

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLANNING: The Municipalities of Bruce and Grey

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEETING: Community Safety & Well-Being Planning, Advisory Committee

DATE: March 1, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual, Grey County MS Teams

CO-CHAIRS: Members of the Steering Committee

Alexis Cook (Coordinator)

Anne Marie Shaw (Community Services, Grey County)

Tina Metcalfe (Human Services, Bruce County)

Jane Hartley (Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth)

Keegan Wilson (Inspector, South Bruce OPP)

Jason Weppner (Grey Bruce Health Unit)

RECORDER: Patti McNabb (Grey County)

ATTENDEES: Alexis Cook, Anne Marie Shaw, Jane Hartley, Jason Weppner, Keegan Wilcox, Tina Metcalfe, Andrew MacIsaac, Beth Blackwell, Brock Hamley, Cathy Addison, Chad Zimmerman, Dana Soucie, Dane Nielsen, Debra Anderson, Francesca Dobbyn, Jane Hartley, Jill Umbach, Kaela Sales, Kelly Lush, Kelsey Mighton, Kody Hewlett, Lindsay Johnston, Lori Cunningham, Lorie Fioze, Lynn Silverton, Marla Barfoot, Michelle Bloomfield, Monica Blair, Pam Coulter, Patti McNabb, Rachel Paterson, Rob Atkinson, Ryan Olmstead, Sarah Cowley, Scott McKay, Shawn Everitt, Susan Sakal, Terry Bell, Toni McGregor, Tracey Collins, Vivian Kennedy.

ITEM
1. Welcome and Introductions, Land Acknowledgement Anne Marie Shaw (Grey County Community Services & Steering Committee Member)
Anne Marie welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared land acknowledgements.
2. Intimate Partner Violence @ Gender Based Violence (Violence Prevention Grey Bruce) - Toni McGregor, Manager for Violence Prevention Grey Bruce provided a comprehensive overview on definitions of intimate partner and gender-based violence. - Toni noted there are a total of 84 recommendations as a result of an inquiry that resulted from a fatal incident. - Stats (up to 2022) were shared. Alexis advised that stats are being collected by members of the Crime Prevention Action Table to develop Grey Bruce Statics. - There was a request for municipalities to consider support of recommendations to: - Formally declare (or support) that intimate partner violence an epidemic - Based on recommendation #10, encourage that Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) be integrated into every municipality's community safety and well-being plan. - Toni's contact info. is om@whsbg.on.ca; phone number is 226-345-6192 or 226-668-6954

- Toni is happy to assist with potential wording for municipal declarations etc.,

Questions:

- If declarations are supported, is there any additional funding associated with it. Toni hopes there will be.
- It was noted that often, councils are cautious with regard to making proclamations or declarations. Are there other actions or activities that can be made to further support the requested movement. Toni suggested that perhaps language be modified from “declaring” to “supporting”
- Public support and public education is key - It is important to call it what it is – if it’s an epidemic, then it’s an epidemic!
- Rachel Patterson noted the increase in violence in the 2S-LGBTQQIAP+ community – it is truly an epidemic. There is a new reporting tool to further support statistical data collection associated with issues of violence or discrimination

3. Provincial & Local Updates

- Steering Committee Members

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- Tina Metcalfe advised that Early Learning & Child Care, and Housing & Homelessness outcomes will be shared
- Stats are shared with BGDISC to assist with local data collection and planning
- Housing and Homelessness Plans are being updated – feedback was appreciated
- ROMA conference allowed for opportunities for advocacy for local counties
- Bruce County CAO Christine MacDonald was part of a panel on poverty reduction and noted work done locally
 - Q4 2023 Licensed Child Care and Early Years Report. [Report](#)
 - Q4 2023 Income and Support Services Update. [Report](#)
 - Q4 2023 Housing Services Report. [Report](#)
 - [Bruce County Seeks Input on Child Care and Early Years Services](#)

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- Early Years 5-year service plan is underway. Surveys going out to parents
- Starting Housing & Homelessness 10-year planning. Focus Groups will be coordinated
- Grey County recently purchased a local motel with 23 rooms. Renovations are underway. Staff will work from that location to provide supports during business hours. Security will be onsite overnight.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments

4. Coordinator Updates

- Alexis Cook (Coordinator)

- Alexis shared status of action table key objections of addressing overarching goals of the plan and to support the action tables.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments

5. Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR) Update

- Alexis Cook

- Stats and trends were shared
- In 2023 there were 29 situations
 - 86% (25/29) met the criteria of acute elevated risk
 - 25 / 25 closed
 - 68 % (17/25) had their risk lowered
- Ages of the main individual impacted by the situations were provided (trends 2022-2023) as well as services mobilized in 2023 to address the situations

Action Table Updates:

- **Mental Health** (Scott McKay - Mental Health Networking Table)
 - Scott provided the mandate of the Action Table along with two actions that remain in progress; 14th Street Transitional Supportive Housing Program and Wellness Centre, and implementation of key projects identified from the Ontario Health Team Mental Health & Addictions Visioning Day
- **Crime Prevention** (Crime Prevention Action Table)
 - Alexis provided an overview of the action table key objections and actions which include the collection of data to further support the work of this action group
 - A priority area is road safety and the group is working on a community consultation to produce targeted initiatives. The Vision Zero 1-pager Document will be attached to the minutes to show how road design can be used to reduce risk
- **Poverty and Income** (Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force)
 - Jill provided a status report for the Poverty and Income action group
 - Jill provided a copy of the Open Volunteer Recruitment poster
 - Information was shared on free income tax clinics as well as promotion plans. Promotional cards are available – please reach out to Jill
 - Jill highlighted the Income Solutions to Food Insecurity Awareness Campaign
- **Housing & Homelessness** (Homelessness Planning Table)
 - Anne Marie provided an update on behalf of H&H for Grey County
 - Areas being addressed include housing and homelessness planning, coordinated access guide, identifying the real costs associated with homelessness, encampment protocols, by-names list referral form updates, and Grey County Short-term Housing availability
- **Addictions/Substance Use** (Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy)
 - Kelsey Mighton advised of a strategic planning refresh locally is being coordinated
 - Grey Bruce Public Health reached out to Arising Collective, an organization with expertise in facilitation, research, evaluation, and strategic planning
<https://arisingcollective.ca>

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- Encampment Protocol – is the mandate from a human rights perspective or coordinating individuals to supports. Alexis provided details
- It was recommended to call 211 for encampment concerns – they can talk through if it's a 911 call or not
- Road safety – Grey Bruce Public Health resource *Complete Streets Guide*. Is there opportunity for municipalities to further support? Jason advised that sharing the document with the Crime Prevention Action Table would be beneficial. Please reach out to Alexis if further interest to participate



GreyBruceCompleteStreetsGuide.pdf

6. Communications

- Alexis Cook, Coordinator

Social Media Releases

- Please send contact info for social media releases to Alexis

Owen Sound Council Presentation

- Link will be provided to the [City of Owen Sound Council delegation](#).
- The elevator pitch is available. Alexis is available to assist with requests – please reach out.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There was none

7. Wrap Up

- Steering Committee Members

- Pam Coulter thanked Alexis for the recent delegation made to the City of Owen Sound, and encouraged municipalities to have delegations made to further support a greater understanding and support of the work being done.
- Michelle Bloomfield advised there is a symposium in the Windsor region that is free to attend should any members be interested:
[Ignite Change & Mitigate Risk: Knowledge Transfer Symposium Tickets, Thu, 7 Mar 2024 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

- There were no additional comments or questions.

8. New Business

- There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Should you have any questions throughout the course of this project, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Steering Committee members:

- Anne Marie Shaw annemarie.shaw@grey.ca
- Tina Metcalfe tmetcalfe@brucecounty.on.ca
- Jane Hartley jhartley@victim-services.com
- Keegan Wilcox Keegan.Wilcox@opp.ca
- Jason Wepler J.Wepler@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

Next Meeting: Friday, June 7, 2024 @1:00PM

VIRTUAL – Grey County Microsoft Teams (details to follow)