COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

Project Update

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Plan progress at a glance

- Where we left off in February:
 - ✓ Council approval of place-based approach
 - ✓ 4 geographic focus areas identified (in Georgina, Newmarket, Markham and Richmond Hill); received support from Council and local Mayors
 - ✓ List of 9 top risk categories
- Where we are:
 - Province extended deadline to complete the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
 - Leveraging COVID-19 Community Coordination (3C) initiative to inform Plan development
 - Virtual focused community engagement underway, starting with online survey to further identify and understand risks in focus areas
- Where we're headed:
 - Continuing with risk analysis
 - Planning for next stage of focused community engagement (identify strategies/initiatives to reduce risks)
 - Monitoring provincial and federal policy direction influencing the Plan

Top risk categories

Risk Category	Examples			
Alcohol and Substance Misuse	Addiction, overdoses			
Crime	Being a victim of crime, criminal involvement, gangs, violence			
Discrimination	Prejudiced attitudes/actions toward specific groups, hate crimes			
Education and Development	Low educational attainment, barriers to healthy childhood development			
Employment and Income	Unemployment, having low income			
Housing Stability	Unaffordable, inadequate housing			
Mental Health	Extreme life stress and poor mental health			
Physical Health	Unhealthy lifestyle and chronic illnesses			
Social Isolation	Lack of community connections, language barriers			
Food Security	Having unreliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food			
Violence and Abuse	Domestic violence, child abuse and neglect			

Pivoting in response to COVID-19

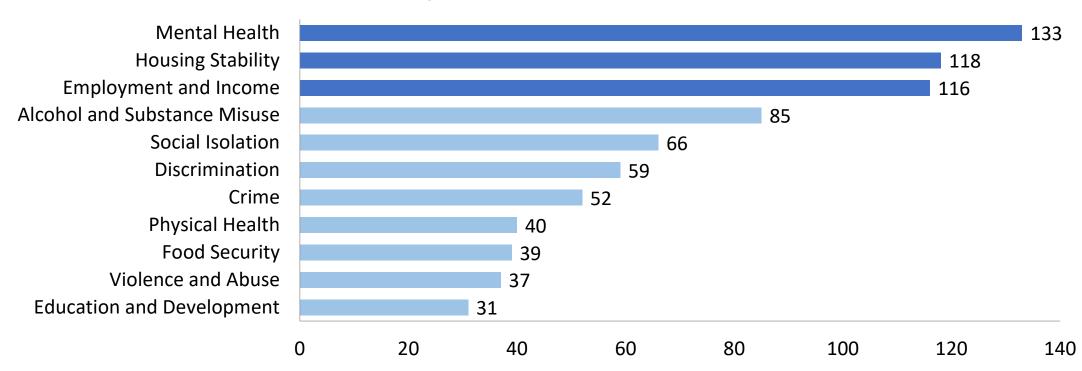
- Targeted in-person community engagement originally planned for Spring 2020
- As a result of COVID-19, revised the engagement plan from in-person sessions to new two-part approach that will leverage virtual and online survey opportunities:
 - Part 1: Identify and confirm risks in focus areas (Board members, community organizations and clients with lived experience who are York Region residents)
 - Part 2: Identify and confirm strategies/initiatives to reduce risks
- Co-leading and leveraging insights from the COVID-19 Community Coordination (3C) initiative

*Preliminary Survey Results — Top Risks

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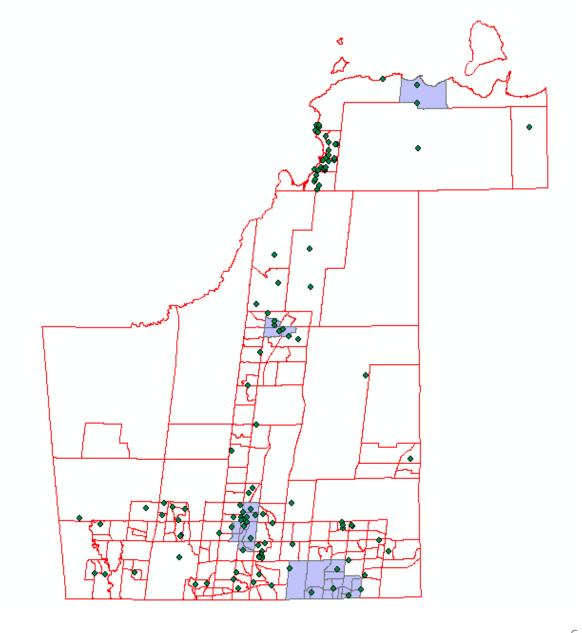
391 total responses - 188 (48%) from Community Organizations, 203 (52%) from clients and residents

Top 3 Risks Identified - Total



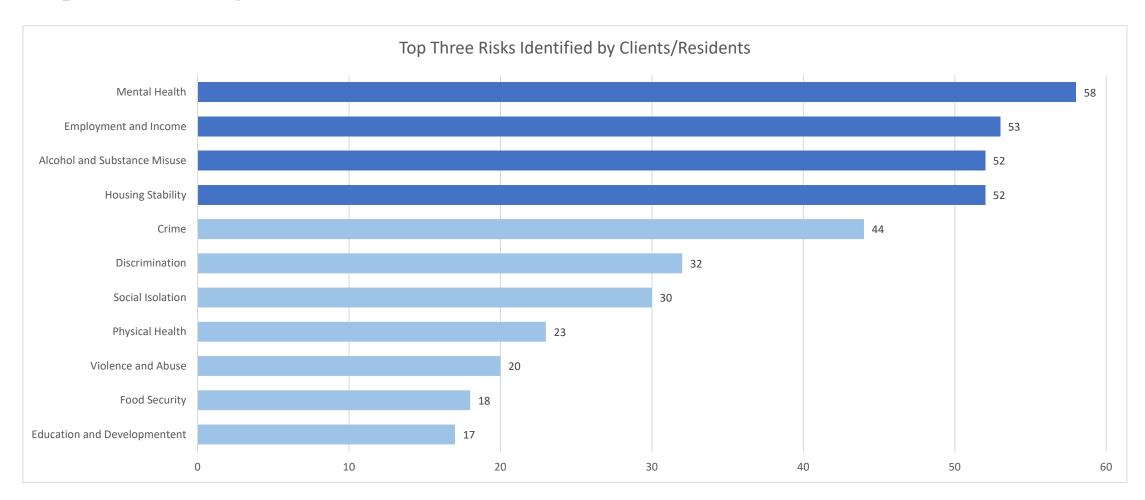
*Preliminary Survey Results — Client/Resident Responses by location

 Survey responses from Clients/Residents with valid Postal Code in York Region by Geographic location relative to CSWBP Focus Areas



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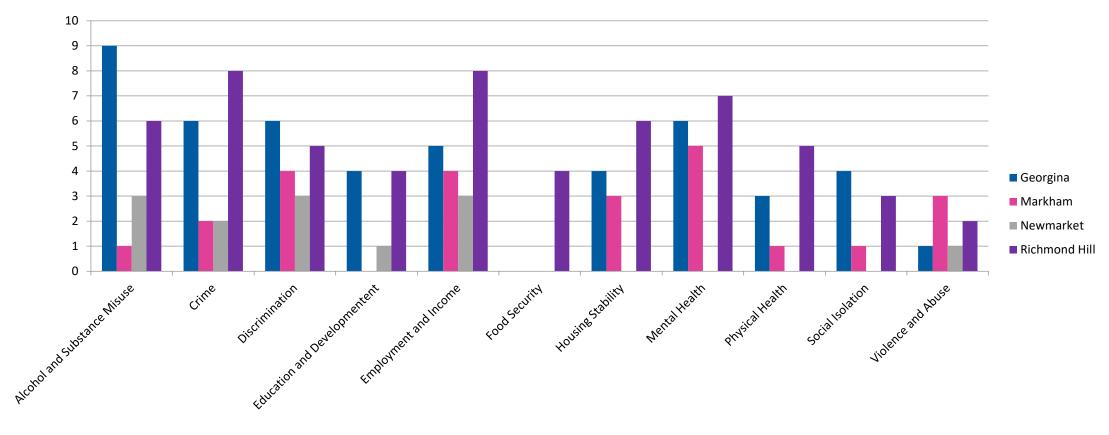
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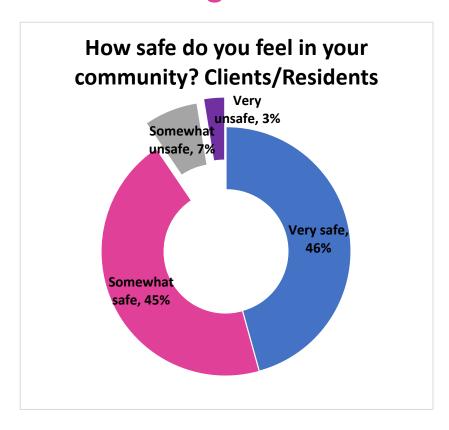
*Preliminary Survey Results — Risks Identified by Clients/Residents in or around Focus Areas

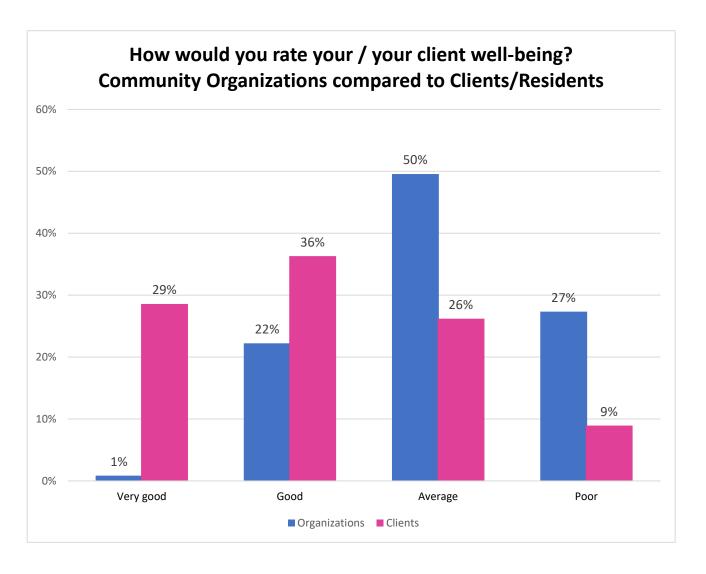
Risks Identified in Focus Area



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*Preliminary Survey Results — Safety and Well-Being





*Preliminary Survey Results — Additional Insights

- Just over 70% of clients/residents said they can access the services/programs that they need
- Awareness of services was the clear top common response to what can help access programs/services

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Next Steps on Community Engagement

- Complete Part 1 Deeper dive to confirm top risks in focus areas (planning for October)
- Begin Part 2 Consult Part 1 participants with potential or proposed strategies to reduce top risks as identified in Part 1 for each of the focus areas

(planning to start in latter part of Q4 2020)

Board involvement

Board Meeting Date	Purpose
February 28, 2020	Update and share focus areas with Board
	Ask: Request Board members' feedback on the go-forward approach, advice on targeted engagement, and help in identifying participants for first round of engagement
Contour to 2000	Update Board on Survey
September 18, 2020	ASK: Board members to help by starting to think about strategies to reduce prioritized risks in focus areas and participate or lead working group tables
December 4, 2020	Update Board on results of virtual engagement and proposed strategies
	ASK: Board members to advise/confirm on recommended strategies and including how their organizations could contribute
Q1 2021	Update Board on progress of Plan development (including any engagements)
	ASK: Board members to provide advice
Q2 – Q3 2021	Board to receive draft Plan and provide any comments/advice
	ASK: Seek Board members endorsement of Plan (TBC)

Questions and Discussion

- 1. What resources/programs/services can your organizations leverage to address the top identified risks (in each focus area)?
- 2. Knowing these preliminary risks, how should upcoming engagement and action planning be best structured?
 - Who would like to participate or help Champion these discussions?

Top Risks	Georgina	Markham	Newmarket	Richmond Hill	Total
Alcohol and Substance Misuse	✓		✓		2
Crime	✓			✓	2
Discrimination	✓	✓	✓		3
Employment and Income		✓	✓	✓	3
Mental Health	✓	✓		✓	3

Thank you!

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