



Northwest Regional Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC)

Meeting Minutes – Thurs, Feb 8 2024
 1:30pm – 3:00pm EST
 Via Zoom

Present: Jenny Leadbeater (CMHA Thunder Bay), Sheri Nolan – Co-Chair (William H Creighton Youth Services), Andreas Asmus (Legal Aid Ontario), Darcia Curtis (Firefly), Susanne White (Lutheran Community Care), Chantal Dupuis (OPP), Sara Dias (CMHA Kenora), John Schmidt (OHT), Michelle Davidson (TBRHSC), Jason Anderson (Thunder Bay Police Service), Ben Curtis (OPP), Claire Thiessen (CMHA Thunder Bay), Jennifer Hyslop (CMHA Thunder Bay)

Item & Purpose	Lead	Minutes
1. Welcome & Introductions & Land Acknowledgement	Sheri Nolan/Jennifer Hyslop	Sheri welcomed the group and completed roundtable of introductions. Jennifer Hyslop provided a land acknowledgement
2. Conflict of Interest	Sheri Nolan	No conflicts to declare
3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes	Sheri Nolan	Motion: Jenn Hyslop Secunder: Michelle Davidson Approved with date change on agenda.
4. PRESENTATION: 988 Suicide/Crisis Line	Jennifer Hyslop	Jennifer Hyslop provided an overview of 988 intersection with NW Regional Crisis Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 988 started in 2022, initiated by federal government. - \$4.6 million invested over 3 years awarded to CAMH - Other agencies providing crisis services were encouraged to submit an EOI - CMHA-TB completed EOI because this overlaps with the crisis line system in the NW region and was approved for cohort one in June 2023. Two new staff hired. - NW region is a partner of the 988 program. All the logistics are managed by CAMH - 988 is a separate system from the NW crisis line

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 988 calls can be rerouted to the NW crisis line based on area code, so in the north we only answer the regional calls - Have had some issues with the text messages, but this has recently been fixed so we won't be getting texts from all over Canada - We are not able to promote the 988 program beyond posting graphics with the 988 number – no campaign/promotion - So far, the numbers are high and the usage for the crisis line in NW region have been consistent
5. 2024-2025 Work Plan Deadline	Jenny Leadbeater	<p>2024-2025 HSJCC Work Plans are due March 15th.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, Jenny proposed circulating last year's work plan and blank work plan template to members to request input.</p> <p>Sara stated the work plan needs to have emphasis on individual issues in the issues management section – some things may need to be their own section/key activity, not a sub-section of issues management</p> <p>Examples of current issues being discussed at local HSJCC's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supportive and transitional housing for justice involved individuals - Regional MHAT/Transportation to/from Schedule 1 Facilities. OPP has advocated with SOLGEN and Hospital Associations for transportation agreements. NAPPS, OPP, and ORNGE tasked to write a procedure. Reduces police wait time in ER's when tele-psych consultations can occur. NAN engaged, TBRHSC, Kenora, SLIFNA – look for opportunity to transport – what is the process? The broader discussion is happening. - Transportation for people leaving custody - Lack of Withdrawal Management Services in NW Ontario - Cost of Assessments (e.g. FASD, neuro-psych) <p>Sara stated there was recent opportunity to provide input into the transportation survey from CMHA Ontario – Transportation Framework.</p> <p>ACTION: Jenny to reach out to Ontario division to see if additional input can be provided</p> <p>ACTION: members are encouraged to review former work plan and provide input to Jenny by set due date. Jenny will circulate email with work plan template.</p>

6. Engaging Persons with Lived Experience	Jenny Leadbeater	Seeking recruitment and engagement of People with Lived Experience to the NW HSJCC. The group encouraged to submit ideas or connect with individuals who may be interested and connect them with Jenny.
7. Securing Sustainable Funding for NW Mobilization Network	Jenny Leadbeater	<p>The work of the NW Mobilization Network Coordinator’s position receives some funding through HSJCC network, member donations and CMHA Thunder Bay.</p> <p>Jennifer provided a historical overview. A Coordinator originally hired in 2017. CMHA has helped support the work monetarily. We are working on an HSIP to Ontario Health and connections to health related matters.</p> <p>Sara added that the Mobilization Network provides true value and is best model for raising issues. The NW region has been instrumental in bringing forward issues to the PHSJCC and feedback received from Secretariat is the work occurring in NW region is phenomenal. We have a lot of data and influence.</p> <p>Is this committee supportive of submitting proposal to OHT?</p> <p>Motion: Michelle Seconder: Jenny Approved.</p> <p>ACTION: CMHA to move forward with HSIP submission to Ontario Health.</p>
8. Updates from TBD-HSJCC	Jenny Leadbeater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB Youth Gang Initiative update • Transitional and Supportive Housing Initiatives updates • New Restorative Justice Processes at Thunder Bay Courthouse • Burden of Alcohol within the Justice System (Issues Management) <p>Jenny participates on Steering Committee for Youth Gang Initiative and provided brief update on status:</p> <p>Youth Gang Initiative in Thunder Bay is finalizing project plan and will move into implantation stages soon. 5 key pillars include: 1) Integrated Navigation and Direct Support 2) Program Management, Evaluation, Sustainability 3) Personalized & Flexible Support 4) Supporting Place Based Referral Partners, Enhanced Mental Health and Substance Use Support</p> <p>Transitional and Supportive Housing Updates – tiny house village development hoping to alleviate pressures on homelessness, BISNO working on development of aa high security 30 bed housing complex for individuals with complex needs and violent behavior, E Frye transitional housing for women and gender diverse individuals, CRPT/JHS partnership for allocated beds for CRPT</p> <p>Overview of new Restorative Justice Court being introduced at the Thunder Bay Courthouse in March 2024. Justice David Gibson overseeing the project which is meant for individual with</p>

		<p>pending matters where the Crown is seeking less than 6 months custody. Individuals will be referred to Roundtable Court to deal with matters through rehabilitative means.</p> <p>Claire Thiessen is developing a series of briefing notes on impacts of Alcohol on Health and Justice Systems. These stemmed from FASD/Justice Working Group and the notion that more needs to be done in terms of prevention.</p>
<p>9. Updates from KRRD-HSJCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Initiatives (KDSB, DSAB) • Work Plan updates/review • Issues Management 	Sara Dias	<p>Sara and Jeff Duggan (KRRD-HSJCC Co-Chairs) recently met with the new Engagement lead from PHSJCC Secretariat to discuss member engagement. A recommendation was made to have the Secretariat take the lead providing ongoing orientation sessions for new members of local/regional HSJCC's.</p> <p>LOA representation in specialty courts. Has been brought to Provincial level.</p> <p>In March KRRD-HSJCC will discuss supportive housing for older adults. Shelter currently overwhelmed and there are long wait lists for long term care. Engaging with Provincial level housing community of practice</p> <p>ODSP/OW cutoffs when someone is in custody. Cannot start process for rent supplement when someone doesn't have income.</p> <p>Report for steering committee – RTD demographic info from 2022. Top risk MH, Drugs, Housing, Alcohol. Issues with fidelity of Situation table closures. Invited Dr. Chad Nilson due to average closure date of 27 days. Core elements of training need to occur but are costly.</p> <p>Shannon Baily (superintendent of KDSB) will be joining RISK Table Steering Committee to provide information on 12-17 year olds (highest referral demographics).</p>
10. HSJCC FASD Working Group updates	Jenny Leadbeater	Working group focused on Alcohol related research and briefing notes. Also putting together rationale to include FASD into accepted definition of ABI to enhance eligibility of supports to people with FASD.
11. Community Reintegration Planning Tables (CRPT) – Thunder Bay and Kenora	Sara Dias/Jenny Leadbeater	<p>Sara – CRPT is meeting with CRO's and Community partners. Does not have a Community Co-Chair.</p> <p>Jennifer – partnership with JHS for 5 beds will likely be extended over next year with less beds and CRPT also seeking admin support for Community Co-Chair</p>
12. Situation Table – Training, Community of Practice, reports	Jenny Leadbeater	Situation Table 2024 Orientation schedule: Feb 26 th , Apr 22 nd , June

		2023 RTD reports will be developed and (hopefully) ready to present at next meeting.
<p>13. Provincial HSJCC Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Pre-Budget Submission • Drug Treatment Court Eligibility changes • MH & Justice Inventory Project • Crisis Response survey (circulated Jan 23/24) • Member engagement survey – Feb 2024 • HSJCC main website and allotted space for local/regional HSJCC's 	Jenny Leadbeater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the key requests in the 2024 Pre-Budget Submission. • Sara provided overview of Drug Treatment Court Eligibility changes • MH & Justice Inventory Project. Document included in meeting package. Point in time reference on MH and substance use services that exist for justice involved populations in Ontario. Includes programs by region, program type, target group, funding sources and key junctures. Sara suggested we use the document to inform work planning. ACTION: Jenny to reach out to Dianna Cochrane (MOH) for clarification on the MH and Justice Inventory and how it can inform work planning in NW region. • A member engagement survey will be circulated sometimes in Feb • Jenny reminded about HSJCC website and received support from the group to upload our committee's TOR, meeting minutes and other relevant information
<p>14. Next meeting date, request Land Acknowledgement volunteer and Adjournment</p> <p>Suggested Date: Thurs, Apr 11th 2024 from 1:30-3:00pm</p>	Sheri Nolan	<p>Ben Curtis will provide land acknowledgement during the next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting date confirmed for Apr 11th, 2024 from 1:30-3:00pm EST/12:30pm-2:00pm CST</p>

