

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

MINUTES

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

DATE: February 25, 2025

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 Wepler (Grey Bruce Health Unit)

RECORDER: Patti McNabb (Grey County)

ATTENDEES: Alexis Cook, Jane Hartley, Jason Wepler, Keegan Wilcox, Tina Metcalfe, Alex Van Wieringen, Chad Zimmerman, Craig Ambrose, Dane Nielsen, Deb McClure, Graeme Mitchell, Kevin Cornell, Jennifer White, Jill Umbach, Jon Farmer, Josh Gibson, Kaela Sales, Kelsey Mighton, Lindsay Johnston, Lori Cunningham, Marla Barfoot, Michelle Bloomfield, Monica Blair, Patti McNabb, Sarah Cowley, Stephen Musehl, Susan Sakal, Tania Dickson, Terry Bell, Tracey Collins, Vivian Kennedy.

ITEM
1. Welcome and Introductions, Land Acknowledgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Wepler (Grey Bruce Public Health & Steering Committee Member)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared land acknowledgements.
2. Access and Attachment to Team Based Primary Care – Ontario Health Team (OHT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay Johnston, Director Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsay Johnston provided an overview from the Ontario Health Team Planning Committee on access and attachment to team-based primary care. The mission of the OHT is to empower local communities to coordinate efforts to optimize health care, optimize care experience for patients and providers, and better population health outcomes. Lindsay shared statistical data along with guiding principles and values of the OHT. The role of the Ontario Health Teams is to collaborate with community partners to implement Ontario Health's priorities in alignment with Ministry of Health's directives. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will there be engagement – hopeful that time will permit for community engagement. Will there be consistent practices for accepting patients off Health Care Connect – Not at this time, doctors/NP are not required to follow the same practices of how they accept new clients

3. Coordinator Updates

- Alexis Cook (Coordinator)

- Alexis advised of the plan to review of the CSWBP by July 2025 to ensure the 4-year requirement is met and revisions made if necessary. A survey will be submitted to CSWBP Advisory Committee members later this spring.
- A student placement through Georgian College will commence March 10th. The student will participate on STAR, and complete an analysis of STAR high-risk data and assist with development of evidence brief of upstream solutions which will be presented at action tables for the identified risk factor.
- Alexis will be participating at the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Conference Exchange in May, to share the committee's insights and achievements to other communities, and to engage with other communities to identify valuable opportunities for growth and development.
- Additional STAR training is being coordinated including development of a resource document to increase the general public's understanding of STAR and to also meet legislative requirements.
- On June 7th CSWBP and partners will be hosting the Children's Health Day event to increase youth and parents/caregivers' knowledge of mental and physical health resources within the community as well as increase share ideas to keep healthy both physically and mentally.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments

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

- Alexis Cook

- In 2024 there were 23 Situations – Alexis shared specific statistics on outcomes.
- Currently in 2025 there are 6 Situations; one has been closed and one has had their AER lowered.

5. Action Table Updates

Mental Health (Stephen Musehl - Mental Health Networking Table)

- Brightshores Wellness and Recovery Centre, and 14th Street Transitional Supportive Housing Programs well underway.
- System-level alignment and planning continues.
- Next steps include revision of Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Terms of Reference to allow for improved input from other community partners.

Crime Prevention (Alexis Cook-Crime Prevention Action Table)

- Work continues for collaboration with all licensed dispensaries in Grey, Bruce, and Saugeen First Nation to provide educational resources to those purchasing cannabis in stores.
- Goal of the action table is to increase awareness of the risks of driving impaired by cannabis as well as to reduce the number of individuals driving impaired by cannabis in Grey Bruce.
- There are 5 events planned throughout April to provide education and awareness on drug trafficking, and substance use, harm reduction and addictions.
- Results from the road safety survey have been analyzed and being reviewed by the action table for next steps.
- Intimate Partner and Gender Based Violence Grant applied with Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation for education for Indigenous youth and

community members on various issues impacting the community. An IPV/GBV expert is being hired through Victim Services of Bruce Grey as well as coordination of train the trainer opportunities for B-SAFER initiative.

- Short-Term Rental (STR) initiative completed with a resource developed with information and on awareness and prevention of human trafficking.
- It is recommended that all municipalities adopt the document into their STR licensing processes.

Poverty and Income (Jill Umbach- Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force)

- Jill provided a status report for the Poverty and Income action group including updates on the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.
- PTF website to be revised to focus on work and advocacy underway.
- Income / employment issues will be analyzed monthly.
- New partnership to refresh the Health Equity Action Group.
- New Peer Support Facilitator and new structure for Community Voices to include Indigenous voices being implemented.
- Continued promotion of living wage.

Housing & Homelessness (Tania Dickson-Homelessness Planning Table)

- Development of a local guide to provide service agencies with information on pathways within the system tying the By-Names List and homelessness supports (Coordinated Access Guide).
- The steering committee is working on a document to identify the real cost of homelessness which will allow better understanding of levels of transitional housing needed with Grey Bruce.
- Steering Committee members are also working on a consistent encampment referral process, as well as improvements to the by-name list referral form.
- Work also continues to review recent needs assessments and intake call volumes.
- Next steps include By-Name List training, and publication of the Coordinated Access Guide

Addictions/Substance Use (Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy)

- It was noted that the leadership table objectives to re-energize the CDAS through alignment of community priorities to develop and refine a 2025 action plan
- Two funding applications have been submitted to support a dedicated coordinator position, as well as relaunching of the Peer Advisory Committee.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

6. General

- Alexis Cook, Coordinator

Funding Updates

- Alexis advised that fulltime permanent funding has been secured for the coordinator position from Grey and Bruce Counties.
- Alexis will be reaching out to your agency if it has space available for CSWBP events (at little to no-cost preferred).

Index of Well-Being Survey

- Looking for partners to help support with the development of the CSWBP Index of Well-Being Survey for a January 2026 launch to assist with future planning. Please reach out to Alexis if you have staff able to support

Municipal Rep CoP (Jon Farmer)

- Proposal to start the Municipal Rep Community of Practice to share best resources, data, lessons etc. with our Municipalities as they relate to CSWBP. The proposal currently includes meeting 1x

a month for 1-hour and having a SharePoint to share resources easily. A Microsoft form will be sent out to Municipal partners to gauge their interest and determine the best time to meet.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments.

7. Provincial & Local Updates

- Steering Committee Members

- Bruce County has a new homelessness resource guide available for partners



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8. New Business

- There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM

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

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Next Meeting: May 20, 2025 at 1:00PM

VIRTUAL – Grey County Microsoft Teams (details to follow)