

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CENTRE OF RESPONSIBILITY (COR) MEETING MINUTES

(Formerly known as the Northwest Regional HSJCC)

DATE: Sept 8, 2021	TIME: 9:00 – 11:00am CST/10:00 – 12:00pm EST	CHAIR: Sara Dias
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00AM CST/10:00AM EST	LOCATION: Zoom Virtual Meeting	RECORDER: Jenny Leadbeater/Chantal Dupuis
<p>ATTENDEES: Sara Dias – Co-Chair (CMHA Kenora), Jenny Leadbeater- Coordinator (CMHA Thunder Bay), Cathy Clara (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Georgina McKinnon (PACE), Erin Dunn (CAMH), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Brian McInnes (PWLE), Sandra Weir (Rainy River DSSAB), Nicole LaTour (Alpha Court), 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), Crystal Edwards (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Mandy McMahan (Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre), Charlene Strain (CMHA Fort Frances), Tiffany Stubbings (CMHA Thunder Bay), Kathy Campbell (CMHA Thunder Bay), Nicole Latour (Alpha Court), Rose Viel (Centr’Elles), Rose Bakke (Thunder Bay Children’s Aid Society), Jim Neild (Kenora OPP), Nicole Spivak (Crossroads Centre), Megan Tiernan (Lakehead District School Board)</p>		

Topic	Action Item - Decision	Timeline
1. Welcome & Introduction	Sara welcomed everyone and new COR members were introduced: Kathy Campbell, new Crisis Manager at CMHA Thunder Bay and Tiffany Stubbings, Director of Program Services at CMHA Thunder Bay (standing in for Jennifer Hyslop).	
2. Conflict of Interest	Raiili Pellizzari queried whether her presence would be a conflict for item 5.2. The consensus from the group was that it would not be and any feedback or information Raiili could provide would be welcomed.	
3. Consent Agenda (Motion)		
3.1 COR Meeting Agenda – Sept 8, 2021	<i>Consent agenda items included in meeting package.</i> Motion: To approve the items in the Consent Agenda as presented. Moved by: Alice Bellavance Seconded by: Sandra Weir Carried	
3.2 COR Minutes & Outcomes – Jun 16, 2021		
3.3 COR Meeting Survey Feedback – Jun 16, 2021		
3.4 ECOR Meeting Minutes – Aug 30, 2021		

4. Business Arising		
<p>4.1 Outreach service expansion working group: Collaborative 24 hr social service outreach/crisis teams to address needs in Thunder Bay and other communities</p>	<p>Jenny provided an overview of this topic. Due to COVID, many social issues are falling to police eg. Police are receiving more 'quality of life' calls. Derek West brought this issue forward during the last COR meeting requesting a strategy to enhance/expand or stretch social navigation or street outreach positions within the community to address issues arising after regular business hours. The following people have put their names forward to form a working group: Derek West, Penny Radford, Georgina McKinnon, Chantal Dupuis, Jeff Duggan (OPP Kenora), Melinda Mills (OPP Kenora). A meeting will be scheduled following Derek's return from holidays.</p> <p>Bobby Jo Smith sought clarification and delineation from MCRT and queried whether Thunder Bay District could be included. Also query about best practices in other communities.</p> <p>Chantal spoke of AMOT with focus on addiction in Norfolk/Haldiman South West area.</p> <p>Sara Dias mentioned that Sioux Lookout's approach to mobile crisis is unique, focusing also on addictions/harm reduction. The shelter system in Kenora has incorporated an outreach component – Mukwuk Patrol. Both of these models could be ideas for this group.</p> <p>Bobby Jo and Sara expressed interest in joining the working group.</p> <p>ACTION: COR members interested in joining the working group are to email Jenny. A meeting invitation will be circulated for late Sept.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
5.New Business		
<p>5.1 Development of a Thunder Bay COR Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Jenny has held meetings with Joanne Boucher (CHAT Steering Committee) and Lee-Ann Chevrette (CSWB Committee) to discuss potential merge of committees to address Thunder Bay needs rather than forming a new committee. During last ECOR meeting, it was decided to move ahead with forming a Thunder Bay COR Committee, ideally consisting of members in managerial roles also involved in the Thunder Bay Situation Table. Any issues identified by this group that would be considered regional could be brought forward to the NWCOR. Suggestion of quarterly meetings to minimize impact to schedules.</p> <p>Several people agreed that this is appropriate.</p> <p>ACTION: No vote will take place but rather Jenny will send a call-out for interest to members.</p>	<p>Pending</p>

5.2 Securing permanent funding for the COR – HSIP submission process	<p>Jenny provided update. One of the COR's strategic priorities for this year is to seek permanent funding for two Coordinator positions.</p> <p>A former HSIP was submitted to the LHIN in 2018. The ECOR will be reviewing this proposal and make necessary adjustments. Jenny hoping to have HSIP this fall.</p>	
6. Issues Management: Human Services/Justice Systemic Issues in Northwestern Ontario		
6.1 Transfer of Care from Schedule 1 Facilities	<p>Jenny provided update. Regional MHAT team presented at the PHSJCC in July. Need to clarify next steps.</p> <p>Chantal Dupuis presented information on this topic from OPP perspective. OPP have queried MOH but there is no clear mandate or legislation about who is responsible for transfers. There are concerns across the province, especially in rural locations about police transferring patients to Schedule 1. When a situation is not deemed high risk, the wish is to remove police from these situations to avoid unnecessary criminalization of individuals experiencing mental health crisis.</p> <p>The OPP have been utilizing the HSJCC's Police Hospital Transition Framework Toolkit but this doesn't address the full issue. Police are not trained to respond to medical crisis. Mental health is a 'health' crisis.</p> <p>The landscape of mental health has changed drastically (eg. Opioid crisis). The recommendation would be to have the province fund regional MHAT's throughout the province including support for nursing stations on First Nations. An appropriate investment would be put into nursing stations and rural hospitals.</p> <p>There have been conversations about this with the Chief Medical Officer for provincial ER's across Ontario as well as with the MOH. Feedback has been positive.</p> <p>Another recommendation would be to amend the Mental Health Act as it currently places police and mental health at odds with each other. Would like to see the PHSJCC support this initiative.</p> <p>Mandy McMahon provided update on the Regional MHAT. Confirmed they have funding only until Nov 7/21. TBRHSC is looking into adding addiction services component for further support. The Small Hospital Transformation Fund application could help sustain the program until March 2022. The trials have been quite successful. Approx. 40-50% of patients are now being treated in their home communities through this initiative. Mandy will circulate the evaluation report which focuses on stats, knowledge transfer and capacity building. TBRHSC along with Lake of the Woods Hospital and St. Joseph's Care Group have submitted HSIP for full annualized funding. OHT confirmed that funding applications are</p>	

	<p>kept on file for 6 months. Several agreed that a letter of support from the COR would be beneficial.</p> <p>Sara suggested the issue be brought forward to the PHSJCC through the Issues Management Framework.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara/Jenny to request as agenda item for next Executive PHSJCC meeting. • A letter of support from the COR will be provided. 	<p>Complete Pending</p>
6.2 Remands of inmates with intellectual disabilities due to lack of housing options – next steps	<p>Jenny provided update. The briefing note has been finalized but where would we like to take this issue? The group agreed the discussion questions should be sent out through Survey Monkey and a sub-committee will be formed.</p> <p>ACTION: Jenny to circulate Survey Monkey to the membership.</p>	<p>Pending</p>
6.3 Lack of Withdrawal Management services/facilities in NW – next steps	<p>Jenny and Sara facilitated discussion. There has been a new funding call out for new Adult Addiction Beds due Sept 15th funded through the MH&A Centre of Excellence application process. Raiili from OHT will share details with the group. Group agreed to keep on the agenda to provide update on funding calls. Sara suggested RTD data be provided to Raiili.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <p>Jenny to provide RTD stats for the NW to Raiili. Raiili to provide details of funding call to Jenny who will circulate to the group.</p>	<p>Complete Complete</p>
6.4 Apprehending Youth for Medical Treatment	<p>This was an issue arising from Kenora RISK Table awhile back. A draft briefing note has been completed and included in meeting package. Sara has circulated with the RISK Steering Committee for feedback. The COR encouraged to review and provide feedback.</p> <p>Discussed deferred until next meeting.</p>	
7. COR Working Group Updates		
7.1 COR FASD/Justice System – Next Steps	<p>Alice reported there are no updates. The group has postponed meeting until after Alice meets with Norwest CHC and Firefly to review recommendations previously brought forward.</p>	

8. Standing Items		
8.1 KRRDHSJCC Updates	Sara provided update. Working groups have been meeting. One sub group for Case Management have been discussing detox availability, pre-arrest diversion and post custody enhancements.	
8.2 Regional Crisis Line Update	<p>Kathy Campbell provided update. A new care pathway was launched on August 1st. A meeting will be held with the Regional Crisis Line Committee on Sept 21st.</p> <p>August stats include: 54 calls (Kenora), 17 calls (Rainy River), 10 calls (North region), 23 calls – (Thunder Bay District).</p> <p>Erin Dunn suggested it might be beneficial to have a population density breakdown of the calls coming from each region for the next update.</p>	
8.3 NW Situation Table CoP and Situation Table Education Updates	<p>Jenny included minutes from last NW Situation Table CoP meeting held in June, along with evaluation reports for Situation Table Refresher Trainings offered in May and June. Refresher training will be offered at least annually or possibly semi-annually open to all Situation Table membership in the NW region.</p> <p>The next NW Situation Table CoP meeting is scheduled for Sept 16th and is open to all active members of any table.</p>	
8.4 Provincial HSJCC - Highlights	Jenny reported that a PHSJCC meeting highlights report and briefing note re: OHRC and HSJCC was included in meeting package. The Regional MHAT and Lifeguard app presented during the July PHSJCC meeting– both highlighting initiatives from the North. A brief update was provided about the dismantling of SOLGEN’s Community Advisory Boards and the PHSJCC has invited SOLGEN to provide update this.	
8.5 Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning Updates	<p>Sara reported that in Kenora an application process was utilized and participants have been identified to create their CSWB plan.</p> <p>Sandra Weir reported that Fort Frances and surrounding municipalities have finalized their plan and a package will be circulated for approval this month.</p>	
8.6 Next Meeting Agenda Priorities	<p>Jenny requested priority items for next agenda.</p> <p>Brian McInnes would like update about TB Police/TBDSSAB strategies to ensure safety concerns are being addressed in housing units (eg. Gang activity/home takeovers)</p>	

	ACTION: item to be placed on next meeting agenda. No other items put forth.	
8.7 Meeting Feedback Survey	Jenny will email an evaluation survey following this meeting.	
8.8 Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	Suggested date: Wed, Nov 10th, 2021 from 10am-noon EST. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.	

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