

A Common Agenda

COLLABORATING
ON A COMMON
STRATEGY FOR
PEEL SENIORS



Collective Impact

WORKING
TOGETHER TO
CREATE LASTING
CHANGE

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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*Healthy Aging for All in a
Connected and Caring Community*

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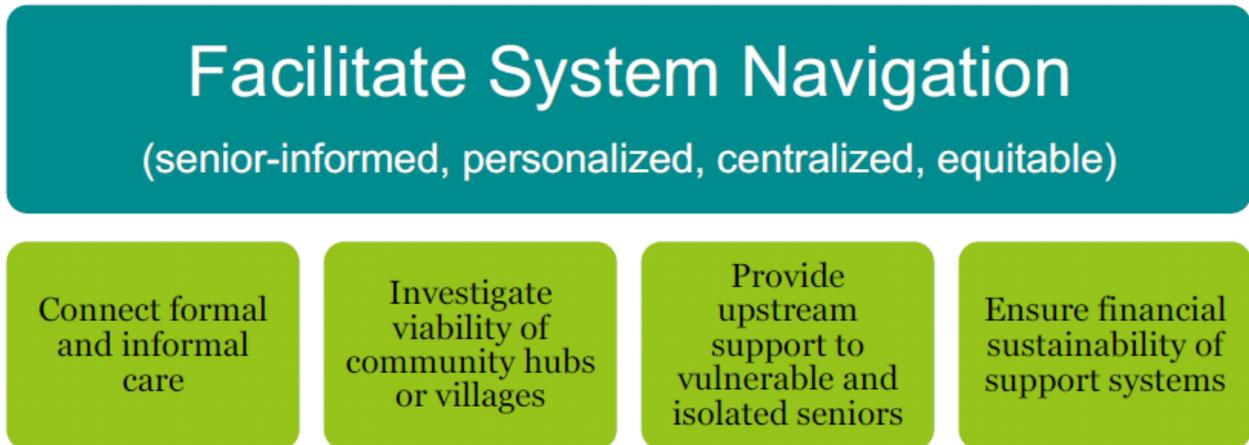
CORE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Brampton Senior Citizens Council
Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services
CARP Brampton Chapter
CARP Mississauga Chapter
Central West LHIN
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Serving Immigrant Seniors
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Dufferin
City of Mississauga
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Right at Home Brampton
Spectra Helpline
Town of Caledon
United Way Peel Region

A Busy October!

A warm welcome to our new partners that have joined our Core Working Group: Central West LHIN, Mississauga Halton LHIN, the City of Mississauga, Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services and the United Way of Peel Region! We look forward to having you Join Our Conversations at our upcoming meetings.

PEAPN hosted three focus groups this month in Caledon, Mississauga and Brampton to present our draft Theory of Change: the priority areas that fall under the common umbrella of improving systems navigation for all seniors in Peel:



Thank you to our Core Working Group members who made these sessions possible: Peter Howarth (CARP Brampton chair), Katie Sawyers and Jason Schildroth from Caledon (Caledon Seniors 55+ Task Force) and Bob Harrick from the Mississauga Seniors Council. While the Theory of Change was well-received, some themes that emerged from the focus groups included:

- The current state of affordable housing and seamless transportation between municipalities. How can we explore ways this can be improved? Which other partners need to be at the table? Can we research other communities in Ontario, Canada or other jurisdictions that have found innovative solutions?
- Affordable housing and the ability to age at home was raised from the standpoint that the property assessments are outpacing the income that seniors have and their ability to pay property taxes and high hydro bills. Many seniors are being forced out of their homes; not supporting aging at home.
- Peer systems navigators linked to the community hubs – would these be volunteer seniors? How do we recruit/retain given concerns they might have re: personal liability/risk management.
- How do we link in services provided by 211 or 311? Not everyone knows about them, or the vast array of individual systems out there. How do we bring them all together?
- Let's give seniors and families lots of options to the same door for services – e.g. website, phone number, real-people navigators. Consider a 1-800 SENIORS number (e.g. 1-800 O CANADA)
- Aging at Home Provincial Strategy- hasn't trickled down to the Peel level. What's the update?
- Resources related to financial planning (wills, power of attorney) – are there community resources that will help seniors with ensuring their financial well-being?
- How can funding of the same services be stopped? Who needs to be at the table to hear this?

- Effective advocacy is needed at all levels of government. Seniors want to see their elected officials more regularly. They want to be heard and they want to see sustainable change.
- The individual municipalities want to be heard individually by politicians and collectively at the regional level. How do we ensure the voices/interests of seniors at the municipal level are not lost when looking region-wide for Collective Impact?

Seniors were given a **Wheel of Involvement** to indicate how involved they would like to be in our project, and to indicate if they would be interested in forming a regional Older Adult advisory panel of some kind, to feed into our work. The work of the Core Working Group must be senior-inspired, senior-informed and senior-led to make transformational changes to service delivery in Peel. The Wheel of Involvement will be posted on the PEAPN website alongside information about the Join the Conversation project and how seniors can get involved.

Next Steps

Here's what's up next:

- ✓ We will continue with engaging community stakeholders, making sure key groups are involved in our discussions with an invitation to join our Core Working Group. For example, we will be reaching out to the faith groups and the Inter-faith Council of Peel
- ✓ Draft Theory of Change needs to be further vetted at the next Core Working Group meeting
- ✓ Discussion is needed at the Core Working Group table on whether we need to follow up with a questionnaire to the seniors' councils and CARP members for wider feedback
- ✓ Data collection discussion needed with Peel Counts, Peel Data Centre

Core Working Group Meeting:

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Catholic Family Services of Peel-
Dufferin
60 West Drive, Suite 201, Boardroom
Brampton, ON L6T 3T6

Lunch will be provided.

To RSVP, please contact
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Join The Conversation!

Help Shape the Future of Seniors' Services
in Peel Region

Together, we have the power to make an impact ...
let's make Peel a great place to live for all older
adults.

For more information about joining our Core
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