JCSH Equity Task Group Meeting #2

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Takeaway Notes

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Main Points:

1. Knowledge acquisition on Structural Determinants of Health
* [Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PH4JYfF4Ns) shared by Anna on Structural Determinants of Health helps put complex concepts into more easily understood delivery.
* Documents shared on resource list show how broad is this work.
* (Action) Check with Suzy Wong to see if she/her team is doing any research, or have pulled together anything on the research underway on Structural Determinants.
* (Follow-up): Checked with Suzy: she doesn’t know of anyone doing a scan or overview of research on Structural Determinants of Health
1. Focus of Task Group
* Strategic consideration of initiatives underway already in PTs
* What are current priorities?
* Example: how has the pandemic shown areas of inequity? Every student needs a 3-layer mask. How do families without >living wages provide them. What is our response to this?
* Example: What are the guidelines in PTs to support gender diverse students in schools?
* Populations and settings
* Choose one of these
* Also lens of income and its impact on children/youth/families
* Highlight equity issues one of these two areas and something already happening
* Is the pandemic the way for JCSH to take first steps in this work?
* Plus: it effects all PTs
* Negative: It may shut down conversation with people exhausted by emergency Covid responses
* Unknown: Might this lens move us away from inequities of gender diversity, racialized communities / students, rural / remote areas not directly captured
* What can JCSH do to support this work? What may be the pushback, and how is this addressed?
* Gender and sexual diversity: This will be the lens: very seldom an issue that doesn’t have gender diversity implications.
* Child and youth mental health and well-being: This will be the focus (gender and sexual diversity lens applied to this). This would retain focus on one of the major JCSH priorities
* Child and youth mental health\_ gender and diversity lens – focus on what is happening – leads to look at literature on intersectionality
1. Reconciling / Respecting work of Reconciliation Group with work of Equity Task Group
* Previous conversations consider that the Reconciliation group has large areas for reflection, discussion, leading to initiatives.
* Equity Task Group may then focus on Structural Determinants of Health and advance knowledge dissemination, learning pieces, briefing and scans in other areas
1. Audience: who is this for? And what will be developed?
* Resources for ministries
* Resources for SHCC and briefing up would be good starting point
* Briefing materials helpful – broad usability
* An evidence scan would be helpful – how does one narrow down these concepts enough to take something forward. Very nebulous work: health conditions outside the health system, inter-sectionality of how social and economic and political systems impact.
1. Next steps:
* Look at respective jurisdictions and locate initiatives/areas of attention that reflect this task group’s priority area (child and youth mental health and well-being) and lens (gender and sexual diversity).
* Explore first look at this area and share in the current Equity resource Word document
* Participants can develop sections in the Equity resources document: by issues, by PT work,

Meetings: Group decides to meet monthly