



Northwest Regional Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC)

Meeting Minutes – Thurs, Nov 30 2023

1:30pm – 3:00pm EST

Via Zoom

Present: Jenny Leadbeater (CMHA Thunder Bay), Jennifer Hylsop (CMHA Thunder Bay), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Lindsay Martin (Elizabeth Frye Society), Sheri Nolan (Creighton Youth Services), Rob Barrett (Lutheran Community Care), Joe Dampier (Thunder Bay Police Services), Amy Bottos (Legal Aid Ontario), Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), Jason Anderson (Thunder Bay Police Services), Shawn Crabbe (OPP), John Reppard (OPP), Leah Green (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health), Michelle Davidson (Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre), Jennifer McKenzie (Nokiiwiin Tribal Council)

Regrets: Darcia Curtis (Firefly), Andreas Asmus (Legal Aid Ontario), Benjamin Curtis (OPP), Carleigh Taylor (Dilico)

Item & Purpose	Lead	Minutes
1. Welcome & Introductions & Land Acknowledgement	Sara Dias/Jenny Leadbeater	Sara completed a round of introductions. Claire provided a land acknowledgement.
2. Conflict of Interest	Sara Dias	None to declare
3. Approval of Agenda	Sara Dias	Motion to approve by Lindsay seconded by Jennifer H. All approved.
4. Review and Approval of Terms of Reference and Issues Management Framework	Jenny Leadbeater	Jenny provided brief overview of the Issues Management Framework and the group acknowledged having reviewed the Terms of Reference. Motion to approve by Alice, seconded by Shaun. All approved.
5. NW COR Work Plan – updates and review	Jenny Leadbeater	Jenny provided overview of the 2023-2024 HSJCC (former COR) work plan which was submitted in March. The NWR-HSJCC and TBD-HSJCC received combined funding of \$24,000/year through the HSJCC Network/CMHA Ontario. The work plan template is updated and submitted as an annual report to the Provincial HSJCC in June each year.

		<p>Highlights from Work Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring is pretty much complete, but we will continue to have open recruitment for membership • We need a strategy to recruit Persons with Lived Experience to the committee (Jenny is reaching out to someone, but we should do some more recruitment to have at least 2 PWLE) • Situation table support is still under the umbrella of the HSJCC work – Jenny provides support and education for all situation tables in NW region, a steering committee has been established for Thunder Bay Situation Table, ongoing Situation Table Community of Practice for the region meets quarterly • Continually looking for sustainable funding– currently working on an H-SIP <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsay- Can we present new activities or deliverables to the work plan throughout the year? <p>Yes, the work plan is flexible and can be adapted as needed. We can also create new working groups and sub-committees as needed.</p>
6. Co-Chair Nomination/Election	Sara Dias	<p>Sara will continue as Co-Chair for this committee, having previously chaired the NWCOR. Seeking a second Co-Chair, ideally from the justice sector to reflect the Terms of References. Nominations were requested.</p> <p>Sheri Nolan from Creighton Youth Services volunteered as second Co-Chair. No objections. Approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Jenny will schedule a meeting with Sara and Sheri to review Co-Chairing role.</p>
<p>7. Updates from TBD-HSJCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice System Proposal • TB Youth Gang Initiative • Transitions to Care • New Correctional Facility • Transitional and Supportive Housing Initiatives • Indigenous People’s Court and Legal Aid Certificates 	Jenny Leadbeater	<p>Jenny provided some highlights from recent TBD-HSJCC meeting held on Nov 9th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposal was submitted by Matawa with assistance from previous Release from Custody group for a Thunder Bay Justice Centre. Status pending. • The City of Thunder Bay has received funds through Public Safety Canada to develop a Thunder Bay Youth Gang Prevention initiative. Jenny is on the Steering Committee. Preliminary community consultation and situational analysis is completed and plan is being developed. • Matawa presented information on new Transitions in Care program (connecting individuals in custody to healthcare)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed potential to form a community advisory committee to provide input in construction of new correctional facility in Thunder Bay • Transitional and Supportive Housing projects proposed or in development within Thunder Bay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BISNO – 30 units in rural setting to accommodate individuals with specialized/safety needs ○ Alpha Court – tiny home project to replace encampments ○ Elizabeth Frye Society – submitted proposal for 9 additional reintegration beds for women and gender diverse individuals ○ John Howard Society – has expanded reintegration beds from 5 to 10 • Had presentation on Indigenous People’s Court. Many who are referred do not qualify for legal aid certificates and are self-representing which isn’t ideal. • A type of restorative justice model (in lieu of developing a Drug Treatment or MH court) will be initiated at the Thunder Bay Courthouse starting Dec 2023. Chief Justice Gibson will lead this initiative which will see individuals with low/med offences potentially being referred from Court room 105 to room 101 (Roundtable room). Please email Jenny with any questions.
<p>8. Updates from KRRD-HSJCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan updates • Issues Management 	<p>Sara Dias</p>	<p>Sara/Sheri and Leah provided highlights from recent KRRD-HSJCC meeting held on Nov 23rd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training sessions for FASD and capacity for people with developmental disabilities have been developed. • CMHA Kenora website contains downloadable items including updated Regional Addictions Service Maps and info about KRRD-HSJCC initiatives https://www.cmhak.on.ca/index.php/krrdhsjcc • Will be holding a meeting to examine data/trends from Kenora RISK Table. We need to determine how to use this data effectively to inform systemic change. Also waiting on evaluation from Kenora’s Community Justice Centre • Prevention themed webinars coming up from community of practice • Influx of youth coming into the system since COVID although not as bad as Toronto area. Conducting pilot programs about school absenteeism • Drug Strategy Network of Ontario creating webinars. Leah will share as these are developed. • Examining resource allocation for Mental health Court in Kenora– requesting LOA supports

<p>9. HSJCC FASD Working Group updates</p>	<p>Jenny Leadbeater</p>	<p>Highlights from HSJCC FASD/Justice System Working Group include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire has completed a paper on FASD research on prevalence of FASD within Canada vs Global context • Briefing note on alcohol sales and proceeds in Ontario, as well as burden of alcohol on the healthcare system – looking at how warning labels may impact alcohol consumption • Infographic in FASD completed • Looking at including FASD under the definition of an acquired brain injury
<p>10. Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPT) – Thunder Bay and Kenora</p>	<p>Sara Dias/Jenny Leadbeater</p>	<p>Jenny provided overview of CRPT pilot program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRPT is a partnership between Provincial HSJCC and SolGen. Thunder Bay and Kenora were selected as two of five pilot sites in Ontario to establish a table. Each table has a Community Reintegration Officer or CRO (SolGen) and Community Co-Chair who rotate chairing duties. • CRO's are responsible for completing intake and needs assessment for individuals in custody with high needs then referring to the table. • Community partners that sit at the table formulate plan before the referral is released into community <p>Thunder Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thunder Bay's CRPT has been operational since July 1st and meets monthly. Has 2 CRO's and a Community Co-Chair from Matawa. Has received 5 referrals so far <p>Kenora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRPT not yet operational. Still seeking a Community Co-Chair.
<p>11. Situation Table – Training, Community of Practice, reports</p>	<p>Jenny Leadbeater</p>	<p>The Regional Situation Table Community of Practice meets quarterly to share info, discuss issues, analyze data etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire has been working on website mockup for regional situation tables • Jenny provides bi-monthly Situation Table Orientation Sessions for all tables throughout the NW region. These are open to new and existing members of any table. • 2024 dates have been scheduled. <p>ACTION: Jenny will circulate a poster.</p>
<p>12. Provincial HSJCC Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial HSJCC Virtual Conference 	<p>Jenny Leadbeater</p>	<p>Updates from the Provincial HSJCC include:</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Court Best Practices Guide Project • QI Supports for HSJCC's 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bi-Annual HSJCC Conference was held virtually on Nov 16/17. Approximately 570 people attended. Unfortunately the virtual platform had significant audio issues which hindered some of the experience. Key note speakers were engaging. Others enjoyed the concurrent sessions. Some feedback from this group included moving back to in-person or hybrid conference in future. - The PHSJCC and Ministry of Attorney General are embarking on a Mental Health Court Best Practice Guidance Project which will be shared with the network once complete - CMHA Ontario/E-QIP can provide QI related supports to regional and local HSJCC's if needed
<p>13. Next meeting date, request Land Acknowledgement volunteer and Adjournment Suggested Date: Thurs, Feb 8th 2024 from 1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p>Sara Dias</p>	<p>Next Meeting date: Feb 8/24 from 1:30-3:00pm EST.</p> <p>Lindsay Martin will provide the next land acknowledgement.</p> <p>Jenny will send out a request for agenda items 2 weeks beforehand.</p> <p>Suggested Agenda items for next meeting:</p> <p>Lindsay: discuss SOLGEN policies with regards to Correctional facilities and inspection work. Barriers to accountability.</p> <p>Sara – discuss coordination of Situation Table RTD data, system issues, trends</p>

