Southwest Five

Power of Networks for
Mobilizing Knowledge to End Homelessness
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History

- Began in 2014

- 7 Cities set the stage

- Piloted in 2015 with five communities across Southwestern Ontario – Hamilton, Windsor, Waterloo, London, York

- Focus was on information sharing and supporting the work around Housing First and Housing Stability

SouthWest 5 Membership

- Group established based on:
  - Size of community (mid-sized city) - presence of similar system components
  - Proximity to meet face-to-face
  - Demonstrated investment and interest in innovative approaches, system redesign, networking and collective impact

- Membership – Service Manager representative with decision making and accountability

- Guests may be invited to participate.

Governance Structure

- Terms of Reference and membership list

- Each community hosts one face-to-face meeting each year – responsible for drafting agenda, refreshments and notes

- Review of Terms of Reference and membership each year – decided to continue for 2016 and 2017

Activities

- Membership contact List

- Host joint learning sessions for the group
  - "How To Be An Awesome Shelter"
  - "Establishing Services Within a System Context"

- Share plans, policies, program design/redesign and other relevant materials

- Highlight local programs/practices during meetings

Activities

- Share work related to HMIS implementation (HIFIS 4.0)

- Discuss provincial, national, and international policy changes

- Align key messages to sr. level's of government

- Province joined one meeting

- Members of EENet HF COI Steering Committee

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