

HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING BOARD OF YORK REGION (HSPB-YR)

Overview

In November 2009, York Regional Council agreed to create a Human Services Planning Board of York Region (HSPB-YR), a collaborative body that will build on the strengths of the former Human Services Planning Coalition.

Members of the inaugural term of the HSPB-YR, which runs until November 2014, were appointed by Regional Council on April 22, 2010. The HSPB-YR is a multi-sector collaborative of human service organizations/agencies/networks and community leaders. Its main purpose is to enhance human services within York Region by pursuing projects that will support and strengthen the broader human services sector.

Mandate

The HSPB-YR will focus on two areas:

1. Capacity building within the human services sector

- **Community engagement:** seeking out strategic opportunities for the broader human services sector and the community to work together on human service issues, common goals and solutions, and to inform the focus of the HSPB-YR.
- **Training and education:** provide training and education opportunities that focus on areas applicable to the broader human services sector.
- **Research and innovation:** conduct relevant research and provide information that informs the human services sector and supports advocacy.
- **Project incubation:** seek opportunities to develop projects for high-priority, cross-sectoral, human service issues.

2. Collaborative advocacy

- **Funding advocacy:** pursue adequate, appropriate and timely funding for human services from senior levels of government.
- **Community and government relations:** seek opportunities to build relationships and partnerships with all levels of government, community partners and the private sector.
- **Communication and awareness:** strive to build an awareness of the HSPB-YR and ensure that the group's work is effectively shared with the human services sector and the broader community.

HSPB-YR – Quick Facts

Membership

- Up to 25 voting members
- Broad cross-section of human service organizations represented by senior level leaders and complemented by community leaders

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Key Member Responsibilities

- Advance the human services sector as a whole
- Be champions
- Share expertise, information and experience
- Marshall resources

Benefits

- Stronger united voice around underfunding
- Proactive approach to current and future realities
- Pooling of resources
- Creation of strategic partnerships

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Key Member Roles and Responsibilities:

- Work to advance the interests of the human services sector as a whole
- Commit to attending all HSPB-YR full membership meetings
- Serve as champions for the HSPB-YR's vision and work
- Participate in a minimum of one Action Group
- Help with gathering resources where needed
- Actively share leadership, expertise, information and experience
- Where applicable and appropriate, obtain formal endorsement from their organization/agency/network for specific HSPB-YR projects/actions
- Help the Staff Secretariat with communications

Key Composition Elements:

The HSPB-YR	Up to 25 voting members – senior level leaders from human service organizations/agencies/networks and key leaders from the community.
Co-Chairs and Vice Chair:	The HSPB-YR is led by two Co-Chairs and a Vice-Chair. One Co-Chair is a Regional Councillor.
Ex- Officio Member:	The Regional Chair and CEO
Government Advisor and Resource Members:	Key representatives from senior level government ministries/offices.
Strategic Partnerships:	Strategic Partnerships will be built with organizations/groups that serve to advance the vision and work of the HSPB-YR.
Action Groups:	Smaller working groups are created to carry out the identified priorities within the work plan.
Staff Secretariat:	Provided by the Human Service Collaboration Unit situated within York Region's Community and Health Services Department. <i>A cross-departmental team of York Region staff will serve the HSPB-YR in an advisory role as required.</i>

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