



## 2012 Stewardship Group Meeting #1

Tuesday April 10, 2012

10am-1pm

Hosted by: Coaches Association of Ontario  
108-3 Concorde Gate, Toronto ON M3C 3N7

### Meeting Notes

#### Attendees:

Chair of Meeting - Joanne Banfield, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre  
Bob Allan, Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund  
Serge Boulianne, Special Olympics Canada  
LJ Bartle, Parks and Recreation Ontario / HIGHFIVE  
Jeff Carmichael, Toronto Sports Council  
Tracy Dahms, York Region Public Health  
Julia Dearing-Vollett, Toronto Public Health  
Silvana Farrace-Perry, York Region Public Health  
Ted Gendron, SPORT4ONTARIO  
Dr. Vicky Harber, University of Alberta (via Skype)  
Karen Hugh, Town of Markham Recreation  
Matt Kennedy, Boxing Ontario  
Susan Kitchen, Coaches Association Ontario  
Steve Lacoste, BFL  
John Milton, Ontario Recreation Facilities Association  
Dr. William Montelpare, University of Leeds / Lakehead University  
Bill Pashby, Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund  
Tammy Shubat, Ophea  
Brandy Tanenbaum, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

#### 1. Welcome

Meeting Chair, Joanne Banfield welcomed attendees and thanked the Coaches Association of Ontario for generously sharing their office space for the meeting. Condolences were offered to the family of Dr. Livingston and Dr. Forbes who were not able to attend the meeting.

#### 2. Remarks from the Secretariat, Dr. Tom Pashby Sport Safety Fund

Bill Pashby, son of the late Dr. Tom Pashby, and chair of the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund (DTPSSF) provided an overview of Dr. ("Doc") Pashby's passion for sports safety. He was an ophthalmologist and

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advocate of safety in ice hockey who maintained records of professional hockey statistics for many years. He was central to the NHL adoption of helmets, minor hockey use of face masks and was advocating for head checking rules more than 10 years before Hockey Canada implemented a rule. The DTPSSF was established to continue Doc's legacy with a mission to minimize catastrophic injury in sport.

Bob Allan, Treasurer of the DTPSSF, shared resources produced by the Fund and encouraged attendees to review the funding guidelines and application. As the secretariat of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, they will oversee the financial portion of the project.

All groups are encouraged to visit the website and review the grant opportunities. [www.drplashby.ca](http://www.drplashby.ca)

### 3. Review agenda

No items added or changed.

### 4. Introduction/Roundtable

The Chair invited attendees to answer one of the following questions:

1. Identify a recent injury issue raised by your organization
  - What factors helped the issue surface?
2. What would help your organization better understand the risk of injury in your activities?

The following is a summary of the attendee's responses.

- Coaches Association of Ontario: focused on communication/multisport/support and training coaches. Concussion is a recent topic. Working with Coaches Canada to develop online education, working with province on concussion legislation.
- Toronto Sports Council: looks at sport broadly within the context of promoting physical activity and getting people back out in the community playing.
- Boxing Ontario: boxing is a combat sport. Education is the key. Boxing does not have a lot of reported injuries. They are looking to work with others to learn. Presently working with other combative sports to reduce injuries.
- Toronto Public Health: Pleased to be attending, happy about legislation announcement (re: concussion in schools). Toronto PH has finished a re-org in which chronic disease and injury prevention are now working together.
- York Region Public Health: Concussion is a recent issue they have been working on with public and Catholic school boards. Looking to bring information with consistent messaging. Looking to PSI to help with research and data collection. School boards do not presently have data available in a way that is useful for understanding rate of injury.
- Markham Recreation: turn-over of young staff is an issue and they are looking for resources to help with educating staff about injury reduction.
- Ophea – 72 school boards subscribe to the Ophea Safety Guidelines. Schools can raise but not lower standards. Concussion is an issue and they are looking for policies within school boards right now.
- SPORT4ONTARIO: S4O's role is to disseminate information. On May 9 the government will be presenting at the S4O Forum.
- Special Olympics Canada: Supporting athletes with intellectual disability. Injury assessment can be difficult. Rely on rulebook, Safe in general but it's important to consider the needs of others in the community.
- Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA): Looking at facility operations – those who build and maintain facilities. Ministry of Labour legislation governs workplace and patron injuries.

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However, there seems to be a disconnect between programs and facilities. This could be something to look at.

- BFL Canada: concussion is the #1 issue right now. Education is key. Shared story of finding letter from Doc Pashby advocating for head checking rule from 1996 and 2000. All issues in the letter remain as relevant today as when they were first penned. Will consider sharing injury data where it can be useful.
- Parks and Recreation Ontario/HIGHFIVE: Interested in working with partners to provide best information. Adapt information from sport to recreation. They are presently expanding to children's mental health.
- University of Alberta / CS4L: CS4L received a Safe and Active PHAC grant looking at the role of physical literacy in injury prevention. Also looking at what happens when someone is injured and the consequences of inactivity.
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre/RBC First Office for Injury Prevention: Working to expand collaboration and partnership opportunities to explore injury data collection and education resources. Facilitating recruitment of 3 sports, 1 recreation and 1 high school for year one of OTF grant.

## 5. Overview of OTF grant and Year One planning

- **\$291,100** to build capacity for the implementation of the Play Safe Initiative, a collaborative effort of the sport, education, recreation and health sectors to develop injury prevention strategies. The initiative provides a platform for injury surveillance, data collection and analysis to support resources, programs, education and policies to reduce and prevent injury during physical activity.
- Year One expected results:
  - o Enhanced capacity for injury data collection by individuals and stakeholder organizations.
  - o Increased injury data collected, aggregated, and made available to stakeholders and the public.
  - o Increased and improved stakeholder engagement.
  - o Increased awareness and enhanced communication.
- Year 1: Selected performance indicators
  - o Pilot studies initiated in a minimum of 3 sport organizations, 1 recreation centre, and 1 high school.
  - o Strategy for PSI use in the Ontario Summer Games 2012 developed and implemented
  - o Research, data collection, hardware
  - o Communication
    - Regular communication provided via email, electronic newsletter, blog or discussion page to members.
    - Access to resources, materials, discussion groups, meeting notes (ongoing).
    - Mobile devices

## 6. Partnerships and opportunities

- York Region Public Health – shared samples of concussion poster
- Opportunities – looking to join existing event for second PSI meeting to grow and develop each year.
  - o Opeha conference takes place in October
  - o Discussion about pushing off to the next year (early) to provide more time for Year One results.

## 7. Safe Use of Outdoor Public Space, Toronto Sports Council

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- Toronto Sports Council applied for a collaborative grant to increase the safe use of outdoor public space in partnership with Street Sport. Some of the activities include painting good looking nets on the outside of schools and possibly developing a portable ball hockey rink with boards. They are looking to collaborate with other groups as well. Activities are still at the early stage of development. For more information please contact Jeff Carmichael ([jeff@torontosportscouncil.ca](mailto:jeff@torontosportscouncil.ca))

## 8. Research update

- Administrator's survey
  - o Is awaiting ethics approval from Lakehead University (ethics approval from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre has already been received)
  - o All groups are encouraged to share survey with their networks. This survey will provide the basis for establishing a baseline around attitudes and beliefs about injury in sport and physical activity.
- WISE (Data Collection)
  - o No system in Ontario, Canada or the world that captures injury in sport and physical activity that would provide an accurate rate of injury
  - o Classification of injury is important factor in creating ability to compare across systems
  - o There is no consistency in the rates of injuries
  - o It is of primary importance that we have a system that allows easy and fairly immediate access to data.
  - o WISE will allow specific "communities" or users to access specific data

## 9. Business arising

- General consensus that communication occur by email rather than discussion boards.
- Discussion about setting next meeting around an existing conference or meeting where it makes sense and will attract a cross-over cohort.
- Discussion about extending agenda to allow for speakers and presentations
- Possibilities include Ophea, CS4L, Sandbox and others.
- The group agreed that it is not necessary to have a larger 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in this first year of the grant suggesting instead that a larger one in the first quarter of next year might be advantageous. We will explore potential opportunities to host a larger meeting attached to another function.

## 10. Next steps and closing remarks

- Administrators Survey will be sent out in May
- Next meeting will be determined and shared with stakeholders in advance

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm

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