

Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health Communiqué | October 2015

Newly Formed Health Equity Action Planning (HEAP) Working Group

The HNHB LHIN successfully kicked-off its first Health Equity Action Plan (HEAP) Working Group meeting on September 8, 2015.

The purpose of the HEAP Working Group is to support the LHIN in its efforts to improve population health outcomes in the HNHB LHIN by eliminating health inequities. Specifically, the HEAP Working Group will:

1. Advise the LHIN on health equity priorities; and
2. Make recommendations to the LHIN on the development of an annual health equity action plan.

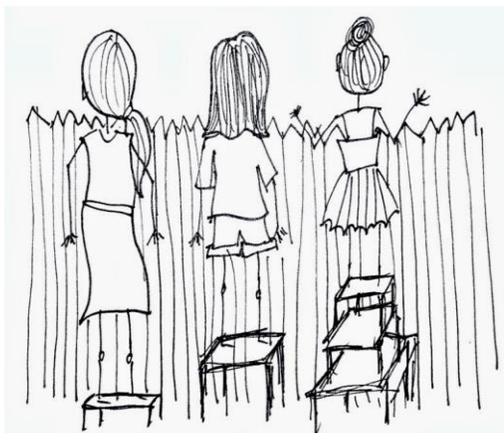
This is to be achieved through forming partnerships within the community and across the LHIN, both within and outside of the health sector, in order to recommend actions that the LHIN can take within its mandate to support and build on existing work related to health equity and to influence future LHIN work.

Comprised of 5 LHIN staff and 12 external members, the HEAP Working Group offers a diverse set of skills, experience, expertise and perspectives on health equity; and also provides representation of priority populations and from across LHIN zones.

For more information about the HEAP Working Group and its membership, please refer to the [Terms of Reference](#).

Explore our New Health Equity Webpage

This webpage outlines the LHIN's commitment to health equity, and also offers resources for those wanting to learn more about health equity and tools for those learning how to complete a Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA). This webpage will also be used to post updates through our quarterly communiques and to highlight news and events occurring within the HNHB LHIN.



For more information, visit our [Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health](#) webpage!

Health Equity Planning Framework: LHIN Requirements

In order to improve patients care and to achieve better outcomes, the HNHB LHIN plans to incorporate health equity into its planning, development and evaluation processes.

LHIN requirements for the use of the HEIA are currently under development.



Effects on the Ground: Social Determinants of Health in the News

The effects of the social determinants of health and health inequities are getting noticed. Here are a few headlines, from the last few months, that highlight the importance of recognizing and addressing them.



[We closed our doors to the world](#)



[The science of the intergenerational poverty trap](#)

THE GLOBE AND MAIL 

[Social service networks struggle to keep up in Peel Region](#)

THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR
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[Region's new pilot project offers shelter options to homeless](#)



[Health funding aimed at migrant workers](#)

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[Homeless shelters and art galleries](#)

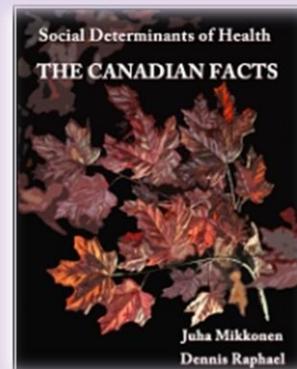
Health Equity Planning: Tools and Resources

Video 1:

[What is Privilege? –The Huffington Post](#)

Video 2:

[Social Determinants of Health: The Canadian Facts](#)



Health Equity Impact Assessment (HEIA) Online Course:

Free self-directed interactive e-learning course on the HEIA tool. In partnership with the MOHLTC, the CAMH Health Equity Office and Education Services have developed a free self-directed interactive e-learning course on HEIA tool. The course is self-paced and can be accessed from any computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It takes about 2 hours to complete. [\(link\)](#)

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