

Agenda and Notes



Sex and Gender Working Group

April 27, 2021

Via Teleconference

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Item	Purpose	Allocated Time	Presenter
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement	3 minutes	Kelly Davison
2	Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap 2 minutes	Kelly Davison
3	Alex Abramovich	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation 25 minutes	Alex Abramovich
4	Group Discussion and/or Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion 10 minutes	WG
	Karen Courtney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update 10 minutes	Karen Courtney
	Francis Lau	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update 3 minutes	Francis Lau
	Meeting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap 1 minutes	Kelly Davison
5	Adjournment	1 minutes	Kelly Davison



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1. **Welcome and Acknowledgement**

- Land acknowledgement

2. **Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group**

- Overview provided. 31 participants in this session.

3. **Presentation – Alex Abramovich PhD – UofT/CAMH – Investigating Health Outcomes and Health Service Use Among Transgender Individuals in Ontario**

Alex discussed some of the key findings of his 15 year research career. LGBTQ2S youth homelessness in Canada is a major problem. People are accessing health care, but barriers to accessing healthcare and social services, stigma, discrimination all contribute to pronounced health inequities. These things happen to trans people daily. Culturally competent care and spaces are necessary for equity. Key recommendations:

- 1) Ask all clients their name and pronouns. Include questions about chosen name, gender identity, pronouns and forms.
- 2) Understand assessment-relevant questions.
- 3) Ensure services have all-gender washrooms.
- 4) Mandatory trans inclusive training for staff.
- 5) Medical guidelines on providing care for trans individuals have been published.
- 6) Trans individuals should be asked about suicidality and mental health.

Gender-affirming care leads to better health outcomes for transgender people.

4. **Group Discussion and/or Questions**

Discussed some of the challenges around terminology, administrative challenges related to billing.

5. **Karen Courtney – UVIC – MSFHR REACH Grant, Meeting Plan**

Information provided. Details will be posted to folder and to forum.

6. **Francis Lau – UVIC – MSFHR REACH Grant, Terminology Topics Meeting**

Information provided. Details will be posted to folder and to forum. SDOH WG is starting up.

7. **Meeting schedule for 2021**

Overview provided.

8. **Adjournment**

