

Document 2 – Consultation feedback from community partners

George Weber- President, The Royal Ottawa Health Care Group

Ottawa Public Health's collaborative spirit is exactly what is needed in our field to achieve successful outcomes. The Royal was very pleased to partner with OPH on the development of the first 'Physicians Update' on Mental Health, which reached out to 1,700 Physicians in the Champlain region. This special edition provided physicians with much needed, up-to-date information and resources, bravo OPH for pulling this all together.

Joanne Lowe- Executive Director, Youth Services Bureau

Ottawa Public Health entering the realm of mental health promotion and suicide prevention has been a welcome addition for the mental health community. Partnering with Ottawa Public Health has allowed YSB to support more youth and their families in times of need. As mental health and suicide prevention are public health issues, we at YSB are thrilled to see the City's involvement in these important health topics.

Guy Bouchard- Executive Director, Centre Psychosocial

The inclusion of Francophone-specific mental health resources and programs in Ottawa Public Health's Mental Health Strategy is significant. OPH understands the Francophone culture and community, and has targeted mental health programs to meet these needs. We value our partnership with Ottawa Public Health and look forward to continuing our work together to serve Francophone children in this community for years to come.

Parent who accessed early childhood screening service from Ottawa Public Health Public Health Nurse and Centre Psychosocial

Given that we were concerned regarding our child's development, we are relieved to receive the screening results and the recommendations for service. We feel supported and well guided towards community resources. The entire screening process was rapid and efficient. We were even fast-tracked for services at the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre and the waiting list for a daycare specific to autistic children. Thank you!

Mike Baine- Project Lead, Student Support Leadership Initiative, funded through Ministry of Children and Youth Services; and President, Board of Directors, Youth Services Bureau

Great credit goes to Ottawa Public Health for their mental health strategy. Consulting with school boards, listening to their recommendations and concerns, and putting these ideas into action have strengthened an already successful partnership. I have seen positive change at the school level, and work being done within this strategy is certainly contributing to this positive change!

Cherry Murray- Executive Director, Crossroads Children Centre; and Project Lead, Working Together for Kids Mental Health, funded through Ministry of Children and Youth Services

Ottawa Public Health understands that intervening early in a child's life when many issues are first presented is vital to the child's future success in school and in life. Our partnership with OPH is evidence of this as we are working together to provide early years screening to children ages 18 months – 4 years. Having Ottawa Public Health's support and involvement in children's mental health is vital to the optimal healthy development of our city's children.

Marnie Potter, Program Coordinator, Youth Net/ Réseau Ado – CHEO

We are thankful to have been able to use the financial support of the City of Ottawa to run our focus groups this year. The focus groups are an integral and dynamic component of the work

we do at Youth Net. They are used as a vehicle to educate, advocate and generate discussion on youth mental health. They are facilitated by experienced facilitators who are able to engage with the youth and are trained to provide on-the-spot crisis intervention and referrals to youth in need of mental health support