

Community Quilt

The story how our FHT has been woven into the fabric of the community.

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Outline

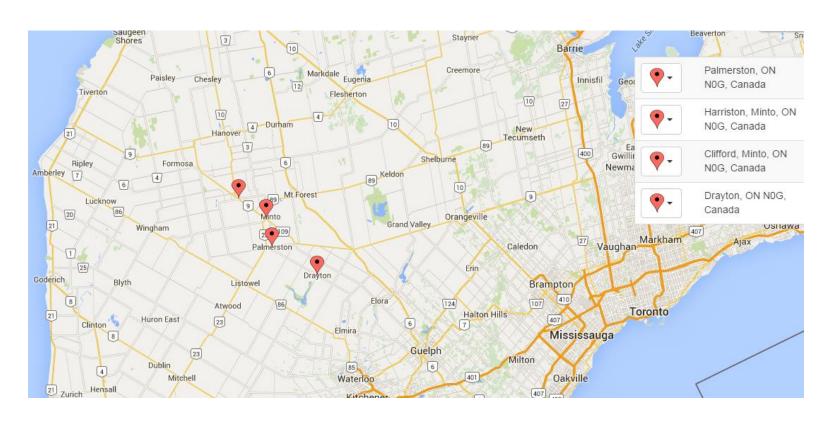
- Our FHT
- Partnerships/Programs/Collaborations
- Challenges
- Future Plans

Presenter Disclosure

- We have no:
 - Relationships with commercial interests
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Disclosure of financial commercial support
 - Grants or research support
- We do have the full support of our FHT, Executive Director and Board of Directors!

Geography

 Geographical area of close to 850 square kilometres



Minto-Mapleton FHT Staff

- 15,000 patients
- 8 Physicians
- 1 Executive Director (she's amazing!!)
- 3 Nurse Practitioners
- 1 Registered Dietitian
- o 2 Social Workers
- 1 Chronic Disease RN
- 1 Registered Kinesiologist
- 0.2 Pharmacist
- 1 Physician Assistant
- o 2 Telemedicine Nurses
- 1 Clinical RPN
- 2 Medical Receptionists

Programs

- Activity Counseling
- Cholesterol Class
- Chronic Disease & Chronic Pain Self Management Programs
- COPD / Respirology Clinic
- CBT / DBT / Grief Groups
- Community Outreach
- Cooking Group
- Craving Change
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Heart Function Clinic
- Heart to Heart
- Learn 2 Run

- Memory Clinic
- Mental Health Counseling
- Nutrition Counseling
- Pharmacy Counseling
- Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes Clinic
- Smoking Cessation
- Telemedicine Education Sessions
- Telemedicine Specialists Appointments and Clinics
- Walking Groups

North Wellington Diabetes Network

- 4 local FHTs, 2 DECs
- Meet quarterly
- Defined patient flow
- DEC Role
 - Newly diagnosed pts, T1DM, pts on insulin
- FHT Role
 - Stable T2DM with A1C at target

Diabetes Educator, Marg



Shared Accomplishments

- Shared custom forms
- Peer-led foot care groups
- Shared education
- Monthly newspaper articles
- Care pathways for gestational diabetes
- Education for newly diagnosed
- Annual diabetes fair
- Working groups to identify gaps



Seniors' Centre for Excellence

- Support services and programs to keep seniors living at home longer
- Walking groups
 - Chronic Disease Self Management
- Congregate dinning
- Cooking classes
- Advertising and recruitment



SCE Coordinator, Helen



Upper Grand District School Board

- Funding through school board for programs in our high-needs area
 - Cooking class with walking group (2yrs)
- Funding provided:
 - Demonstration kitchen
 - Groceries
 - Printing for handouts
 - Pedometers

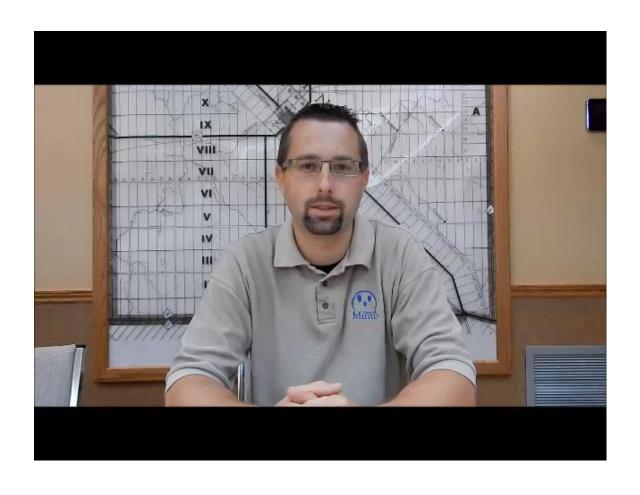


Communities in Motion

- Committee members: FHT, SCE, WDG Public Health, Town of Minto, Township of Mapleton
- Supported Projects:
 - In motion BINGO
 - Pedometers in libraries across County
 - Daily physical activity tool kits to local schools
 - Swim passes
 - Free skating
 - Try-It recreation programming



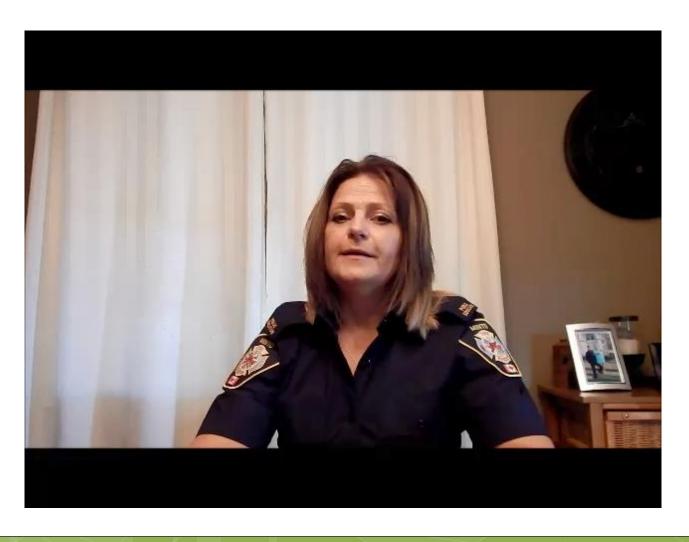
Recreation Services Manager, Matt



Minto-Fire Department

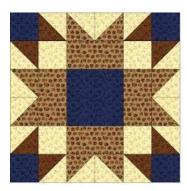
- Safe Kids Day
 - Enhanced with nutrition and activity content
- Learn to Run
 - Expanded prevention to local fire fighters and families

Fire Fighter, Judy



Early Years Centre

- Meet parents "where they're at"
- Educational sessions
- Provide free childcare for our programs



Dietitian, Paula Early Years Centre, Krista



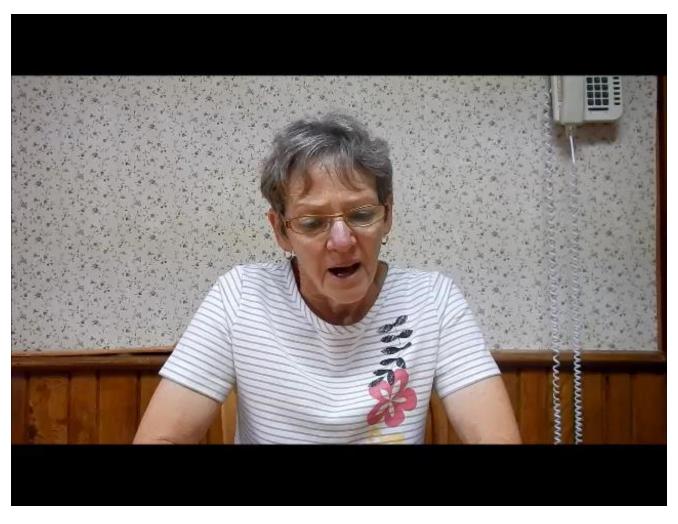
Hypertension Partnerships

- Drayton Kinsmen Farmshow
 - Free space and advertising
 - 3,200 attendees annually
- Other events:
 - United Church Womens' Institute
 - Flu clinics
 - Postal workers
 - TOPS
 - Red Hat Society





Community Member, Susan



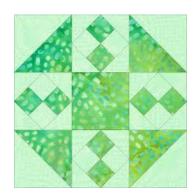
OTN – Pulmonary Rehab

- Groves Memorial Hospital, 3 local FHTs
- Shared resources
- Shared technology
 - Be prepared....when all else fails...
- Defined roles
 - Educators within scope of practice
 - More staff support and flexibility

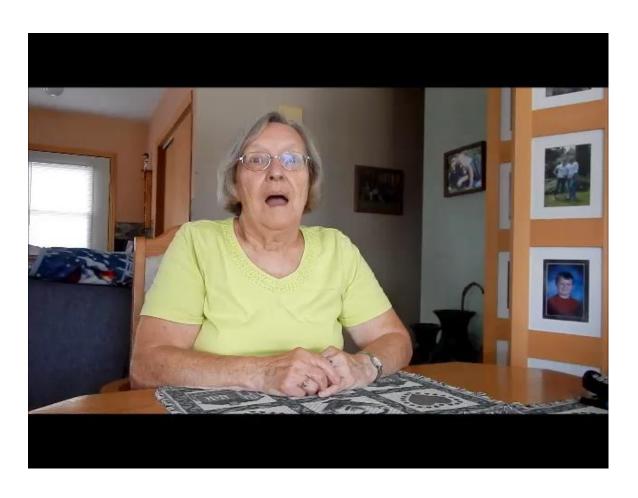


Local Volunteers

- Cooking class
- Walking group
- o Benefits:
 - Reduced staff needs
 - Cuts down prep and clean up time



Walking Champion, Mary



Newcomer Group

- Local Public Health Unit has been building relationships with the community Low German speaking Mennonite women
- Addressing need, impact, capacity, partnership and collaboration



Successes

- Link to existing Public Health program
- Opened the door to a population not typically seen by FHT
- Increase level of expertise and experience about mental health
- Utilization of local churches to host program

Social Workers, Joanne and Kathy Public Health Nurse, Patti



Local FHTs

- Reciprocal referrals to groups not offered at own FHT
- Refer patients with transportation issues to closest FHT
- Close director relationship, saves time
- Apply for grants/funding as a group
- Shared staff



Challenges

- Preventing duplication of services
- Communication
- Working off-site
- Funding changes
- Technical difficulties
- Weather
- Transportation
- Staffing

Outreach Worker, Jesse



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Our Goal

- Partnerships help us provide more sustainable resources and programs to our rural community
- For our rural patients to feel they have the same access as their urban counterparts



Future plans...

- Continue existing successful partnerships
- Development of quantitative measurement tools for new programs
- Keep eyes open for new collaborations
- New community space with potential new partners not yet reached
- More peer-led opportunities

What about you?

 Please share the types of community partnerships you have been successful with...or, not so successful with...

• Questions?

Thank you!

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