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Subject: Update on OESP pilot application clinics

Hi Rose.

I wanted to give you a quick update on the status of the pilot OESP application clinics.

We touched base on February 9th with Francesca Dobbyn (Executive Director of United Way Bruce Grey) about participating as one of the agencies for a couple of pilot application clinics. She was very receptive and noted she had started thinking along the same lines. Francesca has moved ahead with planning a couple of clinics in her region, one was going to be held tomorrow in Owen Sound, with at least one more planned in the next week or so (I believe she referenced Kincardine). They are also arranging "drop off" locations in some of the more rural areas (e.g. Tobermory) where a partner agency will collect applications and forward to UWBG for processing.

A Toronto pilot clinic is also being organized with two of our OESP agencies (and Financial Assistance Working Group members) for the Parkdale area, currently slated for the week of March 20th (space was limited for next week and the week of March 14th is March break).

We will be tracking attendance, applications submitted and issues that arise to help inform our next steps with expanding the clinics to other locations across the province. A FAWG meeting is being scheduled for March 30th at which we will provide feedback from the pilots and discuss further roll-out with the agencies and utilities.

Thanks, Donna.

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