

Poverty Reduction Working Group of Nipissing

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For the dignity and health of all

Accomplishments and Activities

2011:

ACTIVITIES

- Participated in the Blueprint Reference Group Meetings and Activities
- Hosted and participated in the Regional Hub: Civic and Community Leaders' day to address the Community Challenge to Build a Strong, Dynamic and Sustainable Workforce
- Email Submission to Minister Duncan for 2011 Pre Budget Consultation to the Standing Committee on Economics and Finances
- Collaboration with Poverty Awareness Network of Nipissing (PANN)

PRESENTATIONS

- Child Abuse Prevention Committee, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 6 members
- Near North District School Board, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 18 Board Trustees
- Northern Ontario Social Service Deliverers Association (NOSSDA), *Summary of Nipissing Regional Hub Work*, audience of approximately 50 members
- North Bay City Council, *Poverty in Our Community*, audience of 12 city Councilors
- District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), *Poverty in Our Community*, audience of 10 Board members
- OPP Veterans, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 11 members
- Rotaract Club of North Bay Nipissing, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 10 Rotarians

RESOURCES

- Released *Poverty Fact Sheet – Nipissing District Jan 2011*
- Release of Brochure: *A Community Challenge for North Bay/Nipissing to Build a Strong, Dynamic and Sustainable Workforce*
- First draft of *Social and Economic Primer*

2010:

ACTIVITIES

- Work Plan-developed priorities for May 2010 – May 2011
- Attended Post-Budget Debriefing hosted by Monique Smith
- Partnered with North Bay and Area SPC to host 2010 ISARC SOCIAL AUDIT . Collected qualitative data from 35 people of low income with lived experience and data from 20 front line workers.
- Letter of Support for provincial Put Food In Budget Coordinating Committee
- Submission to Ontario's Social Assistance Review Advisory Council → recommendations for the implementation of a \$100/month Healthy Food Supplement for all adults on social assistance
- Updated PRWG Terms of Reference

PRESENTATIONS

- Rotary Club of North Bay Nipissing, *Poverty In Our Community*, audience of 35 Rotarians

- Rotary Club of North Bay , *Poverty In Our Community*, audience of 60 Rotarians
- Corpus Christi Church *For the Dignity and Health of All*, audience of 22 community members
- Blue Sky Librarians, PRWG Resources including *Poverty in Our Community: An Unsettling Reality* DVD, and *Poverty Fact Sheet 2009*, 10 chief librarians from Nipissing District
- Display at Nipissing University's Poverty Awareness Education Fair
- Nipissing University- Nipissing Performs for Poverty, *Put Food in the Budget* campaign
- Put Food in the Budget Cross-Community Meeting in Toronto, *PFIB Community Mobilization and Resource Development s*, attended by 9 representatives from grassroots PFIB groups
- Harriet Madigan Living Fit Group 1, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 50 group members.
- Harriet Madigan Living Fit Group2, *Put Food in the Budget*, audience of 35 group members.

RESOURCES

- Released *Poverty Fact Sheet – Nipissing District Jan 2010*
- PRWG letterhead
- PRWG mission, vision, values, logo and slogan approved
- Released 2010 Social Audit Nipissing Report
- Awarded Heart and Stroke Foundation Spark Advocacy Grant for Put Food In the Budget Nipissing work

2009:

ACTIVITIES

- PRWG delegates attend Put Food in the Budget/Do the Math Campaign cross-community media event in Hamilton
- PRWG and DNSSAB joint submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding a Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy
- Submitted letter of support for Social Planning Network of Ontario's (SPNO) funding application to Ontario Trillium Foundation for Regional Hub Support for the NBASPC
- Attended North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board , gained support for and a Board Resolution for Put Food in the Budget Campaign with a Healthy Food Supplement
- Endorsed Housing Network of Ontario's Housing Declaration : everyone in Ontario has the right to live poverty-free and with dignity in housing that is stable, adequate, equitably accessible and affordable
- Attended SPNO Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting
- Submitted letter of support for SPNO to the Atkinson Foundation regarding the value of SPNO's province-wide coordinating support on poverty reduction
- Participated in Do The Math Planning Conference at The Stop Community Food Centre (Toronto
- Endorsed Poverty Watch Ontario's Put Food In The Budget Campaign
- Planning/Visioning Session with Mike Balkwill
- Submitted letter of support to North Bay Chamber of Commerce for the nomination of Lana Mitchell of Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing for the Influential Woman of Northern Ontario Award
- Attended 25-in-5 Network for Poverty Reduction's Cross Ontario Poverty Reduction Leadership Forum/Action Table Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

- PRWG Convener presents at Put Food in the Budget/Do the Math at Hamilton Cross-Community Event
- Ontario Association of Social Workers Nipissing Branch, *PRWG Working for...*

- North Bay Presbytery, *PRWG- A Community Resource*, attended by 45 faith leaders
- Monique Smith, MPP , *Do The Math Survey & the Healthy Food Supplement*
- Display at Nipissing University Mentorship Program's Poverty Awareness Education Fair
- North Bay Indian Friendship Centre, *Poverty Reduction Now*, attended by 30 community members

RESOURCES

- Adopted PRWG Terms of Reference
- Released *Poverty Fact Sheet – February 2009*
- Release of 1 DVD *Poverty in Our Community: An Unsettling Reality*. The DVD highlights local costs of living and the impact of food insecurity and poor nutrition on health

2008:

ACTIVITIES

- Marvyn Novick presented *Blueprint for Poverty Reduction: Legacy for an Inclusive Ontario* at the NBASPC Annual General Meeting
- Delegates attended 25-in-5 Network Leadership Forum in Toronto
- Written response to Mayor Fideli's poverty report entitled *DRAFT for discussion purposes for the Community Task Force on Child Poverty*
- Delegates attended Federal All Candidates Meeting
- Endorsed 25-in-5 Declaration for Poverty Reduction
- Delegates met with Mayor Fideli and Bruce Knox to outline PCWG goals
- Design Studio was held with Peter Clutterbuck of SPNO → developed goals, tasks, refinement of organization
- Delegates met with MP Anthony Rota regarding poverty reduction as a party priority with new Liberal leadership

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation to Ontario Standing Committee on Economics and Finance during the Pre-Budget Consultation in Sudbury – concerns expressed regarded the need for housing and quality jobs in Nipissing District
- Name change – from Provincial Consultation Working Group (PCWG) to Poverty Reduction Working Group of Nipissing (PRWG)
- Bill White presented highlights of Poverty Reduction in Nipissing District: Perspectives and Priorities to the Canadian Council for Social Development (CCSD)
- Presented PCWG research and recommendations to Deb Matthews, MPP and Chair of Cabinet Committee for Poverty Reduction during public consultation in Sudbury
- Community Briefing : *Poverty Reduction in Nipissing District: Perspectives and Priorities, May 2008 Report* , attended by 60 community members and politicians
- NBASPC hosted a community forum, *Poverty Affects Us All*, with guests Peter Clutterbuck, Marvyn Novick, and Janet Gasparini of the SPNO. Draft document: *Pathways to Common Priorities Framework* .
- Working group formed to prepare for the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy Consultations being hosted by Children and Youth Services Minister Deb Matthews. The group that formed the following day would become the Provincial Consultation Working Group (PCWG)