

Financially Assisted Social Prescribing

2024 in Review

2024 has been a year of new beginnings for the Financially Assisted Social Prescribing (FASP) project. Since the launch of the project in September, we have grown and evolved from our learnings. While we are excited to move forward to the new year, we take a moment to reflect upon the work done so far.

During the first quarter of this four-year FASP project, the team established three integral project components: the Advisory Committee, the Financial Assistance Working Group, and the Social Prescribing Service Coordination Collective.

Advisory Committee

This year, we welcomed back

8

previous members to the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee is a group of community leaders that help advise the FASP project. Members share knowledge and lessons learned that assist in identifying and advancing key opportunities in alignment with strategic priorities. Additionally, one sub-committee was established in support of selecting and welcoming additional Advisory Committee members.

Financial Assistance Working Group

The FAWG is comprised of subject matter experts, people with lived experience, and community leaders. Members determine inclusion and exclusion criteria of the upcoming CRC Community Health Grant to ensure that the grant is as low barrier as possible while maintaining its efficacy and legitimacy.

This year, we welcomed

11

new members to the FAWG.

4 people with lived experience
6 front line workers
1 policy expert

The Social Prescribing Service Coordination Collective (“the Collective”)

This year, we welcomed

25

organizations to the Collective.

12 Social services
5 Health services
8 Community services

One of the biggest endeavours that the FASP project took on this year was the establishment of the Collective. The purpose of this Collective is to create a safe space for community, health, and social service providers to come together and create a shared vision of social prescribing in Hamilton.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of the FASP project. The Social Prescribing Community Liaison volunteers create and update the service inventory for social prescribing and financially assisted services in Hamilton, ON through environmental scans and community outreach activities.

This year, we welcomed

15

new volunteers to the team.

Team Updates



Sara Alzedawy's term as the first Project Assistant for FASP comes to a close on December 20, 2024. We express our heartfelt thanks for her contributions since project launch and wish her the best in her future studies as she explores a Masters in Public Health. Sara's enthusiasm and commitment has been a tremendous asset to the FASP team and we are thrilled for her interest to continue with us as a Social Prescribing Community Liaison Volunteer.

Thank you, Sara!

Season's Greetings

As 2024 comes to an end, we sincerely thank you for supporting the FASP project and team. We very much look forward to 2025 and what it can bring for Hamilton in particular.

With warmest wishes, sending you and yours the best for a wonderful holiday season. May this month and 2025 be full of good health and prosperity for all.

Happy Holidays!

