



Grey Bruce CSWBP

Community Safety & Well-Being Planning

CSWBP Advisory Committee Meeting

August 12 2025

Steering Committee Members

Meeting Purpose & Overview

- Coordinator Updates
- Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (S.T.A.R.) Updates
- Action Table Updates
- General:
 - Index of Well-Being Survey
 - Communications
- Provincial & Local Updates
- Wrap up

COORDINATOR UPDATES

CSWBP Student Placement(s)

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development/Prevention

Objectives:

Support the next 5-year plan through:

- Improved coordination amongst tables- including removing duplication and streamlining services
- Enhance understanding between partners of existing tables

Data sources:

- Grey Bruce tables, committees, and groups

Status: On-Going. Student appointments will occur in early September



Children's Health Day- June 7, 2025

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development & Prevention

Objectives:

- Increase youth and parents/caregivers knowledge of mental health and physical health resources in the community
- Increase youth and parents/caregivers understanding and knowledge of ways to keep youth healthy both physically and mentally
- Provide a fun, low-barrier event for all youth and their families

Data sources:

- Mental Health Commission of Canada
- Government of Canada
- Government of Ontario
- Local experts
- Canadian Institute for Health Information

Status: Successfully occurred on June 7th with over 650 attendees!



STAR Training

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Objectives:

- Increase understanding of and participation in STAR
- Increase AER lowered for situations brought forward
- Increase AER knowledge and consensus group decision making

Data sources:

- Risk Tracking Database (SOLGEN)
- Situation Table CoP

Status: On-Going

Anti-oppression training to occur in the fall for STAR members + CSWBP Advisory



STAR Resource Development

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Objectives:

- Increase the general public understanding of STAR
- Meet IPC privacy requirements
- Increase AER lowered outcomes following filter 4

Data sources:

- Risk Tracking Database (SOLGEN)
- Situation Table CoP
- Information Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

Status: In progress- Filter 4 document has launched

Updated participant agreements are being signed

Webpage will go live following all participant agreements being signed



Advisory Committee Survey + Ministry Requirement

- Advisory Survey is complete & we have met the Ministry requirement for July 2025
 - The CSWBP website under “plan” has been updated to reflect this achievement
- Trends from the survey
 - Further education and awareness is needed for the general public on CSWBP
 - Clear measurable data within the CSWB Plan
 - Enhanced data collection and analysis
 - Additional focus on seniors & children
 - More engagement with people with lived experience
 - Further funding for actionable work (Provincial funding)
 - Embedding CSWBP into more policy-based work locally



Municipal CoP

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development/Prevention

Objectives:

- Foster collaboration and relationship building between Municipalities + CSWBP
- Share best practice resources and practices

Data sources:

- Strong cities
- TED talks
- Best practice resources change from topic-to-topic

Status: In progress- Monthly meetings occur with Councilor Jon Farmer as the chair

**** Please email Alexis to join this meeting****



Next Steps

- Launch STAR webpage following all participant agreement signatures
- Conclude learnings from Children's Health Day + begin plan for next year
- Apply for Community Foundation Grant for STAR Anti-Oppression training (this will be open to Advisory members)
- Continue AMO Advocacy work for funding from SOLGEN/MOF



Situation Table for Acutely Elevated Risk (STAR)

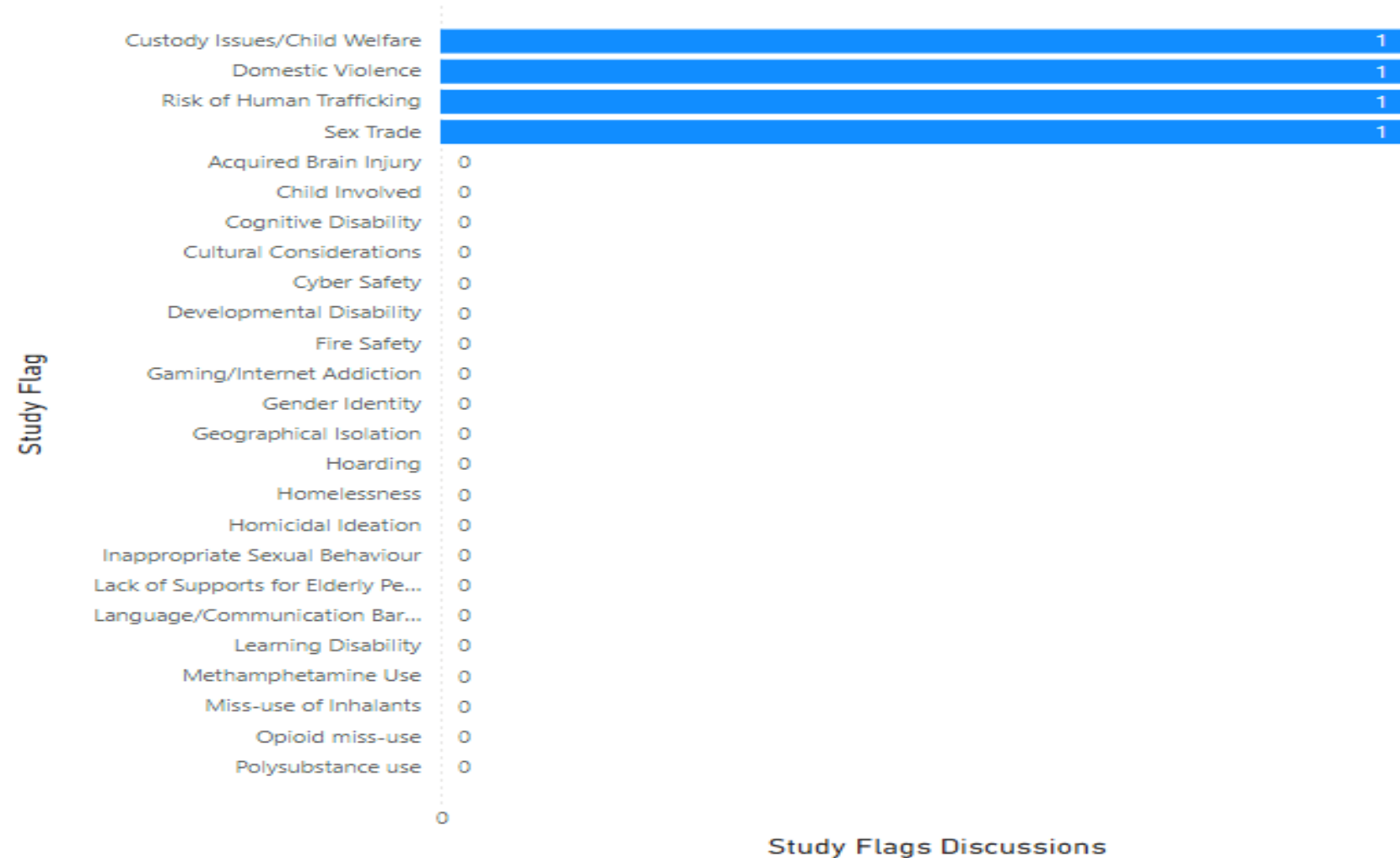
Situation Updates- 2025

19 Situations

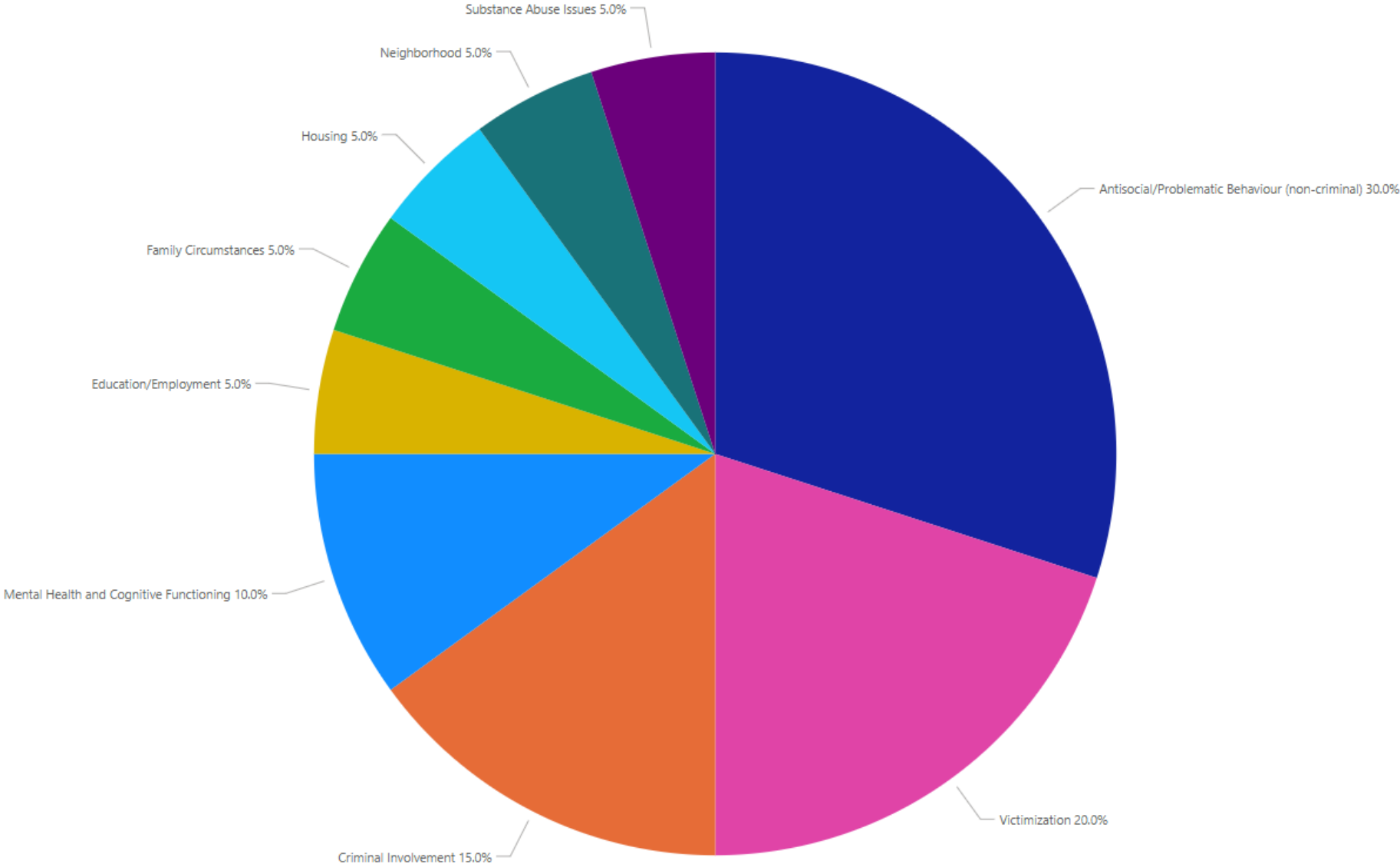
- **95% met AER (18/19)**
- **11/19 closed**
- **10/11 (91%) had their AER lowered**
- **1/11 (9%) did not have their AER lowered (client refused service)**

Study Flags (May 19 2025 – August 11 2025)

Discussions by Study Flag

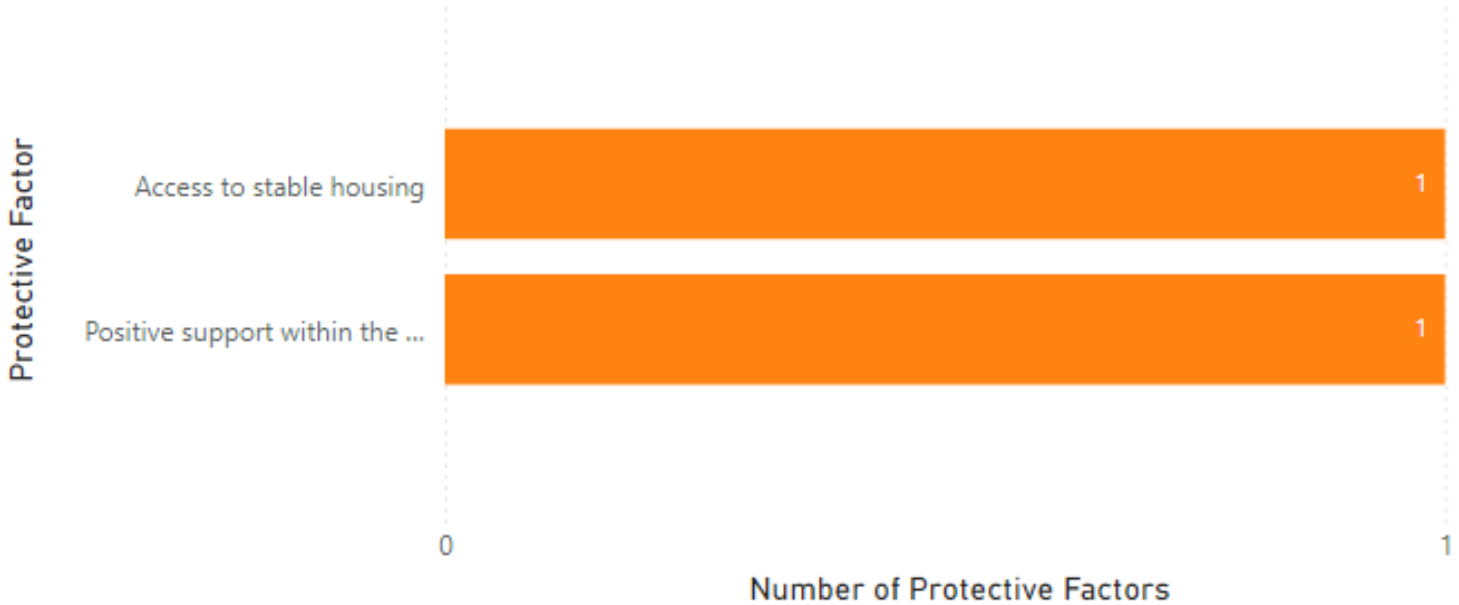


CSWB High Level Risk Priorities (May 19 2025 – August 11 2025)



Protective Factor Grouping (May 19 2025 – August 11 2025)

Discussions by Protective Factor



Action Table Updates

Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force

Poverty and Income

Increasing Income through Tax Filing

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development

Grey Bruce Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Network

- Identified gaps in service and established new CVITP partnership in Hanover. 180 tax returns filed

Status: Completed for 2024 Tax Season (June 2025)

- 211 volunteer recruitment used to increase CVITP volunteers and release of 2023 tax season data report/press report increased public awareness of free service.

Status: Completed for 2024 Tax Season

- CVITP partners extended services to Dec 2025 to provide tax filing to access national dental program. Grey Bruce CVITP Annual Gathering will be held on Oct 2025. Local case study data collected for “taxes & teeth” report to be released in Oct 2025.

Status: Ongoing



Strengthening Voices

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development

Income & Employment Security Action Group

- Safe space created for engaging communities with data/information at monthly meetings and facilitated relationships.

Status: Completed.

- Community Voices and RentSafe Owen Sound Collaboration Facilitators hired and member recruitment underway.

Status: In progress

- RentSafe Facilitator engaging with stakeholders to implement RentSafe Survey report recommendations i.e. Rental Housing Task Force.
- Status: In progress

Seeking Income Solutions for Strong Communities

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development

Grey Bruce Living Wage

- In partnership with United Way of BG and Ontario Living Wage 2025 calculation is underway to be released.
- Promote meaningful dialogue and policy advocacy for income solutions such as Guaranteed Basic Income, Living Wage and increased social assistance rates.
- ODSP clawbacks to Canada Disability Benefit have been stopped after provincial advocacy work, including IESAG.
- Application to National Dental Program requires people to have filed their taxes. IESAG meetings have clarified the working relationship with OW and ODSP existing dental care benefits.

Status: In progress.

- Increase number of employers certified as Living Wage Champions in Grey Bruce. Currently have 11 certified employers in Grey Bruce.

Status: In progress

Next Steps

- Health Equity Action Group survey results to be analyzed and in-person workshop on Sept 19th to set priority collective action.
- A new approach to engaging with employers will include information on how to become certified Living Wage employers to begin in Q4-2025.
- Community Voices and RentSafe Tenant Advisory Committee membership recruitment is underway in Q3 to Q4 2025.
- RentSafe Owen Sound Collaboration Facilitator was hired to lead the work in Q4-2025. They will focus on follow-up on recommendations from RentSafe 2024 Survey
- Income Security Action Group is focused on planning for GB CVITP Network annual gathering & report, CVITP “taxes & teeth” services, preparation for Living Wage release and work with Campaign 2000 for national advocacy/policy work around the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in Oct 2025. Workshop being planned for “planning for retirement on low-income” for seniors with ISEAG and Beaver Valley Outreach in Sept/Oct 2025.
- New PTF website with a greater focus on our advocacy and policy work will be released in Q3-2025.

Homelessness Response Steering Committee

Housing and Homelessness

Coordinated Access



CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Coordinated Access Guide

Development of a local guide ongoing to provide service agencies with information on pathways within the system tying in the By Name List and homelessness supports.

The Real Cost of Homelessness

The steering committee is working on a project to identify the different levels of support and the cost associated with addressing the chronically homeless individuals on the by name list. This is to support knowledge on the problems and to better understand the levels of supported transitional housing needed for our community.

Status: In progress

- Bolstering the Coordinated Access guide in the final editing stages and work is happening on researching data for the cost of homelessness project

Encampments & BNL Referral

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention/ Social Development

Encampment Referral Process

Work continues developing a consistent encampment referral process for which can be used in various lower-tier municipalities to notify County/Service agency staff about encampments for outreach. This also allows for data to be collected and service needs to be determined

By-Name Referral and Prioritization Update

New Referral form implemented and circulated to front line agencies along with the opportunity for refresher training on the By-Name List and its benefits

Status: Implemented/Completed

Winter 2024-2025 Review

CSWBP Planning Framework: Risk Intervention

- Bruce and Grey Counties Planning for Winter Need
- Bruce and Grey Counties are in the planning stages for winter 25-26 including utilizing current service user data and reviewing allocation of funds to work towards improving capacity wherever possible and streamline processes for accessing and moving through programs.
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- Status: Review & Planning Stage

Homelessness Response

CSWBP Planning Framework: Risk Intervention/Prevention

Grey Bruce Front Line Unhoused Response Committee

- Provides an opportunity for front-line staff to present and collaborate on challenging cases. This committee provides a space for peers to support each other, offer resources and options to directly support households.
- This committee focuses on matching clients to housing resources dedicated to the By-Name List
- Status: In progress
 - Reviewing recent needs assessment and intake call volume

Next Steps

- By-Name List Training
- Coordinated Access Guide publication
- Winter 2025-26 planning

Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy

Addictions/Substance Use

Part-time Dedicator CDAS Coordinator

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development

Objectives:

- To have a dedicated coordinator to oversee the CDAS, the function of which is to foster collaboration among community partners to prevent and address substance-related harms.

Data sources:

- CDAS Strategic Plan
- Research for multi-sector funding applications

Status: Completed

- Successful candidate has been identified – Welcome Liam Nicholl – transitioning the role this month

Stigma Strategic Priority

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development

Objectives:

- To reduce stigma related to substance use and its impact through evidence-informed training, education, and communications.

Data sources:

- CPHA & CAPSA's Challenging Structural Substance Use Stigma workshop content
- Anti-Stigma Harm Reduction Working Group

Status:

- CPHA & CAPSA's *Challenging Structural Substance Use Stigma* Workshop piloted with GBPH Staff (May 27th) and CDAS Leadership Group (August 8th)
- Developing an anti-stigma social media campaign: In progress

Next Steps

- Transition of the role of coordinator to Liam Nicholl

Mental Health Networking Table

Mental Health

System-level Alignment and Planning

CSWBP Planning Framework: Social Development/Prevention

- Develop Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Workplan
 - Address identified gaps and/or enhance local mental health and addictions supports
- Joint Grey Bruce MH&A Network Training Plan
- Implement Measurement Based Care
- Grey Bruce MH&A Network Scorecard
 - Set Network Table targets and deliverables on key indicators and track progress on quarterly basis. Scorecard to be shared with partners and key stakeholders.

Status: In progress

Next Steps

- Revise Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Terms of Reference to allow for improved input from other community partners.
- Status: Completed

Crime Prevention Action Table

Cannabis & Driving Resource + Education

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Objectives:

- To partner with all licensed dispensaries in Grey, Bruce and Saugeen First Nation to provide educational resources to those purchasing cannabis in stores
- To increase the awareness of the risks of driving impaired by cannabis
- To reduce the number of individuals driving impaired by cannabis in our community

Data sources:

- Local and Provincial Police data bases & Resources
- Peer-reviewed literature supporting initiatives
- CAMH
- OSDUHS Report
- OSAID

Status: First Step Launched May 15th, 2025

- Distributed to high school students, at Ride programs + local dispensaries
- Attended Durham Four Winds Music Festival
- Snapchat Ad went live prior to August long weekend & had 411,798 views + 20% click rate, now has 978,000 views
- 2 ads per day on prime time on the Bayshore Radio July 30- August 5
- Spotify ads to launch today
- Ad can be found here: [Regional Road Safety: Cannabis Impaired Driving PSA](#)
- Translation occurring into French, Arabic and Ojibwe



Driving High is Driving Impaired.

Driving high can increase your risk of crashing by **30-40%**

HOW ARE YOU GETTING HOME?

Regional Road Safety
Advertisement

0:00 -0:30

Stay Focused. Stay Clear. Stay Sober. [Learn more](#)

Human Trafficking Town Halls

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Objectives:

- To provide community members with education and resources on human trafficking
- To increase the number of community members who are able to identify human trafficking
- To amplify the voices and experiences of those with lived experience

Data sources:

- People with lived experience/ local survivor led organizations
- Local and Provincial Police data bases
- Local Shelter + Victim Services Data
- Government of Canada
- The Joy Smith Foundation

Status: In progress

- Planning occurring with the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, Rising Angels, Bridging Gaps AHT and NII
- 4 dates being booked in Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Saugeen First Nation, Owen Sound and Saugeen Shores at the end of October
- Lunch & Learn for the tourism sector will be hosted in November

Building a Bigger Wave Snapshot

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Objectives:

- To provide partners and the community with up-to-date data on Intimate Partner Violence and Gender Based Violence in our communities
- To provide partners and the community with a clear action plan to address trends found in the data

Data sources:

- Local and provincial police data bases
- Victim Services data base

Status: In progress

- Awaiting a meeting with VPGB to review final data and develop a coordinated release to the community/partners

Hate Crime Working Group

CSWBP Planning Framework: Prevention

Currently in development with consultations occurring with local groups in the community who experience increased incidents of hate-based crimes and actions towards members.

Grant going in to host a hate crime reporting tool on Victim Services to provide local data on hate crimes and connect victims to direct supports

Next Steps

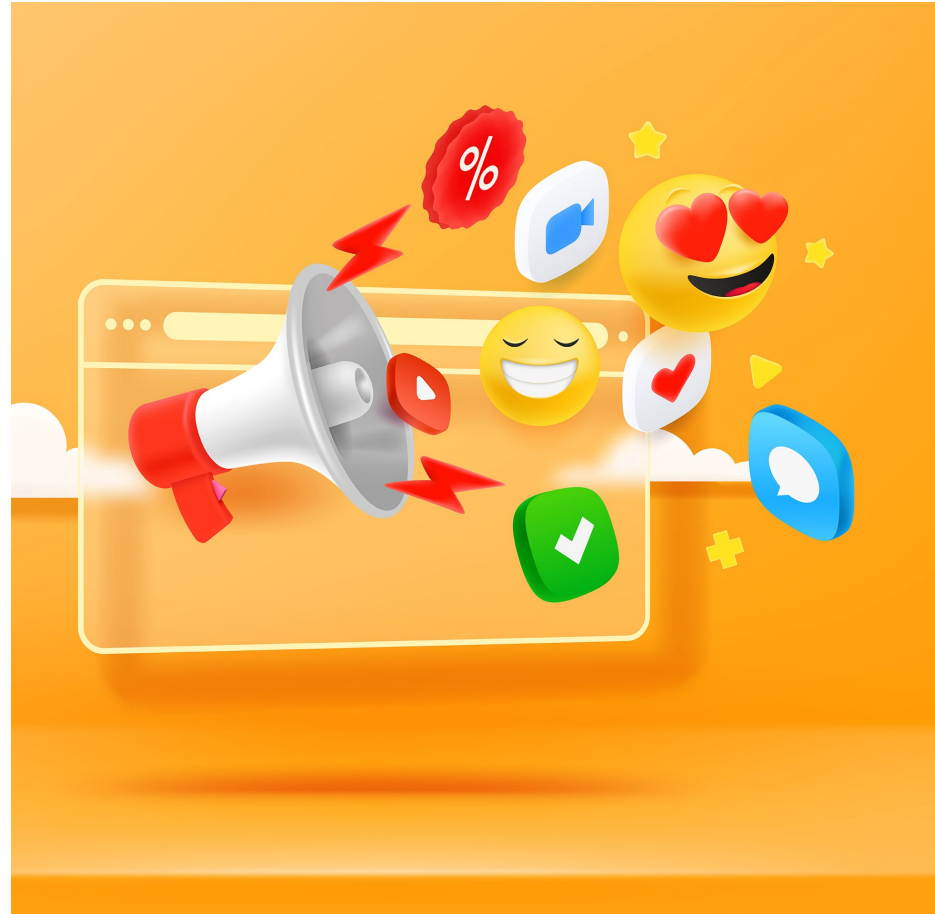
- Plan online speaker panel for cannabis & driving for the December
- Complete translation into French, Arabic and Ojibwe for cannabis & driving documents
- Attend 3 more community events/festivals this summer to provide cannabis & driving education
- Complete consultations for the Hate Crime Working Group + on-board partners
- Finalize and host Human Trafficking Town Halls
- Collaborate with Violence Prevention Grey Bruce on the Building a Bigger Wave Snapshot data release to the public



General

Communications

- September media/social media release:
 - Announcing dates/locations for Human Trafficking Town halls across the counties and First Nations
- August media/social media release:
 - Announcing the new CDAS coordinator and International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) events
- Please email Alexis if you do not have a contact on our email distribution list for media releases + social media content



CSWB Index of Well-Being Survey- 2026

- Final review of the Index of well-being survey being completed by partners
- Georgian college research dept has partnered with us for data support
- Details about distribution to Municipalities + Organizations to be released in the fall
 - Looking for support in various ways:
 - Providing paper copies for residents to fill out
 - Advertising the survey to residents
 - Support with translation needs as required

Intimate Partner Violence + Brain Injury Training Opportunity

- September + October date opportunities
- Please fill out the Microsoft forms survey in the chat to indicate your interest
 - Please share with all staff and elected officials
- Open to all staff members
- Training cost is offset by a Public Health Agency of Canada grant (only \$40 per person is the cost)



PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL UPDATES

Open Discussion

Wrap Up

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 18th 2025

THANK YOU!

The Steering Committee greatly appreciates your ongoing support!

Should you have any questions about today's discussion, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Steering Committee members noted here:

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

MINUTES

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

DATE: August 12, 2025

TIME: 1:00 PM to 2:15 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)

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, Beth Aubrey, Beth Blackwell, Cait MacKinnon, Chad Zimmerman, Craig Ambrose, Dave Zago, Debra Anderson, Francesca Dobbyn, Kevin Cornell, Kevin Zettel, Jason Cranny, Jodi Ward, Jocelyn Marshall, Josh Gibson, Kaela Sales, Kelsey Mighton, Marla Barfoot, Michelle Bloomfield, Pam Coulter, Patti McNabb, Rob Atkinson, Robert Martin, Sarah Cowley, Susan Sakal, Tara Saab, Vivian Kennedy.

ITEM

1. Welcome and Introductions, Land Acknowledgement

- Jason Wepler (Grey Bruce Public Health & Steering Committee Member)

- Jason welcomed everyone to the meeting and Jane Hartley shared land acknowledgements.

2. Coordinator Updates

- Alexis Cook (Coordinator)

- Alexis advised that student placements will occur in early September
- Children's Health Day hosted over 650 attendees on June 7th
- Star training remains ongoing for current and interested parties. Opportunity for advisory committee to attend anti-oppression training in October 2025
- STAR Resources continue to be developed. Once completed documents are signed by all parties they will be added to the website
- Alexis met with Ministry and confirmed our efforts meet full compliance
- Additional awareness and education for the general public is needed
- Still waiting if we have confirmation if delegation has been approved to SOLGEN for funding

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- Municipal CoP to foster collaboration and relationship building between municipalities and

CSWBP – if interested to join please reach out to Alexis

Next Steps:

- Launch STAR webpage following all participant agreement signatures
- Conclude learnings from Children’s Mental Health Day and begin planning for next year
- Apply for Community Foundation Grant for STAR Anti-Oppression training
- Continue advocacy work with AMO for SOLGEN/MOF funding opportunities

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

- Alexis Cook

- 4 new situations for 19 total to date
- 18/19 met AER requirements
- 11/19 now closed
- 10/11 had their AER lowered; one did not as they refused services
- Alexis highlighted results of study flags and high level risk priorities

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There we no questions or comments

4. Action Table Updates

Mental Health (Scott McKay - Mental Health Networking Table)

- Great working being done with collaborative partnerships.
- GB Mental Health and Additions Workplan is under development
- Joint GB MH&A Network Training Plan also underway
- Implementation of
- Terms of Reference has been completed.

Crime Prevention (Marla Barfoot Crime Prevention Action Table)

- Education campaign has been very successful, over 1 million views on the ad for cannabis & driving
- Working group will have an education booth at multiple music festivals this summer
- Human Trafficking Town Halls- one session will be live streamed along with other in-person dates
- Lunch and learn for the tourism sector will be held in November
- *Building a Bigger Wave Snapshot* – coordinated action plan to address data collected in conjunction with Violence Prevention Grey Bruce for a collaborative release
- Work continues on launching Hate Crime reporting tool, grant is being submitted in September

Poverty and Income (Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force)

- New partnerships / locations for Grey Bruce Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Network
- 666 people helped with income returns
- 211 volunteer recruitment initiative to increase GBVCITP volunteers. Extending services to ensure residents have eligibility for the Canada Dental Plan
- Call 211 or Alex Ruff’s office
- [PTF website link: Support to Community Income Tax Services](#)
- Working with Tamarack for solutions for increased income tax filing [Case Studies: From Program to Policy: Auto Tax Filing & Auto Enrolment of Benefits \(TAMARACK\)](#)
- Work continues with new coordinator for Community Voices
- New facilitator for RentSafe Collaboration initiative
- Upcoming – working to increase number of employers certified as Living Wage Champions in Grey Bruce. Currently there are 11 certified in Grey Bruce.

- Engagement and education will be coordinated in the fall for CNDP

Housing & Homelessness (Josh Gibson - Homelessness Planning Table)

- Work continues on a Coordinated Access Guide to help navigate pathways within the housing system
- Grey celebrated one-year of ownership of the motel to support short term shelter
- Encampment support with local municipalities. Pam Coulter noted increased number of encampments on crown land – they call SOS and make other referrals. Anything additional? Josh noted staff have reached out. Some decline services and one was housed often advised – just “hanging out”. Downtown navigation solutions include reaching out to housing staff
- Josh has a report going to council = tune in and / or stay tuned.
- Increase in the number of rooms we’ve been able to secure in Grey
- Grey and Bruce Counties are both planning for winter need

Addictions/Substance Use (Scott McKay)

- Dedicated part time (.6 FTE) coordinator has been hired = Liam Nicholl transitioning into the role throughout this month.
- Leadership Group working to reduce stigma related to substance use and its impact through training, education and communication through an evidence-based lens
- Data sources include CPHA & CAPSA’s Challenging Structural Substance Use Stigma workshop along with insights from Anti-Stigma Harm Reduction Working Group

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no additional questions or comments.

5. General

- Alexis Cook, Coordinator

Communications

- Please reach out to Alexis if you are interested in joining communications email group
- August 31st is National Overdose Awareness Day
- Human Trafficking dates will be released at the end of September for the end of October dates

Index of Well-Being Survey

- Survey set to launch later this fall - support will be needed from advisory members to promote and distribute the survey. This will include having paper copies available at your Municipality and organization and promoting it on your social media and through other forums.
- Last survey in 2021 there were only 1400 responses – hoping for response rate of 10% of Grey Bruce populations
- Translation services are also requested to assist with more fulsome engagement.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments.

6. Provincial & Local Updates

- Steering Committee Members

- [Buce County Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan: 2024-2028](#)
- [Bruce County Housing & Homelessness Annual Progress Report](#)



Homelessness

Resources Information

- Grey County Hanover EarlyON site is very active – new site location has been chosen, and work is underway with architect to design new facility to accommodate increase service demands, associated parking needs, and to meet accessibility requirements.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

- There were no questions or comments.

7. Open Discussion

- There is Intimate Partner Violence + Brain Injury Training Opportunity upcoming on September 25th hosted by Brightshores, sign-up is here: [Helping the Helpers: A Cross-Sectoral on Recognizing & Responding to Brain Injury from IPV](#)
- Child Passenger Safety Training – The course dates are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Wednesday to Saturday, October 1, 2, 3, & 4, 2025, in Kincardine. The fees for the course include CPSAC membership fees and certification (for 3 years), personal liability insurance when volunteering, textbook, classroom, and clinic supplies. Funding for police, fire or any charitable sector employee has been provided by a grant to the United Way by the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Four spaces are available for private businesses (car dealerships, etc) at a cost of \$450 per person for all four days. Certificates are issued through the Child Passenger Safety Association of Canada, and **require** participation in **all 4 days**, including classroom hours, a multiple-choice knowledge assessment (open book), and the seat check clinic. The course is four days in length. The course location is at Knox Presbyterian Church, located at 345 Durham Street, Kincardine, with the Kincardine Fire Dept hosting the actual Saturday car seat clinic. [Child Passenger Safety Technician Training Course](#)
- [Grey County \(Housing\): 2025 Q1 Community Housing, By Name List & Short-term Housing Program](#)

Meeting adjourned at x 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: November 18, 2025 at 1:00PM

VIRTUAL – Grey County Microsoft Teams (details to follow)

2025 – Q3 Progress Update

Priority Area: Addictions/Substance Use

Action Table Lead: Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy (CDAS) Progress Update

Action Table Key Objectives:

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
Transition the role of coordinator to the successful candidate (Liam Nicholl).	Social development	To have a dedicated coordinator to oversee the CDAS, the core function of which is to foster collaboration among community partners and members on issues that go beyond the scope and resources of any single organization acting alone. Two of the guiding principles of the CDAS are: 1) reducing substance-related harms involves shared responsibility and active participation of many sectors, and 2) the importance of equitable representation of people with lived and living experience of substance use and substance use disorder (PWLE) at all levels of decision-making.	Meetings with current coordinators to transition the role, provide history of the work completed, meetings with Steering Committee and Leadership Group, etc.	In progress
Offer anti-stigma training to community partners.	Social Development	Advance strategic priority #5: Reduce stigma associated with substance use and its impact,	Presentation of CPHA & CAPSA's <i>Challenging Structural Substance</i>	Complete

		through evidence informed training, education, and communications.	<i>Use Stigma Workshop</i> by the GBPH Harm Reduction team to GBPH staff (May 27 th) and the CDAS Leadership Group (August 8 th).	
Develop an anti-stigma social media campaign.	Social Development	Advance strategic priority #5: Reduce stigma associated with substance use and its impact, through evidence informed training, education, and communications.	Anti-stigma Harm Reduction Working Group meetings and research on anti-stigma content and campaigns.	In progress

Next Steps:

- Transition of the role of coordinator to the successful candidate: August 2025

Background Information

Action Tables

Priority Area/Action Table: Mental Health

Leads: Mental Health Networking Table

Priority Area/Action Table: Housing and Homelessness

Leads: Homelessness Response Table

Priority Area/Action Table: Poverty and Income

Lead: Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force

Priority Area/Action Table: Crime Prevention

Lead: Crime Prevention Action Table

Priority Area/Action Table: Addictions/Substance Use

Lead: Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy

CSWBP Overarching Strategies

Lead: CSWBP Coordinator

Planning Framework

Please include updates related to key indicators and baseline data established in the [Indicator Report - Community Safety & Well-Being Planning \(cswbp-brucegrey.ca\)](http://www.brucegrey.ca).

Social Development	Promoting and maintaining community safety and well-being, where a wide range of sectors, agencies and organizations bring different perspectives and expertise to the table to address complex social issues, like poverty, from every angle, ensuring all community members are aware of services available to them and can access those resources with ease.
Prevention	Proactively reducing identified risks and implementing evidence-based situational measures, policies or programs to reduce locally-identified priority risks to community safety and well-being before they result in crime, victimization and/or harm, where people participate more in risk-based programs, feel safe and less fearful, and are more confident in their own abilities to prevent harm.
Risk Intervention	Mitigating situations of elevated risk, where multiple sectors work together to prevent an incident, whether it is a crime, victimization or harm, from occurring, while reducing the need for, and systemic reliance on, incident

	response in order to increase access to and confidence in social supports and decrease victimization rates and the number of emergency room visits.
Incident Response	Critical and non-critical incident response, or what is traditionally thought of when referring to crime and safety, including service responses such as police, fire, emergency medical services, child welfare organizations removing a child from their home, a person being apprehended under the Mental Health Act, or a school principal expelling a student.

Please define status as:

Completed: All necessary work, objectives, and outcomes have been fulfilled.

In progress: The work has begun and is being fulfilled according to set timelines but is not yet complete.

Not Started: The work has not begun yet, but there is a plan in place to complete the work in the future.

2025 – Q3 Progress Update

Priority Area: Overarching Themes

Action Table Lead: CSWBP Coordinator

Action Table Key Objectives: Address Overarching Strategic Goals & Support Action Tables

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
CSWBP Review	Social Development, prevention	-Review the CSWB plan and revise if necessary	-Survey to all Advisory Committee members	-Complete, Ministry has approved -Trends provided in CSWBP Advisory Powerpoint (Aug 12/25). Findings will be incorporated into 2026 plan
Municipal CoP	Social Development, Prevention	-Foster collaboration and relationship building between Municipalities and CSWBP Share best practices and resources	-Strong cities	-On-going, monthly meetings occurring
Relationship building	Social Development, prevention	-Develop new relationships with community groups, organizations etc. to align with and support the work of CSWBP	N/A	-On-going

On-going on-boarding of STAR members, trainings, document development etc.	Risk Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase participation in STAR -Increase in service provider knowledge of this resource -Increase in AER lowered for situations -Increase in multidisciplinary collaboration -Increase in AER knowledge and consensus group decision making -Meet IPC requirements in new document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Tracking Database (SOLGEN) -Situation Table CoP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In progress, no end date -Filter 4 document integrated to members (complete) -Updated participant agreement, (in process, being signed by members) -STAR website to be launched following all signatures on participant agreement
CSWBP Fall Placement Students	Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Host BScN students from Georgian College -Complete an environmental scan of action tables -Provide recommendations to align community tables to ensure best use of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -STAR/ Risk Tracking Data Base -CIHI -PHO -peer reviewed journal articles -Community partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New project submitted for fall 2025, decision will be made in sept 2025
Monthly Media Releases + Social Media posts	Social Development/Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increase community members knowledge and understanding of CSWBP -Highlight the great work of CSWBP and its action tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CSWBP Action Tables -CSWBP Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In progress, no end date -August to highlight new CDAS coordinator + IOAD events -September to announcement Human Trafficking Town halls
On-Going Grant Applications	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To financially sustain the work of the CSWBP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Government of Canada -Government of Ontario -Bruce Power -Community Foundation Grey Bruce -Private Grants -MCCSS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In progress, no end date -Community Foundation grant in progress- due September 15

			-Public Health Agency of Canada	
2026 Index of Well-Being Survey	Social Development	-Complete a 5-year Index of Well-Being survey to measure outcomes and determine the next steps of the plan	-Current CSWB plan - 5 action tables -Advisory Committee	-In progress, review of the previous survey with action tables underway -Georgian College has signed on to complete data evaluation
Children's Health Day	Social Development + Prevention	-Plan a children/youth focused health day at the Children's Safety Village	-Local health, social, policing partners -Government of Canada -Government of Ontario -Public Health Ontario	-Complete, over 650 attendees and 15+ partners attended

Next Steps:

- Continue building and strengthening relationships with local partners and other CSBWP
- Continue to apply for additional grant opportunities (apply for community foundation grant for anti-oppression training)
- Conclude learnings from Children's Health Day + begin planning for next year
- Launch STAR webpage following all participant agreement signatures
- Continue AMO advocacy work for funding from SOLGEN/MOF

2023 – Q4 Progress Update

Priority Area: Mental Health

Action Table Lead: Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Network Table

Action Table Key Objectives: Improve quality and access to local mental health services across the lifespan.

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
14 th Street Transitional Supportive Housing Program and Recovery and Wellness Centre	Social Development & Prevention	Provide affordable housing and mental health and addiction supports for individuals on BNL. Enhance addiction treatment and high intensity supports for local population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals on BNL • ED visits • ALC rates 	Completed
Review and implement key projects from OHT Mental Health and Addictions Visioning Day. Develop Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Workplan.	Social Development & Prevention	Address identified gaps and/or enhance local mental health and addictions supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals on BNL • ED visits • ALC rates 	In progress
Partners to gather system level data from their respective	Social Development & Prevention	Address identified gaps and/or enhance local mental health and addictions supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals on BNL 	Completed

databases for Network Table review and action planning.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED visits • ALC rates 	
Develop Grey Bruce MH&A Network Scorecard	Social Development & Prevention	Set Network Table targets and deliverables on key indicators and track progress on a quarterly basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait Times • Length of Stay • Client Survey Results • Staff Wellness 	In progress
Joint Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Network Training Plan	Social Development	Prioritize training for staff to be completed across organizations to ensure consistency and quality of services (e.g. DBT, Motivational Interviewing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Wellness • Client Survey Results • Reduced ED visits • Staff survey results 	In progress
Implement Measurement Based Care	Social Development & Prevention	To track treatment progress, personalize care, and guide treatment decisions based on objective data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Survey Results • Assessment Outcomes • Length of Service 	In progress
Revise Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addictions Terms of Reference to allow for improved input from other community partners.	Social Development	To bring other voices and perspectives to the Network Table.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Minutes • Project Outcomes • # of Projects Completed 	Completed

Next Steps:

Continue working on “In progress” action items.

2025 – Q3 Progress Update

Priority Area: Reduction of Chronic Homelessness

Action Table Lead: Homelessness Response Steering Committee

Action Table Key Objectives:

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
Coordinated Access Guide	Risk Intervention	To develop a local guide for coordinated access ensuring service providers are aware of the structure for homelessness as well as the opportunity to provide support in a triaged manner.	None	Complete
The Real Cost of Homelessness Project	Social Development	Identify the cost of homelessness in partnership with CMHA, Grey and Bruce County, GBHS and Safe N Sound.	Cost of health services Cost of emergency shelter	Research stage
Educational Opportunities	Social Development	Considering various options to provide educational opportunities to the broader community in the fall	Various	Research stage

Encampment Protocol	Risk Intervention	<p>Communication with municipal by-law around encampments and provide opportunities for outreach and engagement</p> <p>Awaiting Provincial direction before finalization of formal protocol for private and public land</p>	# of encampments GIS data	In progress
By-Name List Referral & Prioritization	Intervention/Social Development	<p>Improvement to the BNL referral form to be more trauma-informed to be reflected in an accurate prioritization for access to resources & housing.</p> <p>New Referral form rolled out early Q2 – ongoing training</p>	Various	Complete

Next Steps:

- Homelessness Response Steering Committee to undertake review of current services map and identify increased opportunity for referral pathways between programs and housing options.
- Educational and communication strategy to increase awareness.

2025– Q3 Progress Update

Priority Area: Income and Poverty

Action Table Lead: Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force

Action Table Key Objectives: To Facilitate Community Partnerships to Advocate for Poverty Reduction and Elimination

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
<p>Lead Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) Network to identify gaps in service and identify locations “where people are at” to provide more services.</p>	<p>Social Development</p>	<p>Strengthen services provided by Network of Grey Bruce Community Volunteer Income Tax Program partners.</p> <p>United Way of Bruce Grey is a CVITP Coordinator that works with volunteers to provide year-round tax filing and problem-solving gaps in services in Grey Bruce.</p> <p><i>Organize initiatives arising from recommendations from GB CVITP Annual Gathering in October 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Improve awareness, understanding and services provided among services providers, governments and community members.</i></p>	<p>Support to Community Income Tax Services – Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>2024 Tax Season to support people with low income file (March-May 2025) has been completed.</p> <p>Online 2025 CVITP Coordinators meeting to be scheduled/held in Oct 2025.</p> <p>Annual GB CVITP Network Report “Teeth & Taxes” to be completed and</p>

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
				released in Oct 2025.
<p>Annually update information in the 211 database on available free income tax services and monitor gaps in service.</p>	<p>Social Development</p>	<p>Increase number of people accessing income tax services.</p> <p>Support individuals in accessing income through taxes and other income supplements that can only be achieved through filing taxes.</p> <p>211 Volunteer recruitment and promotion opened in October 2024 for 2025. Volunteers matched with CVITP Coordinators and gaps in geographic coverage analyzed.</p> <p><i>Promotion and social awareness on GB CVITP tax clinics/services was carried out from January to March 2025.</i></p>	<p>Press Release: Volunteers Drive \$3.27M in Support for Grey Bruce Residents – Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force</p> <p>www.freetaxclinics.ca</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Released final 2024 CVITP Report and call for volunteers. 211/public information/promotion of GB CVITP completed.</p> <p>211 posting and social media promotion recruited 23 volunteers in 2024/2025.</p> <p>UW added 2 volunteers to partner with Hanover Public Library for new CVITP location.</p> <p>New recruitment for CVITP volunteers to work from June to Dec 2025 to file tax returns to access dental benefits.</p>

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
<p>Analyze income/employment factors affecting people with low income in our rural communities and best practices for response as Income & Employment Security Action Group/PTF.</p>	<p>Social Development</p>	<p>Strengthen Voices</p> <p>Create safe spaces for meaningful learning to engage communities with data/information and build relationships toward solutions.</p> <p>Income Solutions to Food Insecurity awareness campaign released in 2024 and used as key messages used in the 2025 Provincial Election Education material.</p> <p>Valentine’s Day cards were sent out to all candidates which initiated a conversation with them on their local platforms.</p> <p><i>Create new PTF website that builds upon advocacy and take action campaigns in 2025.</i></p>	<p>https://povertytaskforce.com/</p> <p>https://povertytaskforce.com/food-security/income-solutions-to-food-insecurity/</p> <p>Poverty, Voting and Ontario Election – Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force</p> <p>Press Release: Nothing Says “Love” Like Ending Poverty – Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>New PTF website to be released on Sept 19th at PTF meeting.</p>
<p>Contribute to community conversations on housing and income solutions with an health equity approach.</p>	<p>Social Development</p>	<p>Create safe spaces for meaningful learning to engage communities with data/information and build relationships toward solutions.</p> <p>Increased number of people with grounded expertise engaging in meaningful way with PTF working groups and income solution campaigns.</p> <p>New Peer Support Facilitator and new Community Voices group are expected to start up in October 2025.</p>	<p>https://povertytaskforce.com/publications/</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>New Community Voices Peer-Support Facilitator hired and has received Bridges Out of Poverty training.</p> <p>Community Voices structure and recruitment of members in progress.</p>

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
		<p>Health Equity Action Group to start up in October 2025.</p>		<p>Health Equity planning team collecting survey data on priorities and engaging with stakeholders.</p> <p>Health Equity survey results will be analyzed on Sept 19th PTF in-person meeting.</p>
<p>Work with United Way of Bruce Grey as lead agency to calculate and promote Living Wage for Grey Bruce.</p>	<p>Social Development</p>	<p>Seeking Income Solutions for Strong Communities</p> <p>Promote meaningful dialogue and policy advocacy for income solutions such as Guaranteed Basic Income and Living Wage.</p> <p>Living Wage 2025 calculation is started with the United Way of Bruce Grey and Ontario Living Wage Network.</p> <p>Increased number of employers certified as Living Wage Champions in Grey Bruce is tracked on Ontario Living Wage Map in 2025.</p> <p>New strategy for employer engagement on living wage certification is lead by employment agencies of Income & Employment Security Action Group.</p> <p><i>Promote best practices and draw on expert knowledge to create, adapt and scale initiatives that fit with our rural context.</i></p>	<p>https://povertytaskforce.com/living-wage/</p> <p>Living Wage Employers Map - Ontario Living Wage Network</p>	<p>In progress</p>

Next Steps:

- Due to a family medical emergency and illness of the Poverty Task Force Coordinator many Q2 and Q3 2025 tasks were moved into Q4 – 2025.
- New PTF website with a greater focus on our advocacy and policy work will be released in Q3-2025.
- Community Voices membership recruitment is underway in Q3 to Q4 2025.
- Health Equity Action Group survey results to be analyzed and in-person workshop on Sept 19th to set priority collective action.
- A new approach to engaging with employers will include information on how to become certified Living Wage employers to begin in Q4-2025.
- RentSafe Owen Sound Collaboration Facilitator was hired to lead the work in Q4-2025. They will focus on follow-up on recommendations from RentSafe 2024 Survey and recruitment of RentSafe Tenant Advisory Committee members in Q3-2025. RentSafe Owen Sound is recruiting new members in 2025.
- Income Security Action Group is focused on planning for GB CVITP Network annual gathering & report, CVITP “taxes & teeth” services, preparation for Living Wage release and work with Campaign 2000 for national advocacy/policy work around the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in Oct 2025.

2025 – Q2 Progress Update

Priority Area: Crime Prevention

Action Table Lead: Crime Prevention Action Table

Action Table Key Objectives: Drug Trafficking, Human Trafficking, IPV/GBV and Road Safety

Action Tracking:

Actions	Planning Framework	Objectives	Data Sources	Status
Road Safety Survey partnership with Georgian College	Prevention	-To identify high risk road-ways, driving offences and seasonal trends in Grey/Bruce -To provide citizens with the opportunity to share their feedback on road safety concerns -To develop prevention strategies to address high risk concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local and Provincial police data bases - Community Survey available to Grey Bruce Residents - Peer reviewed literature supporting initiatives 	-Complete
Short Term Rental Resource on Human Trafficking partnership with Anti-Human Trafficking Committee	Prevention	-To provide all STR licensees with information and resources on human trafficking	-Local and Provincial police data bases -Peer reviewed literature supporting initiatives	-Completed -Available on the CSWBP website: Resources - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To educate Municipal staff and Licensees on the importance of the human trafficking information -To increase the number of community members who are able to identify human trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -People with lived experience -Government of Canada 	
Cannabis and Driving Resource & Education partnership with Regional Road Safety	Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To partner with all licensed dispensaries in Grey, Bruce and Saugeen First Nation to provide educational resources -To reduce the number of individuals driving impaired by cannabis -To increase the awareness of the risks of driving impaired by cannabis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Government of Canada -OSDUHS Report -CAMH -OSAID -Local and Provincial Police Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In progress -First phase launched in may with 25 cannabis dispensaries, ride checks and high-schools -Second phase launched prior to August long weekend with Snapchat ads + Bayshore, just under 1 million views -Translation occurring -Music festivals to be attended this summer for education
Drug Trafficking Town Halls partnership with Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy	Prevention & Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To provide community members with knowledge on drug trafficking including signs, where to report etc. -To provide community members with knowledge on the effects of substance use and protective + risk factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Peer reviewed literature supporting the initiatives -Local and Provincial Police resources -Government of Ontario -Government of Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In progress, Hanover postponed
Human Trafficking Town Halls in partnership with VPGB, NII, Rising Angels, Bridging Gap AHT	Prevention & Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To provide community members with education and resources on human trafficking -To increase the number of community members who are able to identify human trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -People with lived experience/ local survivor led organizations -Local and Provincial Police data bases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress, dates to be released in September for the end of October

		-To amplify the voices and experiences of those with lived experience	-Local Shelter + Victim Services Data Government of Canada -The Joy Smith Foundation	
Building a Bigger Wave Snapshot-Police Data	Prevention	-To provide local data on IPV/GBV to assist in developing initiatives with VPGB	-local and Provincial police data bases	In progress, data is complete awaiting meeting with partners
Hate Crime working group	Prevention	- Increase knowledge and access to support for victims of hate crimes -Reduce incidents of hate crimes -Improve data collection on incidents of hate crimes	-Local police and provincial data bases -Victim Services data -Community partners	In progress, in consultation with partners -Applying to a community foundation grant to launch a hate crime reporting tool under Victim Services

Next Steps:

- **Host Human Trafficking Halls + launch social media**
- **Continue launch of Cannabis & Driving project**
 - **Spotify ads to go live**
 - **Education at music festivals**
 - **Translation into Arabic, French and Ojibwe**
 - **Plan December online panel**
- **Meet with VPGB to release BBW Snapshot data to partners and the public**
- **Complete consultations for the hate crime working group + apply for grant for the hate crime reporting tool**