

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

Thurs, Oct 13, 2022

9:30am – 10:30am CST/10:30 am – 11:30 am EST

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Jenny Leadbeater (CMHA Thunder Bay), Delane Kepara (CMHA Kenora), Jennifer Esterreicher (Youth Probation – Sioux Lookout), Taylor Sundin (CMHA Kenora), Laura McCauley (Lutheran Community Care), Chandralal Majuwana (CMHA Kenora), Alice Bellavance (BISNO) – Chair, Sherry Baum (Community Living Sioux Lookout/Dryden), Jill Davies (Community Living Sioux Lookout/Dryden), Lucie Black (Lutheran Community Care) **Regrets:** Derek West (Thunder Bay Police Service), Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), Rooke Pitura (Kenora Association for Community Living), Maureen Parkes (Norwest CHC), Robyn Dennis (Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre)
2. **Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes** – Approved by consensus
3. **Review briefing note and top issues to be brought to Provincial HSJCC in November**
 - Jenny highlighted the changes made to the briefing note including the top 3 issues to be brought to the PHSJCC.
 - Alice added that people with FASD are served through BISNO but only because they've also sustained a brain injury. People with FASD are more likely to sustain a brain injury.
 - Sherry – Ontario Brain Institute was given a lot of research funding but FASD was not considered within their scope. The gov't buy in would be that to keep supporting people with FASD in justice system costs more.
 - Alice – 80% of those who don't qualify for DSO are diagnosed with FASD and ADHD.
 - Jill – people are choosing not to pursue FASD diagnosis if they have autism diagnosis because the supports are already in place for autism. Jill is part of a Working Group for special educators. ABA classrooms – would work well for students with FASD but they don't qualify. Some advocacy is being done at provincial level.
 - Laura – has there been any research done at physician level to redefine FASD? (Eg. Dr. Yona Lunsky, Director of Adult Neurodevelopment at CAMH – Can identify gaps and conduct research).
4. **Next Steps for Working Group**
 - Research - Alice will look into contacts at CAMH who she's worked with in the past. Laura will send Alice info about Dr. Yona Lunsky.
 - CAN FASD might be lobbying federal gov't. We can look into how to 'tag along' with any issues they might be pursuing.
 - Sherry – there are other FASD programs in the province. There is one group trying to bring together a provincial group that would represent every sector. Ray Robuck – Co Chair of Children's organizations for mental health. Discussions with MOH and MCCSS have started to

bring together FASD Workers and Diagnostic Clinics. FASD One is available and wanting to do this. Sherry offered to be connection for this.

- Alice – barrier transitioning from child to adult with FASD or when aging out of child welfare.
- Laura/Lucy – queried whether Myliece Maletta from St Joe's has been invited to this group.
- Jenny – will reach out to Myliece Maletta and follow up with Children's Centre about joining Working Group.
- Sherry – there is an intersection between Housing and Developmental Services. Suggestion to Add 'screening' along with identifying and assessing under bullet point in briefing note.
- Items for next meeting: feedback from FASD and the Justice System webinar and Norwest training. Sherry will connect with program consultants.
- The CCTC facilities – Jill will forward to Jenny to circulate with the group. Re: youth assessments in correctional facilities.

5. Next Meeting Date – Dec 15/22 at 10:30amEST

6. Adjournment – 11:30am EST