

Northwest Regional Centre of Responsibility (COR) FASD/Justice System Working Group Minutes

Mon, Sep 12, 2022

12:00pm – 1:30pm CST/1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EST

1. Welcome & Introductions – Alice Bellavance –Chair (BISNO), Jenny Leadbeater (Coordinator), Laura McCauley (LCC), Lucy Black (LCC), Sherry Baum (Community Living Dryden Sioux Lookout), Terri Dimini (Youth Probation), Taylor Sundin (CMHA Kenora), Jennifer Esterreicher (Probation), Maureen Parkes (NWCHC), Chandralal (CMHA Kenora), Jill Davies (CL Dryden Sioux Lookout), Rooke Pitura (KACL), Derek West, Andrea Degagne
2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes - Approved
3. Review and updates to COR FASD Project Charter
4. Follow up and recommendations from briefing note and Executive of the Provincial HSJCC
 - Alice highlighted importance of recommendation #9
 - #7 could be tackled as it covers what we've been discussing. Rooke – having 'access' to staff 24 hrs. Incredible creativity, persistence, patience, and money. Eg. Apartment damages. Seeing successes with housing people. Intersections with justice system/hospitals are lowering.
 - Maureen – #1 – reword to “expanding diagnostic services within corrections facilities” and discharge planning. Jenny informed of the new partnership with Community Reintegration Planning Tables. Rooke agrees it would be beneficial to have diagnostics within corrections. Alice – Crown can make recommendations that assessments take place while incarcerated. How could we go about ensuring this happens? Contact MPPs' to ensure this happens.
 - Terri – when youth are in custody have helped get diagnostics. Probation officers don't work with adults until they are discharged. Judges cannot mandate within custody but could put it on probation order.
 - Jennifer – for adult ministry, many adults are placed in detention for longer time and would be best to have assessment at this point. Bail support programs could get involved to help people get connected once released.
 - Jenny – cost of neurological assessments not covered through OHIP or non-insured benefits. Travel costs is also an issue. Sherry – travel bundled through other medical needs to be covered under Northern Travel Grant
 - Taylor – travel difficult so having within facilities would be ideal
 - Maureen – 18 and over – neuro-psych assessments may be covered through hospital based budgets, not OHIP. Partnerships have been formed within agencies. It's a big ask for provincial government.

- Alice – suggest ‘living research’ on current projects to see long term. LU may be interested in something like this.
 - Sherry - #2 – add working “within the justice system” at the end of this ask. There is research occurring at universities currently. We could look at this as a region.
 - Sherry - #5 – wondering about specific training within the justice system. Is there any gaps? Some lawyers are FASD informed and some aren’t.
 - Andrea – police don’t receive anything FASD specific as mandated training. This could be brought back to leadership as a suggestion. OPP regional. Right now it’s detachment specific.
 - Derek – haven’t had any training for a long time. Something that should be instituted at Police College.
 - Sherry – doctors have had it added to their curriculum
5. Review of upcoming education items and new strategies (eg. Social media)
- Maureen sent out info about NWCHC training on Oct 26th. As well CANFASD – do a lot of research. Suggest taking a look at some of the research they’ve done on justice. Good materials.
 - Sherry – CANFASD – Ontario is still not a member. Could mean discounts for agencies within the province
 - Jill –there is a training for criminal justice workers on CANFASD.
 - Maureen will find out who in Ontario should sign up for CANFASD.
 - Jill – update on training. Theory vs. legislated intersection. Andrea has the Crown sitting in on the training.
 - Jenny – using this training as a template to offer to other detachments/justice system.
 - Derek – pathways should be highlighted in training. Is there any data in our region for FASD/NW Ontario??
 - Maureen – 4% of population in NW Region living with FASD but likely a lot higher than what’s documented.
 - Rooke – waiting lists are so long. Also need to know ‘suspected’ of those in courts.
 - Alice – some of the toughest clients with ABI also have FASD. Many with FASD also higher risk for ABI.
 - Any other training coming up? No
6. Next Meeting Date – Thurs, Oct 13, 2022 at 10:30am
7. Adjournment – 11:09am