

## NORTHWEST REGIONAL CENTRE OF RESPONSIBILITY (COR) MEETING MINUTES

*(Formerly known as the Northwest Regional HSJCC)*

<b>DATE:</b> May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	<b>TIME:</b> 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM EST	<b>CHAIR:</b> Sharon Pitawanakwat
<b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</b> 1:30 PM EST	<b>LOCATION:</b> Adobe Connect & Teleconferencing	<b>RECORDER:</b> Christina Whatley

**ATTENDEES:**

**City of Thunder Bay:** Aimee Jaun (Lakehead University), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Brian McInnes (PWLE), Christine LeBert (CAMH), Cynthia Olsen (Thunder Bay Drug Strategy), Jennifer Moore (Dilico), Julie Kivinen (CAMH), Kelly Tremblay (OATC), Joy Wakefield (Legal Aid Ontario), Michael Maunula (Lutheran Community Care Centre), Nancy Chamberlain (Thunder Bay Counselling), Sharon Pitawanakwat (CMHA Thunder Bay), Anna-Marie Eckensweiler (OPTIONS Northwest), Darlene Niemi (Children’s Centre), Jack Cleverdon (Catholic Family Development Centre), Mary Ann Mountain (St. Joseph’s Care Group), Nicole LaTour (Alpha Court), Rob Barrett (YES Employment Services), Stephen Wright (MCSCS), Tracy Stevenson (NW LHIN), Jeff Upton (Lakehead Public Schools), Mike Owens (PACE)

**District of Thunder Bay:** Shannon Cormier (North of Superior Programs), Nicole Beaulieu (North of Superior Programs), George Drazenovich (Superior Greenstone District School Board), Charlie Bishop (Superior Greenstone District School Board)

**District of Kenora:** Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), Sgt. Kelly Hall (OPP – Red Lake)

**District of Rainy River:** Shiela Shaw (CMHA – Fort Frances)

**Observers/Ex-Officio Members:** Deb Sharf (Lakehead University), Ambili Kariaparambil Rajan (Lakehead University), Tasha Rennie (P-HSJCC), Candace Vena (P-HSJCC), Mariah Maddock (Coordinator), Christina Whatley (Recorder), Vern Cameron (IT Support)

**REGRETS:** Derek West, Bill Bradica, Anna-Kone Pefoyo, Michelle Jordan, Jane McKenzie, Nancy Tulloch, Lee-Ann Chevrette, Evelyne LeBlanc, Nicole Spivak, Rose Viel, Rose Bakke, Lisa Doerksen, Derek Johnson, Mirella Fata, Jennifer Hyslop Deb Dika, Peter Voros, Paul Michitics, Al Gordon, Sharon Komar, Sylvie Hauth, Brad Battiston, Karen Machado Elaine Auger, Shirley Fiddler, Ryan Gibson, John Dixon, Pierre Guerard

Topic	Action Item - Decision	Timeline	Outcome
Overview of Virtual Meeting Space	Christine LeBert, CAMH provided an overview of the virtual meeting space.  <i>List of Virtual Meeting Space “Dos and Don’ts” is attached.</i>		
1. Welcome & Roll Call	Sharon welcomed everyone. A roll call by agency took place.		

2. Conflict of Interest	No Conflicts of Interest were declared.		
3. Consent Agenda			
3.1 COR Meeting Agenda – May 17, 2017 3.2 KRRD-HSJCC Minutes – Feb. 6, 2018 3.3 COR Minutes & Outcomes Report – March 15, 2018 3.4 2017-2018 NWR-HSJCC Annual Report 3.5 A Day of Learning with Maya Chacaby Report 3.6 Situation Table Training Deeback Roll-up Report 3.7 Access to Transportation Funds for s.34 Assessments 3.8 Virtual Meeting Space “Do’s and Don’ts” 3.9 P-HSJCC Meeting Highlights: May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018	<p><i>Consent agenda items attached.</i></p> <p>There were no questions or comments about the consent agenda items.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the items in the Consent Agenda.  <b>Moved by:</b> Jeff Upton  <b>Seconded by:</b> Jack Cleverdon  <i>Carried</i></p> <p><b>It was noted that Item 5.1 would be moved up on the agenda and presented before Item 4 to accommodate one of the presenters having to leave the meeting early.</b></p>		
4 Composition of Clients & Special Populations in the Justice System: Trends & Gaps	<p>Stephen Wright, Deputy Superintendent of Programs, at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre provided a presentation on the composition of clients in the justice system. He presented on special populations (ie. Aging Populations, FASD, Indigenous People) that are currently overrepresented in the justice system and provided greater context as to their pathways into and out of the justice system, and gaps he has observed over the years.</p> <p><i>Presentation Slides Attached</i></p> <p><b>Questions:</b>  Have you observed Aging Populations within the Justice System?  At the Provincial HSJCC, they have noted there are barriers for Aging populations being released from custody.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not seen an increase of aging populations in the</li> </ul>		

	<p>Justice System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What about people being segregated in the correctional facility? - People with a Mental illness are given more support and this is not segregation; They have a mentorship program</li> </ul> <p>Gaps in regards to discharge planning were noted. Leadership from Alpha Court and Thunder Bay Counselling noted they will be following up with Stephen about this.</p>		
<b>5. New Business</b>			
<p>5.1 Situation Tables in Northwestern Ontario: Trends &amp; Observations</p>	<p><i>Situation Table Update Slides Attached &amp; Supplementary Information (Opportunity Paper) for Discussion Question attached</i></p> <p><b>KENORA SITUATION TABLE UPDATE-</b> Sara Dias shared highlights from the Kenora SituationTable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 Discussions since June 2017</li> <li>• 37% of referrals are between the ages of 12 – 17 years</li> <li>• Mental Health, Drugs and Alcohol are the top risk factors noted</li> </ul> <p>A Discussion Question was posed to the COR:  <b>What is happening provincially around inter-ministerial partnerships to address the underlying issues that create barriers to children attending school on a regular basis?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal side is to charge them given them a provincial ticket (send kids to jail) this is the worst case scenario</li> <li>• Sara is looking for a formal response what is happening ministerial with higher ups with children 12-17 at all risk tables within the district from policy perspective</li> <li>• It was noted that this is a local priority for the Superior Greenstone District School Board. They have identified that some children are missing school due to having to travel from outlying areas to receive health care in Thunder Bay</li> </ul>		

	<p><b>Action Item:</b> George to connect with Mariah to provide more information about activity happening at the local level</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Mariah to prepare an issues briefing on what is being done locally/regionally with respect to this issue. The briefing note will be presented at the Provincial level.</p> <p>Question: What about children missing school because of bullying?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying and anti-bullying is being addressed in the schools</li> </ul> <p><b>RED LAKE</b> - Sergeant Kelly Hall (OPP-Red Lake) gave an update on the Red Lake Situation Table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been 5 situations have been brought forward so far since they began Table operations.</li> <li>• 23 Agencies are engaged</li> </ul> <p><b>THUNDER BAY</b> - Mariah provided an update on the Thunder Bay Situation Table. – From September 12, 2017 – May 8th 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 37 agencies are members of the Situation Table</li> <li>• Table has transitioned to a Co-Chair model</li> <li>• Began tracking number of Indigenous people referred in March 2018 and a high percentage of referrals have been identified as being Indigenous (3 out of 4)</li> <li>• Top Risk Factors are Mental Health, Criminal Involvement and Drugs</li> <li>• 65% of referrals are between the ages of 6-24 years</li> <li>• A tool to track systemic issues will be used as systemic issues are identified during Situation Table meetings</li> <li>• <b>Next Steps:</b> The Table will continue to explore linkages and mechanisms for referral with other community initiatives (ie. The Floodways Project, Joint-Mobile Crisis Response, VSPSAT - Homelessness PiT Count) and continue to engage Indigenous service providers</li> </ul>	<p>By next COR meeting</p> <p>By next COR meeting</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>In progress - Briefing to be completed for September COR meeting</p>
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	<p><b>Questions:</b> What are we doing about the affordable housing crisis for persons with Mental Health issues?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health and Addictions table are currently addressing this issue</li> </ul>		
5.2 Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act Discussion	<p><i>Briefing Note on Bill 175 attached.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was noted that within Thunder Bay, a preliminary conversation has been started with the coordinator of the Crime Prevention Council</li> <li>• More conversations will continue as more is known about legislative requirements</li> </ul> <p>A question posed was posed to the COR: <b>Have any conversations been initiated with municipalities beyond Thunder Bay?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Greenstone and Marathon are currently looking into this</li> <li>➤ VTRA would be a good tool however would need more clarification on this bill</li> <li>➤ There have been preliminary discussions the Crime Prevention Council in Thunder Bay about</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Situation Table members/leads to look into if any conversations have been started with municipalities.</p>	By next COR meeting	Completed
<b>6. Standing Items</b>			
6.1 COR Evaluation Plan, Phase One - Update	<p>Dr. Deborah Scharf, Lakehead University presented on what has been accomplished, what they will be accomplishing and how the Network will be able to apply these findings.</p> <p><i>Presentation slides attached.</i></p>		

