

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CENTRE OF RESPONSIBILITY (COR) MEETING MINUTES

(Formerly known as the Northwest Regional HSJCC)

DATE: February 3, 2021	TIME: 9:00 – 11:00am CST/10:00 – 12:00pm EST	CHAIR: Derek West
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00AM CST/10:00AM EST	LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting	RECORDER: Jenny Leadbeater
<p>ATTENDEES: Derek West – Co-chair (Thunder Bay Police Service), Sara Dias – Co-Chair (CMHA Kenora), Jenny Leadbeater- Coordinator (CMHA Thunder Bay), Michael Maunula (Lutheran Community Care), Cathy Clara (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Georgina McKinnon (PACE), Nicole Beaulieu (North of Superior Counselling), Susan Barclay (Out of the Cold Shelter), Jennifer Moore (Dilico), Mandy McMahon (TBRHSC), Andrea Degagne, Jeff Upton (Lakehead Public Schools), Darlene Niemi (Children’s Centre Thunder Bay), Nicole Spivak (Crossroads Centre), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Brian McInnes (PWLE), Julia McArthur (Thunder Bay Counselling), Erin Dunn (CAMH), Sandra Weir (Rainy River DSSAB), Jim Neild (OPP Kenora), Nicole LaTour (Alpha Court), Lee-Ann Chevrette (Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council), Deb Dika (Thunder Bay Sexual Assault Centre), Nele Schoutteter (Catholic Family Services), Deana Renaud (Superior Greenstone District School Board), Cori Watson (NWLHIN), Nicole Beaulieu (North of Superior Counselling),</p>		

Topic	Action Item - Decision	Timeline	Outcome
Overview of Virtual Meeting Space	Jenny provided an overview of the Zoom virtual meeting space		
1. Welcome & Introduction	Derek welcomed everyone. Nele Schouttete from Catholic Family Services was present on behalf of Jack Cleverdon. Jim Neild from OPP Kenora introduced himself as Bob Bernie’s replacement. Teresa Perryman – Geraldton Hospital		
2. Conflict of Interest	No Conflicts of Interest were declared.		
3. Consent Agenda			
3.1 COR Meeting Agenda – Feb 3/21	<i>Consent agenda items included in meeting package.</i>		
3.2 COR Minutes & Outcomes –	Motion: To approve the items in the Consent Agenda as		

<p>Dec 2/20 3.3 COR Meeting Survey Feedback – Dec 2/20 3.4 ECOR Meeting Minutes – Jan 7/21</p>	<p>presented. Moved by: Alice Bellavance Seconded by: Jeff Upton Carried</p>		
<p>4. Regional MHAT Trial</p>	<p><i>Mandy McMahon and Julia Daniele from TBRHSC Adult Mental Health dept presented information about the Regional MHAT Trial.</i></p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of patient pathways to ER and once at ER • Outcomes of patient dispositions • Outpatient services • Data of patients attending ER for mental health and addictions. Note: Patients attending for addictions has surpassed those with mental health • Regional MHAT trial – Currently in 3rd trial (Jan 18-Mar 31, 2021) • Seeks to provide an equitable pathway to Schedule 1 beds across NW Ontario by utilizing MHAT and psychiatry through the TBRHSC telemedicine • Small hospital transformation funds – contributions made by regional hospitals has been crucial for making the trial accessible • This 3rd trial has included education and knowledge transfer component which is helping to build capacity within rural hospital ED settings in terms of trauma informed care, MHAT assessment skills, safety planning • This initiative couldn't be done without partnerships • Protocols for transfer of care to Schedule 1 facilities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considered the last result in most cases ○ Regional MHAT helps secure a bed with hope 		

	<p>of same day transfer (sometimes Schedule 1 beds aren't immediately available)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the meantime MHAT provides support to rural ED's ○ Treating before transfer is beneficial ○ Ambutrans or ORANG is arranged by referring site. Protocols are in place for this now. <p>Question: Is patient feedback being collected?</p> <p>Yes. Patient surveys are being distributed. There has been positive feedback from both patients and staff.</p> <p>The Education component is being measured as well (eg. recording statistics, measuring response times)</p> <p>Question: What happens once MHAT discharges patients?</p> <p>Currently, the TBRHSC attempts to make connections to other referral sources (eg. Crisis Response for wellness checks). Admits this is an area for improvement to close the loop and will be a priority for the future. People can feel discouraged if they feel their hospital experience didn't work for them. The hospital wishes for individuals to feel fully supported.</p>		
5. Business Arising			
5.1 COR Membership Renewal Agreements	<p>Jenny informed that all email notices have been sent to the COR membership and has requested renewed Letters of Agreement to be sent back to her by Feb 28th.</p> <p>Action: Re-send email to Georgina McKinnon at PACE and to Jennifer Moore at Dilico to forward to her director</p>	Completed	
5.2 COR Strategic Planning with Ian McCormack	<p>Jenny provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A COR Strategic Planning Working Group will meet for five sessions with Ian McCormack from Compass 		

	Leadership to formulate the 2021-2022 COR Strategic Plan		
6. New Business			
6.1 HSJCC Annual Work Plans and Updated Membership lists 2021/2022 – due March 1st	Jenny will complete the 2021-2022 COR Work Plan and updated COR membership list for submission to the PHSJCC Secretariat for March 1 st .		
7. Issues Management: Human Services/Justice Systemic Issues in Northwestern Ontario			
7.1 Remands of inmates with developmental disabilities due to lack of housing options	<p>COR members were asked to discuss the following three questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over the last year, have you noticed an increase in the number of clients with developmental disabilities in conflict with the law? If yes, what may be contributing to this increase? 2. Are there efforts underway locally, regionally or provincially to address this issue? 3. At a regional level, how does the COR wish to move forward on this issue? <p>Members provided the following input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last 3 years the Thunder Bay Police have had repeat contact with some individuals with developmental disabilities but hasn't seen an increase per se. Protocol in place to either refer individuals to Situation Table or to other agencies. • Education has made a difference in Kenora District. Police officers have a greater understanding of the DSO. • The KRRDHSJCC members provided some good feedback when presented with these questions including the changes to the DSO in 2011 to broaden eligibility. As well, seeing caseloads for Dually Diagnosed individuals in Court Diversion Program at CMHA Kenora are very high. • Lutheran Community Care in Thunder Bay has a Mobile 		

	<p>Integrated Team to address concurrent issues, provide street outreach. Has now received permanent funding. All eligible clients with the DSO can access PASSPORT funding. (min. of \$5000) to help provide access to community supports and respite care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noticing a housing trend during COVID-19 – some residential providers are holding off posting vacancies for potential COVID cases. There are still challenges in providing support for sustainable housing options requiring wraparound services and enhanced supports • Kenora has seen an increase in youth with developmental disabilities accessing emergency shelter • CMHA Fort Frances will have 8 new housing units but hasn't yet received approval letter • Mention of provincial urgent response program <p>Next Steps/Actions: Jenny will incorporate data collected from KRRDHSJCC and COR to amend the briefing note. Information will be communicated back to the COR.</p>		
<p>7.2 Transfer of Care to Schedule 1 Facilities</p>	<p>Briefing note should incorporate MHAT Regional Trial information.</p> <p>Next Steps/Action: Jenny will incorporate the Regional MHAT trial information into the briefing note prior to next meeting and will disseminate to the membership.</p>		
<p>8. COR Working Group Updates</p>			
<p>8.1 COR FASD/Justice System – Next Steps</p>	<p>Alice Bellavance provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A smaller working group has been formed to review the recommendations from Leadership Thunder Bay CAP report and will bring forward items to address for the new work plan 		

	Next Steps/Actions: Small working group to meet on Feb 25 th		
9. Community Planning Table(s)			
9.1 Thunder Bay Community Safety and Well-being Planning	<p>Lee-Ann Chevrette from the Crime Prevention Council provided an update regarding Thunder Bay Community Safety and Well Being Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The province of Ontario has mandated all municipalities to have a CSWB by July 31/21 (original date was Jan 2021 but postponed due to COVID-19) • In Thunder Bay, the Crime Prevention Council through the City of Thunder Bay formed a steering committee to oversee planning. An engagement process was started in early 2020 and has reconvened. Community engagement data and other local indicators are being used. • 6 key priority areas have been identified: Housing, Racism & Discrimination, Mental Well-Being, Community Violence & Gender Based Violence, Poverty Reduction & Financial Empowerment, Supports for Children, Youth & Families • Outreach has occurred with other municipalities across NW Ontario. Many are upset about new deadline. <p>Next Steps/Action Items: CWSB Steering Committee is planning 2nd set of community engagement sessions to report back key areas and invite input to action items. Commencement of implementation teams.</p> <p>Lee-Ann to share key priority areas with Jenny and request recruitment from COR members</p>		
10. Standing Items			
10.1 NW Situation Table Community of Practice	Jenny provided update. The NW Situation Table CoP met in Dec and Feb and has identified training needs across the region. Jenny will be developing and offering a refresher training to all		

	current members of Situation Tables across the regions this spring.		
10.2 PHSJCC Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Racism Committee – call for members • Housing and Justice report and media release • Access to COVID-19 Vaccine within Correctional Institutions 	Jenny provided updates about the following PHSJCC items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PHSJCC has created an Anti-Racism Committee and put a call out for members. Information has been shared with the membership. • The PHSJCC released the Housing and Justice Report which was disseminated to the membership previously. • Current discussions about access to COVID-19 vaccine within correctional institutions. The PHSJCC will be providing a letter of support. 		
10.3 Next Meeting Agenda Priorities	Derek requested priority items for next agenda. None were identified.		
10.4 Meeting Feedback Survey	Derek reminded everyone that the meeting evaluation survey monkey link can be found on the agenda.		
10.5 Frequency of Meetings/Next Meeting Date	Agreed to meet bi-monthly for 1.5 hours. Jenny will send meeting invitation for early April.		
10.6 Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am EST.		