

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CENTRE OF RESPONSIBILITY (COR) MEETING MINUTES

(Formerly known as the Northwest Regional HSJCC)

DATE: June 16, 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 Services), Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), Jenny Leadbeater- Coordinator (CMHA Thunder Bay), Michael Maunula (Lutheran Community Care), Cathy Clara (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Georgina McKinnon (PACE), Jennifer Moore (Dilico), Lisa Joubert (Children’s Centre Thunder Bay), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Brian McInnes (PWLE), Sandra Weir (Rainy River DSSAB), Nicole LaTour (Alpha Court), Lee-Ann Chevrette (Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council), Deb Dika (Thunder Bay Sexual Assault Centre), Raiili Pellizzari (Ontario Health Teams), Chantal Dupuis (NW/NE OPP), Penny Radford (Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services), Derek Johnson (Anishnawbek Police Services), David Engberg (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Crystal Edwards (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Mandy McMahan (Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre), Charlene Strain (CMHA Fort Frances)</p>		

Topic	Action Item - Decision	Timeline
Overview of Virtual Meeting Space	Jenny provided an overview of the Zoom virtual meeting space	
1. Welcome & Introduction	Derek welcomed everyone including new COR members: . Raiili Pellizzari from OHT, Charlene Strain, new CEO of CMHA Fort Frances replacing Shiela Shaw and Lisa Joubert from Children’s Centre Thunder Bay, replacing Darlene Niemi.	
2. Conflict of Interest	No Conflicts of Interest were declared.	
3. Consent Agenda (Motion)		
3.1 COR Meeting Agenda – June 16, 2021	<i>Consent agenda items included in meeting package.</i> Motion: To approve the items in the Consent Agenda as presented. Moved by: Alice Bellevance Seconded by: Lee-Ann Chevrette Carried	
3.2 COR Minutes & Outcomes – Apr 21, 2021		
3.3 COR Meeting Survey Feedback – Apr 21, 2021		

<p>3.4 ECOR Meeting Minutes – Jun 14, 2021</p> <p>3.5 KRRDHSJCC Annual Report 2020-2021</p> <p>3.6 NWCOR Annual Report 2020-2021</p>		
<p>4. Business Arising</p>		
<p>4.1 COR Membership Renewal Agreements</p>	<p>Jenny provided an update on status of renewal agreements. There are still approximately 22 agencies who haven't submitted their 2021-2024 COR renewal agreements and requested these be sent back by end of June.</p> <p>ACTION: Jenny will email reminders to all agencies whose agreements are outstanding.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
<p>5.1 KRRDHSJCC Update</p>	<p>Sara provided update. The KRRDHSJCC will meet next week. The 2020-2021 Annual Report was submitted to the PHSJCC Secretariat by the deadline of June 15, 2021. The RISK Steering Committee met last week to start review of issues arising from the Kenora RISK Forum held in February and will be bringing forth some of the identified issues to the COR.</p>	
<p>5.2 Request for after hours service expansion including 24 hr collaborative social service outreach/crisis teams to address needs of communities</p>	<p>Derek provided an overview of this topic including an overview of Thunder Bay Police 'calls for service' data from 2019 and 2020 which included a breakdown of mental health and quality of life related calls. He added that during COVID-19, only police and EMS have been left to address these types of issues occurring at street level after hours.</p> <p>Derek posed the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can our community partners assist to fill the gap to reduce after hours quality of life service calls to police? 2. What are the implications for a homeless person on the street who isn't being supported? <p>Currently the regular 9-5 Mon-Fri standard work week isn't sufficient in meeting the needs of the community (and potentially the region). New mental health partnerships with police (IMPACT, Safe Beds etc) have provided some assistance but more is needed.</p>	

	<p>Derek stated he is hoping to see a collaborative model or pilot project developed for after hours street outreach/social navigators and is requesting local organizations to consider stretching their mandates to accommodate additional after-hours service.</p> <p>Sara suggested it would be helpful to have data related to 'peak times' for service calls which would help organizations build their internal capacity to accommodate during these times. She added that in Kenora peak times were determined to be between 11am to 8pm.</p> <p>Lee-Ann suggested there may be funding opportunity for a pilot project through PEHAC (up to \$250000).</p> <p>Derek suggested that the COR establish a working group to initiative discussions. Lee-Ann Chevrette, Georgina McKinnon, Penny Radford put their names forward to participate.</p> <p>ACTION: Anyone interested in joining a Working Group to assist with planning on this issue is asked to contact Jenny.</p>	
<p>5.3 Development of a Thunder Bay Working Group/Steering Committee. Potential merge with CHAT Steering Committee.</p>	<p>Jenny provide an update.</p> <p>Jenny met with Joanne Boucher from CHAT to discuss possible merge with CHAT Steering Committee which would oversee CHAT, Thunder Bay Situation Table and also act as a venue to bring forward local Thunder Bay issues consistent with HSJCC mandate.</p> <p>Jenny requested feedback from the membership:</p> <p>Brian McInnes- likes the idea Nicole LaTour - it makes sense as there are many representatives on both CHAT, Situation Table and COR. Suggestion to put a call out for additional members. Lee-Ann- suggested it would helpful for her to join this conversation and determine how the CSWB planning committees might accommodate this need. Derek – provided historical context about how former Thunder Bay HJSCC table dismantled leaving no place to discuss local issues.</p> <p>ACTION: Jenny, Lee-Ann and Joanne Boucher to meet and discuss implications of merging or creating a new Steering Committee to oversee Thunder Bay Situation Table and local</p>	

	issues.	
6.1 Review of Issues Management Framework and Referral Process	<p>Jenny provided an overview of the Issues Management Framework and Flowchart as previously development by Mariah Maddock. The framework outlines how to refer a systemic issue to the committee using either the Systemic issues referral form and/or Rapid Issues Management form.</p> <p>The membership were encouraged to utilize this process moving forward.</p>	
6.2 Lack of Withdrawal Management/Detox services/facilities in NW Ontario	<p>Jenny provided an brief overview of the issue as brought forward by the Kenora RISK Table.</p> <p>Jenny introduced Andrew Garro from Ontario Health North to provide an update about government initiatives and planning for NW Ontario.</p> <p>Andrew clarified that the NWLHIN were dismantled on March 31st, 2021 and have now been renamed to Ontario Health North.</p> <p>A previous Design Day held by the LHIN spoke to lack of appropriate withdrawal management services throughout Northwestern Ontario. The NW region has relied on innovation and creativity to stretch the funding received (\$400000/annually) which is being utilized for the creation of Crisis/Justice related programming, specifically the development of Safe Bed Programs in certain communities (Thunder Bay, Kenora, Fort Frances). Individuals can access Safe Beds for up to 30 days to develop recovery and life skills. When safe beds were launched, there was not a comprehensive understanding of addictions related issues and the need for addictions specialists to assist with these programs, which is now determined to be clinical best practice.</p> <p>Andrew acknowledged the challenges of the NW region, which covers a wide geography, and it was noted that the sub-region which includes Sioux Lookout and far north do not currently have access to detox or safe bed programs and that this is a recognized gap. The OHN wants to ensure that current programs are properly funded first. Andrew highlighted a youth residential treatment program in Fort Hope (Tommy Beardy Clinic) offers landbased healing and traditional methods which has seen great results.</p> <p>Red Lake as also been flagged as a community for investment and were given the option for either detox or safe bed facility. They have opted for Safe Bed Program.</p>	

The Thunder Bay District currently has no detox or safe bed programs. There has been a strong emphasis on building partnerships (eg. St. Joseph's Care Group, Dilico, CMHA) in this region. Currently they have developed mobile crisis services which is being led by Dilico.

Sara Dias and Charlene Strain reported that the Kenora and Fort Frances Safe Beds programs have addictions specialists attached while the Thunder Bay program does not

Sara also communicated that Safe Beds programs are not a substitute for detox programs and many rural communities throughout NW Ontario do not have withdrawal management facilities at this time. Safe beds are not medically enhanced programs and having a pathway of care from Morningstar Detox facility in Kenora has been crucial for Safe Bed programming success in Kenora. This brings up concerns for smaller communities who may develop a Safe Bed program without detox facilities in their community. It was also noted that existing Safe Bed programs are currently not double staffed and that this should be a requirement.

Lee-Ann asked about the recent additional investment in the Balmoral Detox Facility in Thunder Bay. Andrew stated this investment included the additional of nurse practitioners and more beds but that he could provide additional information to the membership via email.

ACTION: Andrew to provide more information to COR members about the specific numbers.

Andrew also spoke about investments in supportive housing for homeless individuals. It was noted that 74% of the homeless population in the region suffer from Mental Health and Addictions issues. These numbers drop closer to Sudbury and Southern Ontario. There is a need to leverage partnerships with TBDSSAB.

Chantal Dupuis informed that Ministry of the Solicitor General may have grant dollars for training and safety for local police services. Initially this funding provided support to OPP but is now available to local police services. She noted that SOLGEN is specific about what the funding can be used for. Details should be released shortly.

Derek – new program IMPACT, which is a 24-hr ridealong partnership between Thunder Bay Police Services and CMHA Thunder Bay has been very successful. In the first 6 months, 781 people accessed this program with over half being diverted from ER.

6.3 Apprehending Youth for Medical Treatment under the Children and Family Services Act	<p>Jenny noted this was an issue brought forward from the Kenora RISK Table and that a briefing note will be forthcoming to include Kenora's RTD info which shows high percentage of youth between ages of 6-11 and 12-17 being referred to the table.</p> <p>This issue speaks to situations involving youth with substance use/mental health issues who require some type of treatment and will include legislation from both Child and Family Services Act and Healthcare Consent Act.</p> <p>Sara added that there are strategies being implemented within Kenora Catholic School Board to address current attendance issues among youth.</p>	
6.4 Transfer of Care to Schedule 1 Facilities	Jenny noted that this briefing note was amended in April and brought forward to the Provincial HSJCC Secretariat to request advocacy supports for the MHAT Regional Trials. MHAT staff will be presenting during the upcoming PHSJCC in mid-July.	
6.5 Finalizing Remands of inmates with intellectual disabilities due to lack of housing	Jenny has received further input from COR membership agency which will be incorporated into the briefing before sending back to the membership for final approval.	
7. COR Working Group Updates		
7.1 COR FASD/Justice System – Next Steps	<p>Derek provided a brief update stating there have been some issues with identifying how to address education recommendations to Justice System as identified in the Leadership Thunder Bay CAP Report.</p> <p>Derek hopes to have a more comprehensive update during the next meeting.</p>	
8. Standing Items		
8.1 Situation Table CoP and Education updates	<p>Jenny provided an update. The last NW Situation Tables CoP meeting minutes were included in the meeting package and included discussions about regional refresher training and identifying lead agency during intervention planning. It was noted that smaller communities do not experience the same issues as Thunder Bay when determining lead agencies as it is usually clear or obvious which agency should be lead based on their agency mandates.</p> <p>A Situation Table Refresher Training was offered to active members of Situation Tables</p>	

	throughout the NW region on May 12 th . Approximately 35 people attended. An annual refresher will be provided to Thunder Bay Situation Table members on June 19 th .	
8.2 PHSJCC Updates	Jenny reminded the group to complete the Anti-Racism surveys that were circulated on Jun 8 th and to please submit them by the end of the day so the data can be collated and final survey completed for the PHSJCC by Friday.	
8.3 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Update	<p>Lee-Ann Chevrette provided the following update: the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council will meet today to bring forward the CSWB plan to City Counsel on June 28th. The Thunder Bay CSWB includes 6 key priority areas and the plan is due on July 1st.</p> <p>Sandra Weir provided the following update on behalf of CSWB joint development committee for 10 municipalities which include: Alberton, Atikokan, Chapple, Dawson, Emo, Fort Frances, Lake of the Woods, LaVallee, Morley and Rainy River. Currently still working on the CSWB planning which started later than other municipalities. Likely won't meet the July 1st deadline. A draft plan will be circulated to all 10 municipalities for approval first. Highest needs identified are Supportive Housing, Mental Health and Addictions supports.</p> <p>Sara Dias informed that Kenora currently has a call out to representatives from the city to develop a plan for their municipality. Still in preliminary planning stages.</p>	
8.4 Next Meeting Agenda Priorities	<p>Derek requested priority items for next agenda.</p> <p>Jenny noted that the Regional Crisis Line Updates will be included as a standing agenda item for future meetings.</p> <p>No other comments provided.</p>	
8.5 Meeting Feedback Survey	Derek reminded everyone that the meeting evaluation survey would be emailed out by Jenny following the meeting.	
8.6 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	<p>Suggested date: Wed, Sept 8th, 2021 from 10am-noon EST.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.</p>	