**Executive Liaison Coordinator Report**

**Prepared by Ruby Samra**

**ODPH Workgroups**

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| **Body Diversity and Health Equity** submitted by Candace Cunningham and Heather Thomas |
| This group has a very ambitious working plan that is well resourced with members to complete the work. Highlights include the updating of the position statement including scenarios; weight bias checklist; bilingual presentation to health professionals; proactive/reactive letter template completion; and draft letter to Health Canada re: inaccuracies in food guide history. Will be seeking Executive approval to proceed with a letter focusing on advocating to have size added as a protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Coalition. There have been a handful of ODPH members participating from the beginning as well as non-public health RDs. |
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| **Child Care** submitted by Melissa Cardinal |
| * Working on updating our menu planning recommendations
* Will start soon revision/update of supportive environments recommendations
* We have a contact at MEDU we are following up on
* And we are also connected with PHO Sarah Orr to access the Provincial-Territorial Nutrition Guidelines (we were not able to access these guidelines because we are not “government”, but Sarah Orr from PHO was given access and will be helping us make sure we align with these guidelines)
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| **Family Health Nutrition Advisory Group** submitted by Paula Ross |
| * Moving forward with advocacy efforts started prior to the pandemic for OHIP coverage of specialized infant formula for infants and toddlers with cow and soy protein allergies in collaboration with Food Allergy Canada. Dietitians of Canada was also a collaborator prior to the pandemic but we are uncertain at this time if they will continue to support this effort.
* Group members are participating in the Ontario e-prenatal group Injoy subgroup to stay abreast of what is happening provincially related to Injoy
* There is a sub working group that is collaborating with the Child Care Working Group on messaging regarding protein rich
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| **Food Insecurity** submitted by Erin Reyce, and Lesley MuMullin |
| * Monitoring Food Affordability training session has been organized for April 19th via Microsoft Teams to support those who will be completing the NFB survey in the coming weeks. There are 32 PHUs who have entered some info in the planning document <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k5eEXXTa-WdMmH8k6b5WINauILb2j2wwA12v9tzKMVg/edit> but it looks like 3 PHUs (Porcupine, Timiskaming, Windsor-Essex)  are waiting for management approval/direction for costing.
* Sarah Orr from PHO will be assisting the MFAO subgroup again this year, to do food availability analysis.
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| **Food Literacy** submitted by Shannon Edmonstone, and Elsie Azevedo Perry |
| * Last meeting was April 13, 2023, and next meeting June 8, 2023
* The workgroup has a new co-chair, and it is Shannon Edmonstone
* The Food Lit Workgroup also decided the membership is limited to active

 members and will no longer have corresponding members.  |
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| **Food Systems** submitted by Bridget King, Zoe Brenner, Sharmini Balakrishnan |
| * Created a Summary of Food Policy Councils (FPCs)/Networks excel document for all health units to share initiatives related to FPCs – standing document that members will update.
* A small task group was formed to organize, develop criteria, and compile all current resources shared by the group into a Resources Document (excel format). This is a standing document to encourage knowledge exchange among members. Members will add relevant resources for all to access in the FSWG.
* Evidence Review Subgroup continues their work, and now with support from one of the health unit’s librarians.
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| **Healthy Eating in the Recreation Setting** (HERS) submitted by Tracy McDonough |
| * No Update since last meeting
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| **Marketing to Kids (M2K)** submitted by Claire Bilik |
| * Inactive
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| **Nutrition and Edible Cannabis**  |
| Inactive |
| **Public Health Advisory for Dietetic Training**submitted by Heather Thomas |
| This group has finished the development of two resources to be piloted with dietetic practicum students (orientation manual and orientation modules). A third resource (video) is in the early development stage (“a day in the life” outline of different roles and responsibilities an RD in public health may have). These documents have been shared with Executive for feedback and with some colleagues who have interns/practicum students working with them. Eric, Sharmini, and Heather will continue to revise the documents and work on the “day in the life” video over the next few months. Special thanks to Ina and Gila who were our U of T Masters students working on these resources as their capstone project. |
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| **Advocacy Working Group** submitted by Heather Thomas |
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| * No Update provided
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| **School Nutrition Workgroup** submitted by Elizabeth Smith |
| * Last meeting Monday April 17th
* Work is focused on updating our “Key Messages” to include and align with the food neutral approach to talking and teaching about food and nutrition.
	+ Completed two consultations with Gwen Kostal from [Dietitians4Teachers](http://www.dietitians4teachers.com/).
	+ Developing a Project Charter to guide the full scope of work that includes subgroups focused on guiding principles (modeled on BC’s TFF) that will be K-G12
	+ Updating lit review from TFF BC
* SNP Program Guidelines (not the nutritional guidelines) will be reviewed by MCCSS soon and so we are preparing some recommendations
* BrightBites website – Digital Chaos will do some required updates and our BB subgroup will complete content updates (including food neutral language
* etc.); removing the need to register, for badge approval and the hall of fame; envision the site being a comprehensive source of evidence-informed best practices and resources related to school nutrition in Ontario
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**Community of Practice and Other groups**

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| **Anti-Racism in Dietitics– Heather Thomas and Sharmini Balakrishnan** |
| We have had two meetings with excellent attendance and response to the CoP. We review 1-2 articles relevant to the CoP and have a candid discussion with members. We ask members to bring any concerns or considerations to the group they may have from other working groups as there may be issues related to anti-racism in other working groups that we can discuss in the CoP and produce solutions.  |
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| **You’re the Chef – Rebecca Davids** |
| **No update as a New CoP** |
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| **Eating Disorder Prevention – Chelsea Socholotuk and Chantal Bélanger** |
| * Last meeting was March 23, 2023, next meeting is May 25*th*, 2023.
* The CoP workgroup welcomes all ODPH members to attend. The vision of the group is to have a mental health promotion and eating disorder prevention lens of practice in all ODPH areas of work.  The CoP guidelines will be reviewed by members annually in December and an evaluation completed.
* The CoP also supports the ask for comprehensive research request to PHO on food neutral/weight neutral language. i.e., eating disorder prevention
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| **Eastern Region RD Group – Melissa Cardinal** |
| Inactive |
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| **Southwest RD Group – Heather Nadon** |
| **No Update** |

**External Organizations**

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| **Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) – Carolyn Doris** |
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| **Dietitians of Canada,** |
| * No contact identified yet.
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| **U of T, MPH-nutrition (Dalla Lana School of Public Health),** |
| * No update provided
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| **CDP Managers Group** |
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| **DELPHO – Dietetic Education Leadership Forum of Ontario,**Cara Green and Lesley Macaskill |
| No Update provided |