduce themselves and their organization. The meeting's discussion focus was the "**Mutual Benefits of Community Partnership**".


Review of Agenda & Previous Minutes

The agenda & minutes were received as distributed.

Peterborough Data Consortium Sub-Committee Update

Nancy provided an update on the City's role as the Community Data Program's (CDP) local consortium lead agency. Nancy will be remotely attending portions of the CDP's annual meeting being held in Calgary on May 15-17, 2019. Nancy spoke of the new CDP billing structure where the City will assume the \$8,000 annual licensing cost for the Consortium. The CDP will then directly bill each member agency the \$125/year membership fee. The invoices have not yet been shipped at the time of the meeting, but should be expected.

Nancy asked Consortium members to inform the group as they are using CDP data and to share results of data analysis, when able.

 Nancy to share details of the AGM subsequent to the meeting.

Documenting Prisons

Presenter: Dr. Gillian Balfour, Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning and Trent Online; Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

Dr. Balfour provided background on her work as a socio-legal scholar working on issues within the federal corrective system where women represent the fastest growing inmate population. Prison rates have doubled since the closure of Canada's single women's facility and opening of 5 new reformed facilities in the early 2000s, especially in indigenous populations. Many of these women are being held in pre-trial custody without access to programs and support services. She spoke of Canada's exceptional environment of brokered access to prisons & prison records. Dr. Balfour was previously a correctional officer.

Dr. Balfour introduced two research projects on access:

- 1) Rates of incarceration and the politics of data versus redaction, a study of women's prison archives between 1935-2005.
 - 95% of data purchased through research grant was redacted, therefore began to create alternate sets of data through analysis
 - Journalists (i.e. Patrick White) have unearthed far more detailed data through ATIP, than academic researchers have been able to acquire
 - Larger institutions with lower rates of searching & vice versa
 - Most happening in cells & common rooms; didn't suggest security risk
 - Searching related to institutional security, detection of weapons & drugs.
 - Documents provided to Dr. Gillian was only non-routine & exceptional, routine searching is not reported
 - Found in larger institutions the rates of force are much higher
 - Came to understand searches were considered "routine", therefore not reported

2) Suicide Inside

- In-depth archival study (SHIRK funded)
- Interested in the systemic discipline culture of women within criminal institutions
- Focus on suicide death in prisons, incl. Ashley Smith (AS) at Grand Valley institution
 - Was AS suicide death exceptional or routine?
- AS was transferred 11 times in 21 months through each of Canada's incarceration facilities
- Access to data was complex, expensive and virtually useless due to redaction
- Archives create questions – Whose interest is held in retaining/destroying files? Why is access to some files denied without legal cause to do so? Why did AS file only contain the date of her death, despite 7 years incarceration?
- Study of other inmates:
 - Vera
 - ECT treatment due to hunger strikes she engaged in in protest to being unable to breast feed infant. Unable to be with infant. Protest viewed as a pathology & therefore punished
 - Christine Allard (CA) – Downtown east side of Vancouver, 1969
 - CA had consistent record of hard work in sewing room in P4W facility
 - Self-advocacy found throughout patient case files in the form of pleading letters to physicians for help, medication, assistance
 - Considered attention-seeking & given sedatives; Likely died of HepC

Dr. Balfour expressed her interest in the notion of punishment as work and is starting to interview police foundations students about what their interest in their study focus is. She is also exploring the boundaries that University Research Ethics Boards put in place for academics in this area and femicide (violence against women).

Questions were asked on 2 topics:

- 1) Access to information – Why is Canada different?
 - Process is different depending on the question being asked.
 - Some academics are getting in and gaining access to prisoner populations when the question is about “how to make prisons better & meet the needs of prisoners”
 - For questions of legal compliance & appropriateness the access is much stricter
 - CSC (Correctional Service Canada) has been subject to increasing litigation, especially related to solitary confinement
 - Prisons are less willing to disclose information that might open them to risk & liability
- 2) Redacted & suppressed datasets
 - Are all levels of incarceration operating similarly?
 - Accountability legislation in place federally
 - Attempts have been made to recreate federal transparency in provincial systems
 - Researchers are not seen as “assets”, rather “risks” to the state too often.

Using Multiple Data Points to Investigate Homelessness in CKL

Presenter: Dr. Cyndi Gilmer, Associate Professor, Trent / Fleming School of Nursing

- Most recent research has been working with Kristy Buccieri, Associate Professor, Sociology, on homelessness in the City of Kawartha Lakes.
 - Article on the work available here: <https://www.trentu.ca/nursing/news-events/21975>
 - Jointly funded by CKL, LHIN
 - Study arose from issues identified at [REDACTED]
 - Study participants aged 17-67
- Five points of data collection – interviews, surveys, case conferencing notes, SPDAT/VI-SPDAT records, hospital records
 - Point in Time count identified about 75 homeless persons; 53 were interviewed through this study; therefore assuming that many were included
- Many levels of consent required to interview those involved at Ross Memorial, Place Called Home (CKL shelter), etc
- Looking at homeless “abusing the system” (e.g., hospital emergency & in-patient)
 - Is there a higher use?
- Sources:
 - Permission to conduct chart audit at Ross Memorial Hospital (done & being analyzed) & Haliburton Highlands Hospital (yet to be conducted)
 - To interview care-providers in CKL in summer 2019 (e.g, FourCAST, Housing Help)
- Initial findings from interviews included:
 - Many reported confusion identifying services
 - “Too many groups have ‘community’ in their name”
 - Everyone in the system had stories of trauma, some were extreme
 - Family breakdown & loss of children, pain management
 - A number of study participants had been released from Lindsay Superjail and upon release didn’t know where else to go.
- Intervention to focus on:
 - Health equity (social determinants of health to be important)
 - Social inclusion; housing; parenting (e.g., single-parent dads finding no support to break cycle preventing them from being with kids); services (they identified with a person, not a service – e.g., “Mary over on ___ St”, rather than FourCAST, etc); income (some interviewed were a part of cancelled Income Program); transportation in the rural communities (including being connected with primary care providers that were inaccessible E.g., Minden from Lindsay)
 - Primary care
 - Chronic conditions
 - Sources & Access
 - Acute care
 - Providing care
 - Considering addictions
- Study team recommended a quick win by establishing an “art group”, but were told that it didn’t qualify as “health” and denied funding
 - Homeless population seeking a drug-free, safe environment to build community
- Key Issues:
 - Social Inclusion
 - People were bored and isolated
 - They would like safe, sober places to play darts, do art, shoot pool
 - Affordable housing
 - Many were very concerned about sudden closure of Ontario financial support pilot program
 - It was noted that Peterborough’s housing is worse than Lindsay’s, yet Lindsay is still in poor shape; most especially those with disabilities & youth

- Parenting support
- Support services
- Steady income
- Transportation
- Hospitals have asked for look at specific language on patient charts (e.g., “drug-seeking behaviour”)

Questions were raised on the following topics:

- Was data stored in HIFIS? No
 - Peterborough trying to develop a named list of all participants
 - Peterborough trying to develop better consents so that data can be meaningfully entered & accessed
 - In this study, people were very willing to provide consents
- Did participants experience trauma at any particular life stage?
 - No detailed analysis yet, but appears to have occurred at all ages
 - Everything from life-cycle of homelessness to a youth who was in wrong place at wrong time and shot on streets of Toronto
- Many bored
 - Many spend time walking; those who can go to the gym
 - CAMH offers an art group to those who qualify, but criteria is narrow
 - Many will hang out at the shelter because they have a community there
 - Many report they have “nothing to do”
- Elimination of segregation beds
 - Expecting those in segregation to move to maximum security, then to medium; being kept within system
 - There is no place to go in the community
 - Results in people who have completed their sentences being kept in prison against charter rights
- There is a need for inclusion, purpose, & community
 - Being “accepted for who I am” and offered caring & support
 - This appears to be independent of income & geography

Round Table

Nancy asked the group to share ideas related to the day’s discussion focus, specifically: “What partnerships are you currently involved in or contemplating and how are they mutually beneficial?”

- Ryan Sisson, Coordinator, Trent Community Research Centre
 - www.trentu.ca/community-based-research/current-projects
 - www.trentu.ca/community-based-research/community
 - Community-based Research, experienced with many member agencies
 - Working to develop research project proposals for next year currently
 - Members encouraged to submit proposals and/or contact Ryan
 - Students work at individuals or teams, typically in 4th year in many programs (e.g., Forensics, Environmental Science, Nursing)
 - Nursing students in 2nd year need 16hr / week of work
 - More students interested in immersive, community-based research now than ever
- Caren Thayer, City of Peterborough
 - Lack of ECEs in Peterborough
 - Kindergarten Parent Survey just finished (child care, kindergarten, health, demographics)

- Encouraged partners to contact her with any questions for deeper dive
- Ashley Fearnall, WDB
 - New Labour Market Analyst starting next week
 - 6 projects currently underway, including:
 - Local survey of employers to understand what they know of labour supply & how to disseminate data to them
 - Analysis of supply in local labour market
 - To understand skill sets in local region
 - Registering local organization (e.g., teachers unions... if 2,000 members and only 1,500 employed, there s/b 500 available)
 - In-Demand Skilled Trades
 - Quantitative & qualitative
- Jason Dennison, Trent University
 - Formerly with WDB (community lens) & now Trent (institutional lens)
 - Focus - What type of occupations have hiring demand & how can this be linked with various departments?
 - Mapping which employers in local community are hiring from various departments of study
- Brittany Wakefield, Peterborough Police Services
 - Has conducted ride-alongs
 - Internal analytics & intelligence work ongoing
- Sarah Amirault, Fleming College
 - Developing community plan currently
 - Expects data sharing to be forthcoming
- Nancy Fischer, City of Peterborough Social Services
 - Interested that CKL has hired researchers and allowed them to self-guide
 - Housing & Homelessness Community Forum last week settling on priorities
- Jacqueline Smith, City of Peterborough Social Services (summer internship)
 - Focus on childhood homelessness (<18 yrs) & how to keep kids healthy
- Barb Znamirovski & Ellen Olsen-Lynch, Trent University
 - Looking at how to visualize data
 - Newly back in library with new Data Visualization Lab
 - Licensing new software – e.g., Tableau, In-Vivo
 - Using GIS datasets in this software to help students understand how to represent it in meaningful ways

Nancy invited members to consider offering a meeting space for up to about 20 people for the next gathering on Sept 10th. <Sarah Amirault offered space subsequent to the meeting.>

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm. The next meeting will be held from **1-3pm on Sept 10, 2019** at **Sir Sandford Fleming College (Room B3330)**, 599 Brealey Dr., Peterborough.

The meeting was followed by an optional, guided tour of the recently renovated Bata Library by Barb Znamirovski & Ellen Olsen-Lynch.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Sikma