

Barrie Dialogue Report Back

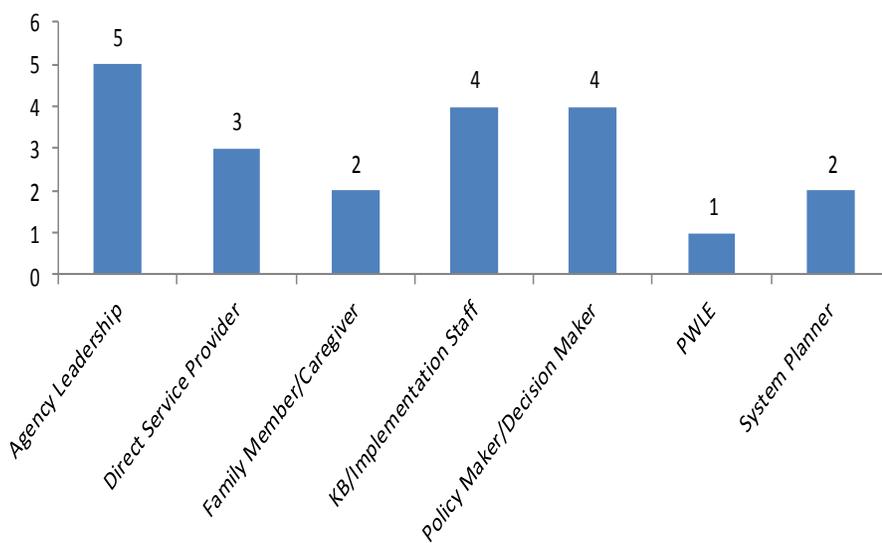
This report back highlights the diverse evidence needs prioritized by participants at the Sharing Together Barrie dialogue held on January 26, 2017. Eight Sharing Together dialogues were held across the province from January to April 2017, and individual high level report backs have been created to share back what we heard from participants at each dialogue.

Through Sharing Together, EENet aims to co-create an evidence priority agenda that reflects regional and provincial mental health, substance use and addictions evidence needs, and includes diverse stakeholder perspectives. EENet and partners will use this co-created evidence priority agenda to shape the types of evidence we make available and accessible to stakeholders in Ontario. By addressing evidence needs, we hope Sharing Together will contribute to a more evidence-informed and connected system, leading to better experience and quality of care, and overall health and wellbeing, for all Ontarians.



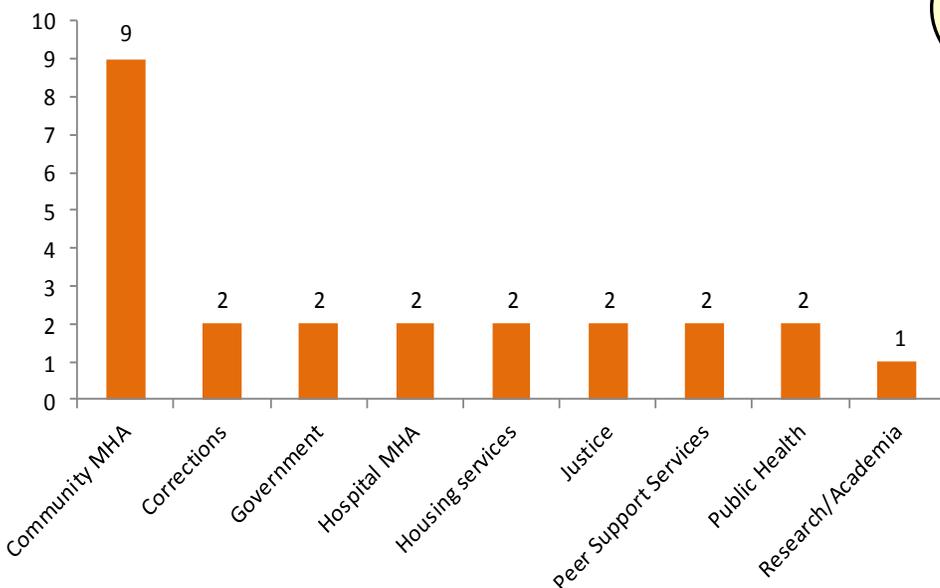
At this dialogue, 15 participants attended and indicated they either have lived experience or have worked with various diverse populations, including women, low income, children and youth, people living with disabilities, older adults, people who have experienced homelessness, LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer), First Nations, Inuit and Métis, Francophones, and religious/faith communities. Attendees also represented both rural and urban areas. Below is a breakdown of attendees by stakeholder group and sector.

1. Which stakeholder group do you best represent? (Participants selected all that apply)



"I enjoyed the table discussions the most - as it allowed for me to absorb a great deal of knowledge from experienced service providers. The table discussions also allowed me a space where I could share my personal experiences with the system."
Dialogue participant

2. What sector do you work in? (Participants selected all that apply)



"I liked the diversity of participation - often certain voices are not included (i.e. parents etc.)."
Dialogue participant

"This was great! I enjoyed the conversations, new connections..."
Dialogue participant

The top three evidence themes were selected by participants prior to attending the dialogue for discussion. At the dialogues, participants then discussed and prioritized specific evidence needs related to each theme. Listed below are the top evidence needs in order of prioritization.



Access to services

- Facilitate **timely access to services for individuals with more than one service need**.
- Models that demonstrate **effective transitions between services**, including timely and appropriate assessment and follow-up.
- Enhanced **collection and analysis of regional and provincial waitlist data** across services and across regions.
- How to **engage individuals who are hard to reach, marginalized, and in rural areas**, including through use of electronic outreach approaches and alternative settings for service delivery.
- Best practices in **early identification and intervention** to improve client outcomes as a way to encourage earlier access of services.



Effectiveness of services

- How to **gather evidence from service users** that strengthens the effectiveness of local programs.
- Address **service provider burnout and compassion fatigue** at organizational and system levels.
- Effective **models for service delivery and capacity building** in rural and urban communities.
- **Collect, use, and share service level data**, though identifying standard measurement criteria.
- **Data-sharing models between services** that improve effectiveness of services, inform system planning, and enhance consistency of assessments.



Integrated health care delivery

- Models of **integrated care and multi-sector approaches to prevention, promotion, and early identification** that support proactive approaches to service delivery.
- Systems that **reduce barriers to integration and enhance information-sharing** among service providers.
- Effectiveness of **integrated health care approaches for rural, underserved areas, and marginalized populations**.
- **Information systems and protocols that allow for collaboration, information sharing, and improved client referrals** between different health and mental health service providers.
- **Outcomes of current integrated healthcare systems** in Ontario.

Next steps

We will extend participation in the Sharing Together process through an online survey to stakeholders across Ontario. Following that, we will analyze provincial trends to develop the evidence priority agenda for Ontario's mental health, substance use, and addictions system. The final step will be to disseminate the agenda to support knowledge exchange activities across Ontario. EENet will also collaborate with partners to respond to the evidence needs identified.

Resources have already been posted on the [Sharing Together webpage!](#)

Stay tuned as we gather more evidence and if you have relevant resources, share with us!