

Attendance:

Allyson Susko; Amy Capern; Gord Langill; Gregory Kim; Julie Smith; Kola Oyewumi; Lundi Constante; Mirella Fata; Robert Zipurski

Regrets:

Kola Oyewumi (after 10 am), Karen O'Conner; Nalini Pandalangat; John Trainor

Agenda:

1. Introduction of new members and areas of interest re; training
2. Update from phone surveys to EPI people
3. OWG conference---training stream---what do we want?
4. Update re: computer scientist 's tool
5. EPI resource list
6. Current projects/training initiatives/research under-takings
7. Where do we go from here

Discussion:**1. Introduction of new members and areas of interest re; training**

Amy Capern is the youth Awareness Coordinator for Ontario and she's been gathering information about awareness campaigns and getting a public awareness to youth in the province. Interests are components 1 (Facilitating access and early identification) and 7 (Public Education) from the program policy framework document. She's compiling a toolkit that people in regional chapters of the SSO have been using across the province and starting to look outside of SSO. The toolkit is focused on youth in high school, college and university. The next tier is educators.

Kola Oyewumi is from an established program expanding into the districts. They've been able to use telehealth services to provide services into the districts. Telepsychiatry can cut down on travel and expenses and work well if properly installed. They can share training, literature & organizing resources. Also training tools, like a screening tools that people who are calling the service can use. Also offer expertise in building and functioning of an advisory board i.e., with clients, parents and Ministry representatives. Also training about annual conferences.

Does everyone around the table have telehealth facilities? CAMH and U of T; 3 of 5 sites in Peterborough, all 5 sites in Kingston, purchased telehealth services in North Bay

2. Update from phone surveys to EPI people

Mirella is in the process of calling people, so far one psychiatrist and one family member and has 2 more phone calls this afternoon. She's looking at current training practices, what works, what is essential and the new expansion to regional and how has the training of staff off site been managed. From staff attitude, ability to communicate and connect with youth; including family and people with psychosis in the service; and show empathy also mention of the role of the secretary/receptionist. With discussion with Hamilton, training is through reading core materials; shadowing; training of staff in regions; training is done in groups; also an hour a week on special topics for staff. The use of videos was explored.

3. OWG conference---training stream---what do we want?

Kim Johnston in the UK, and she's waiting to know more about the conference and she can talk about how the UK moved to training standards, coming up with a training process, and how they are training on a national level and what works and what doesn't. Are people interested in that. Anything else people want from the training stream. Mirella talked about cost sharing.

Some discussion about 'training' at the conference for front line staff or for people in key positions.

Action: Gregory will connect with Mirella about this.

Action: Lundi and Mirella will connect and talk about what Linda in BC can provide and then they will connect with us

Sabrina Baker in the conference, to talk about the 3 pillars of family education, services for families and mutual aid mutual support. And how they designed the program and the 3 pillars and incorporate family stories and a workshop or through video or other means.

Action: Gregory will send out an e-mail about the family stream

There was some discussion about the conference and what types of training are going to be there. There was some discussion about the need for training in the prodromal phase and to what extent to work with people in the prodrome. Also there was some discussion about how to role out an EIP program and the basics about how to run a program.

4. Update re: computer scientist's tool

From the e-mail from Martin Stanley:

A Document Repository

- a central repository for documents of all sorts (Excel, word, powerpoint, pdf, etc.
- documents will have permissions that control who can see and/ or change them
- accessed through web browsers over secure internet connections (HTTPS)
- internal users can log in
- anonymous access to public documents

Model

- a model -- a set of concepts and relationships for the area of health care focusing on psychosis will be developed in consultation with the CAMH team. This model will be used to label documents making it efficient to browse for or search for needed documents

Some Features

- when documents are added by members of the team, the system will suggest how it should be labeled with the concepts from the model

- the system can store documents which a few team members are collaborating to produce. A check out/check in facility can be used to ensure that only one person is making changes at a time
- threaded discussions (called annotations) can be associated with individual documents, allowing a team to share opinions and comments on these documents
- an alert system will cause users to be notified when documents are labeled with certain concepts of interest (as selected by the user)

Would you use a tool like this? Mirella, yes. Lundi, yes.

5. EPI resource list

It came up in the conversations from phone surveys in point #2. Looking at the resource list and adding headers (e.g., screening tools section, program development, the prodrome) and circulating to EPI programs to add things they are using to the resource list and maybe having a working document available at the conference.

Action: go through the EPI resource list and ask folks what they use as key documents and add it to the document and make header listings

6. Current projects/training initiatives/research under-takings

Amy Capern talked about the toolkit, originally for chapter members, and looking at expanding to whom they are offering the toolkit. It could be used with gatekeepers.

Does this sound like a resource that people would access outside of the SSO? Yes. Any ideas in developing this toolkit will be helpful. The first review has been fairly extensive.

Mirella has a new psychiatrist with an interest in research. She's submitting a proposal to SEEI on education and training, looking at evaluating the piece that Mirella is using for the Northwest. Also piloting training to mental health professionals. In terms of long term, it may add to information on what works and doesn't work in the province.

Discussed Rural Research and asking people about membership.

Action: Mirella will connect with PEPP and Gord will connect with Ottawa about people who may be interested in rural research and they will get back to Gregory

7. Where do we go from here

Gregory discussed about job shadowing and site visits and the state of the consultation/collaborations being established. The two that are furthest along are the training from CAMH to CMHA York Region-St Michael's Hospital-Rouge Valley and Central Toronto Youth Services and the training on family the days before the conference with Sabrina Baker.

Next Meeting: January 27th 3:00-4:30