

Northwest Regional Centre of Responsibility (COR) (Formerly known as the Northwest Regional HSJCC)

Meeting Agenda – Thurs, Jun 9, 2022  
 9:00am – 11:00am CST/10:00am – 12:00pm EST  
 Zoom:

**Present:** Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), Georgina McKinnon (PACE), Susan Barclay (Out of the Cold Shelter), Megan Semeniuk (Lakehead Board of Education), Crystal Edwards (TBRHSC), Jennifer Moore (Dilico), Deborah Dika (TBSAC), Michael Maunula (LCC), Derek Johnson, Wendy McAllister (OHN), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Sheri Fata (Thunder Bay Counselling), Erin Dunn (CAMH), Nicole Latour (Alpha Court), Charlene Strain, Andrea Degagne, Derek West, Rose Viel,, Jan Adams (Crossroads), Brian McInnes (PWLE)

**Regrets:** Cathy Clara (St Joe’s), Bobby Jo Smith (NOSP)

**Purpose:** *The purpose of the COR is to support current and future Situation Tables and assist in supporting an integrated, coordinated and seamless service delivery system that meets the needs of at-risk people and optimizes the mobilization and delivery of community services in the Northwest region.*

Item & Purpose	Lead	Meeting notes
1. Welcome & Introductions	Sara Dias	Sara welcomed the group.
2. Land Acknowledgement	Susan Barclay	Susan provided the land acknowledgement.
3. Conflict of Interest	Sara Dias	No conflicts to declare.
4. Consent Agenda (Motion)		
4.1 COR Meeting Agenda – Jun 9 2022 4.2 Draft COR Meeting Minutes – Mar 24 2022	Sara Dias	Moved by: Alice Seconded by: Susan Accepted
<b>5. Business Arising</b>		
5.1 Protocols within Corrections when someone completes suicide	Sara Dias	Sara received response from special needs unit from SOLGEN. SOLGEN treats all deaths in custody as medical emergencies. Internal resources are engaged for first aid response and treatment while contacting paramedic assistance. Once the death is confirmed police are notified who then typically take the lead in contacting the next of kin of the loss. There is an internal process of ensuring personal belongings of the individual are gathered and returned to the family. A formal investigation surrounding the circumstances of the death occurs involving the Correctional Services Oversight and

		<p>Investigations branch. Any death that occurs in custody also results in a Coroner's Investigation.</p> <p>Mental health and suicide risk assessments occur for every new admission regarding their level of risk for suicide as this can be a time of great emotional instability and risk. If concerns are identified, there are internal procedures in place to ensure they are in a safe location, have appropriate monitoring/supervision, and increased engagement with clinical staff to address presenting safety concerns. The individual is provided support from an interdisciplinary team.</p>
<b>6. New Business</b>		
6.1 COR Annual Report for HSJCC	Jenny Leadbeater	<p>COR Annual Report was submitted to the Provincial Secretariat on Jun 1<sup>st</sup> also the deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Jenny provided a brief overview of Key Activities and Initiatives within the report.</p> <p>Sara will submit the KRRDHSJCC annual report directly to the PHSJCC Secretariat.</p>
6.2 COR Surveys	Jenny Leadbeater	Jenny will reformat the COR feedback surveys to keep them brief and will provide a summary of response back to the COR as needed.
<b>7. Issues Management: Human Services/Justice Systemic Issues in Northwestern Ontario</b>		
7.1 Issue identified by Children's Aid Society – Drug/gang involved youth from GTA	Jenny Leadbeater, Diana Mellerup (TBCAS), Linda Dacre (Kairos)	<p>Jenny provided an overview of this issue that was originally submitted by Diana Mellerup from Children's Aid Society Thunder Bay and was discussed during a Situation Table meeting. The issue concerns youth</p> <p>Diana – repatriating youth back to GTA happens quickly once they are referred by police to CAS. No available resources like foster home to provide care as they have safety concerns. Many efforts to get youth back to their communities including lack of ID. In many case their ID get taken from them. There are also concerns that the same youth keep returning to Thunder Bay.</p> <p>Linda – Kairos is youth justice organization servicing youth 12-17 years of age. Detention or waiting for sentencing. There are a large number of youth from GTA come into custody facility. Prevention standpoint – no one really knows these youth are in the city until police become involved and are arrested.</p>

Justice Ronald Lester Centre – only in the city for brief period of time. Transportation methods become the responsibility of youth’s family. 37 youth admitted last year. 35 parents could afford to pay for travel expenses to have youth return home. Information about programs in GTA are provided to the parents.

Andrea Degagne– OPP treats this situation as a human trafficking issue and it has been referred to the Regional human trafficking team of the OPP.

Diana – Kairos, Youth probation, Thunder bay CSWB, TBPS, CAS met previously to discuss the issue. Child welfare can get in touch with gang prevention agencies in the GTA.

Sara – numbers for Kenora region are unknown. There are unique partnerships at RISK table for funding proposals to do outreach with CAS/education sectors/police. Sara can provide some contact information.

Sheri Fata- there is a Human trafficking coalition in Thunder Bay. This issue should be considered human trafficking. We can be accessing this connection.

Jenny – we need to consider preventative methods for youth in our city by providing education and caution against grooming.

Alice – prevention is critical.

Derek West– Traditionally, Human Trafficking funding has been focused on females but we could also direct toward males involved in gang/drugs. Connections to GTA CAS’s is important, especially when sending youth back to their communities.

Sara – Kenora local –a prevention team has been implemented between education system and CAS. Coordinated case management model for at-risk youth – multi sector approach for intervention. 12-17 age group.

Derek Johnston– APS recently rec’d funding and hired a detective constable and Post guns and gangs regional constable. Opening a line of communication with them would be beneficial. Derek will share these contacts with our group.

Brian – spoke to issues within his apartment complex re: Home takeovers and damages/disruption. One person bringing in lots of traffic but hasn’t been evicted. Other tenants are fearful as it’s a Senior’s building.

Derek – there is a program with police doing walk through municipal apartment buildings. TBPS partnership with TBDSSAB. Brian can follow up with Derek directly.

Linda – re: grooming of local youth. Most youth from GTA are first offenders and educated. Youth have been asked how they are recruited. Lots of money. Some parents know that they are here. You coming here get stuck in trap houses – lack of facilities, food. Some are grateful they are apprehended from police as they show up hungry/dirty. Recruitment methods: basketball courts/snapchat ads

Diana – CAS supports are voluntary for 16-17 yr olds. Workers trying to engage to try and get them home. In some cases, workers have driven youth back to southern Ontario as there are no other transportation options. This issue of youth grooming can be seen as ‘child takeovers’

Next steps: Alice – lateral connections made with Human trafficking projects etc.

What is on the ground? HT coalition, Regional HT OPP, APS special constable – need to gather data from these groups.

Sheri Fata– coordinator of HT coalition is from Tbay counselling. Intersection points.

Sara will reach out to steering committee members. Lack of education at Provincial level.

Erin Dunn– sees this as a policy opportunity to expand definition of Human Trafficking within the Child and Family Services Act. It would be helpful to have a letter from the COR to Ministry requesting this.

Andrea – communication with youth services OPP can bring special lead teams in. Gang/guns/drug activity to help identify where networks derive from.

Megan Semeniuk– Lakehead Board of Education – issues are getting flagged. Kris Carlson (lead for HT Coalition in Thunder Bay) has delivered presentations for them and anti-trafficking policies and protocols have been developed as mandated by provincial ministry. All teachers and staff being trained to know what to look for.

		<p><b>ACTION:</b> Jenny to collect information about various HT committees and contacts in the NW region and follow up with Lee-Ann Chevette</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> COR letter to Ministry to expand eligibility criteria under Children and Family Services Act under Human trafficking umbrella.</p>
7.2 Transfer of Care from Schedule 1 Facilities	N/A	<p>Deferred</p> <p>Update from Crystal Edwards (TBRHSC) - Regional MHAT is continuing to function and provide services throughout the region. Thunder Bay program has shifted to providing services within the Eastern district. Kenora's Lake of the Woods hospital providing services to KRRD. There is a Design event developing this fall to look at best practices/review/evaluation. Still receiving temporary funding. The risks involved if program is discontinued have been brought forward to OHT. Contingency planning is in place.</p>
<b>8. COR Working Group Updates</b>		
8.1 COR Expansion of After Hours and Street Outreach Services	Derek West (Working Group Lead)	Jenny provided summary of the work this group has undertaken thus far including relaying the goals/objectives of the Project Charter. Group will be focusing on developing a toolkit which can be used by both urban and rural communities in the region. Next meeting occurs in July.
8.2 COR FASD/Justice System	Alice Bellavance (Working Group Lead)	<p>Alice provided update. A briefing note has been developed to bring forward to PHSJCC. Has been circulated to working group.</p> <p>Jenny summarized the recommendations made in the briefing note stemming from the Leadership Thunder Bay CAP report.</p>
8.3 COR Housing Strategies for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities in Conflict with the Law	Jenny Leadbeater	Provided summary about the work of this group. Jenny, Sara and Jennifer will meet with the KRRD LSSPT group in Sept. Discussions about having Lutheran Community Care present to the COR about DSO eligibility and processes this fall.
<b>9. Standing Items</b>		
9.1 KRRDHSJCC Updates	Sara Dias	Meeting on Jun 22. No updates. There will many updates forthcoming.
9.2 NW Situation Tables CoP and Situation Table Education Updates	Jenny Leadbeater	<p>Refresher training on Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jenny will sent details to COR email list.</p> <p>Website development for regional situation tables will be underway this summer.</p>

<p>9.3 Provincial HSJCC Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSJCC Marketing Strategy Sessions</li> <li>• SolGen Community Reintegration Strategy Partnership with P-HSJCC</li> </ul>	<p>Jenny Leadbeater</p>	<p>Jenny and Sara will attend and contribute to a series of 3 Marketing Sessions for the PHSJCC.</p> <p>Updated provided about the new partnership between HSJCC and Community Reintegration Strategy.</p>
<p>9.4 OHT Updates</p>	<p>Wendy McAllister</p>	<p>No updates at this time.</p>
<p>9.5 Community Safety and Wellbeing Planning Updates</p>	<p>All Communities</p>	<p>There was a presentation on the Kenora Justice Centre development during a recent Thunder Bay CSWB Advisory Committee meeting and discussion about how to bring similar model to Thunder Bay.</p> <p>Susan Barclay – Sioux Lookout’s CSWB plan will likely be overseen by the Sioux Lookout Healthy Communities Task Force.</p>
<p>9.6 Next meeting Land Acknowledgement – request volunteer</p>	<p>Co-Chair</p>	<p>Alice Bellavance will deliver the next land acknowledge..</p>
<p>9.7 Next Meeting date and Adjournment</p> <p>Suggested Date: Thurs, Sep 1st, 2022 10am-noon EST</p>	<p>Co-Chair</p>	<p>Next meeting will be scheduled for Thurs, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 10am-12noon EST.</p>