

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

MINUTES

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

DATE: September 6, 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 Wepler (Grey Bruce Health Unit)

RECORDER: Patti McNabb (Grey County)

ATTENDEES: Alexis Cook, Anne Marie Shaw, Jane Hartley, Jason Wepler, Keegan Wilcox, Tina Metcalfe, Alex Van Wieringen, Beth Blackwell, Chad Zimmerman, Craig Ambrose, Dane Nielsen, Dave Shorey, Dave Zago, Deb McClure, Heidi Lucas, Kevin Cornell, Jennifer White, Jeremy Mighton, Jill Umbach, Josh Gibson, Kaela Sales, Lindsay Johnston, Lynn Silvertown, Marilyn Rosner, Marla Barfoot, Michelle Bloomfield, Monica Blair, Patti McNabb, Robert Martin, Sarah Cowley, Scott McKay, Susan Sakal, Terry Bell, Tracey Collins.

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. Youth Wellness Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon McGavin, CEO, Director of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and Director of Stakeholder Engagement for The Well Community Collective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon McGavin provided a comprehensive overview of the community collaboration for the Grey Bruce, and Huron Perth Youth Wellness Hub models. The Wellness Hub mission is to engage rural youth and communities to co-develop and co-lead the development of safe, accessible spaces for youth to belong and receive wellness care and supports. Grey Bruce Governance model assists with site selection and service provision. The roadmap included a youth and community engagement and co-design model development, with workshops, collaboration, funding and fundraising leading to site opening scheduled for 2024. Sites are being considered in Walkerton. Suggestions are welcome for Grey County as well. There are walk-in services with a one stop integrated service delivery model with services matching the level of need.

- Transitional age focus is 18–25-year-olds.
- Local impact focus is intervention and prevention providing a safe space to allow for sense of belonging and connection.
- Model of care is transferable across Ontario – 27 sites.
- Community impact goal is to have fewer ER visits, decreased global and local economical burden, as well as decreased siloed health systems and decreased burden of care on local service providers.
- There is a very positive financial impact; \$9.61 for every \$1 invested.
- There will be a six-million-dollar fundraising campaign with anticipate to open 3 sites in Grey/Bruce and 3 in Huron
- Hub updates being provided to municipal and county deputations
- Please forward youth to websites for more information and participation in various capacities
- Co-location sites are always welcome with preference not in school settings.
- Shannon can be contacted by email at shannon.mcgavin@thewellcc.ca

Questions:

- Grey County location considerations include:
 - Hanley Institute Flesherton (younger youth)
 - Junction Community Initiative in Dundalk (older youth)
 - The Launch Pad in Hanover
 - Saugeen Valley Children’s Safety Village in West Grey
- A request was made to have a presentation to Bruce County Human Services Management Team

3. Provincial & Local Updates

- Steering Committee Members

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- Anne Marie advised that Grey and Bruce Counties have received Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) guidelines and funding formula. Families will be down to \$22 per day for child care costs.
- Grey County Warden and Councilors attended AMO conference recently with delegations to discuss child care waitlist (and impacts), road safety, housing and homelessness.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments

4. Coordinator Updates

- Alexis Cook (Coordinator)

- Alexis shared that a prescreening grant application form has been submitted to PHAC; awaiting response to submit full application in the fall.
- OMSSA Fall Forum and Grey Bruce STAR presentation occurring at the end of September
- Additional STAR training scheduled for organizations/police services; 9 presentations scheduled for September and October.
- Children’s Health Day initiative planning underway to increase youth and parent/caregivers understanding and knowledge of ways to keep youth healthy both physically and mentally.
- Alexis will attend the Safer Cities conference in Mississauga and bring back learnings.
- Alexis will also continue to look for grant opportunities to support work of the CSWPB committee moving forward.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments

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

- **Alexis Cook**

- Successful Community Foundation Grey Bruce Spring 2024 grant in the amount of \$3000.
- Training has been scheduled for November 5th for STAR members
- 16 situations to date:
 - 2 remain open.
 - All had their AER lowered.
- Alexis highlighted study flags as well as high level risk priorities.
- Protective Factors include safety, education, social support etc.,
- Stats will be included with the minutes.

Action Table Updates:

- **Housing & Homelessness** (Josh Gibson-Homelessness Planning Table)
 - Work on the draft of coordinated access guide. Training sessions have commenced. This allows education for the importance of the work being done to address homelessness.
 - Work continues on encampments and By-Names List (BNL) referrals. Reviewing current encampment process and receiving feedback on opportunities for change.
 - Scoring tool for the BNL being considered using input from partners.
 - Winter 2024-2025 Planning is underway. Projecting capacity for needs is underway by Grey County. Data being used for strategic planning and budgeting. Reviewing recent needs assessment and intake call volume. Working on community messaging on accessing services.
 - Increased level of capacity is projected for Grey County – documents will be available to assist with applications, service provisions etc.,
 - Bruce County confirms that using BNL will assist with planning there as well. YMCA Housing will continue to provide housing assistance.
- **Addictions/Substance Use** (Heidi Lucas -Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy)
 - Heidi noted work being completed by the CDAS includes strategic planning session held on June 3rd with 50 individuals representing 25 agencies/groups.
 - Summary report and draft strategic plan will be discussed at the next leadership table meeting on September 13th, and will be shared out once complete.
- **Mental Health** (Scott McKay - Mental Health Networking Table)
 - Scott advised that the Brightshores Wellness & Recovery Centre opened on June 18, 2024 and most beds are full. Most are moving from treatment into housing.
 - Collaboration with Bruce County staff for successful housing supports.
 - 14th Street Transitional Housing initiative received base funding to provide high acuity supports. Staff recruitment has been completed and went well.
 - Network meetings are ongoing for further system planning to meet identified goals.
- **Poverty and Income** (Jill Umbach- Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force)
 - Jill provided a status report for the Poverty and Income action group
 - Jill advised that income tax filing initiative has proven very successful.
 - 211 volunteer recruitment initiative has been set up to ensure adequate supports available to meet the needs / demands.

- Safe space created for engaging communities with data/information at monthly meetings and facilitated relationships has been completed.
- Work continues to support food and income insecurity initiatives.
- New community voices group will be coordinated.
- November 18 is set to launch the Grey Bruce Living Wage announcement.
- Next Steps:
 - Poverty Task Force website to be revised to focus on advocacy and policy work.
 - Development of new GB CVITP supports for year-round tax filing in Grey Bruce and begin volunteer recruitment for next tax season.
 - Submit proposal to GB Ontario Health Team for funding / structure for Community Voices including Indigenous voices in partnership with CMHA's Peer Advisory Committee.
 - Development new campaign to engage with employers to become certified Living Wage employers.
- **Crime Prevention** (Crime Prevention Action Table)
 - Road safety survey launched on June 17th and ends September 17th. Georgian College will analyze the data. There have been slightly over 2200 responses to date.
 - Waiting on update on MTO funding application submitted to support the Cannabis and Driving Resource and Education campaign.
 - 100 participants at the road and internet safety day, lots of positive feedback from adults and youths
 - Waiting on update on the Intimate Partner and Gender Based Violence + Combatting Indigenous Hate grant that was submitted to Safer and Vital Communities.
 - Short-term Rental Anti-human Trafficking Initiative is in the final draft stage and will be launched to the group in early October.
 - Responses to the three poll questions are still welcome – no responses during the meeting but please forward to Alexis for inclusion.
 - Next steps are heavily impacted by grant application updates.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- Parachute has great graphics / prior campaign information on road safety, particularly teen drivers

6. Communications

- Alexis Cook, Coordinator

Social Media Releases

- Alexis highlighted social media releases shared in July and August as well as pending releases for September.
- Please send any requested social media requests to Alexis for circulation.

Lunch & Learns

- Learning opportunities for municipalities, organizations, ect., on the 5 action tables and STAR. Hosted virtually on Thursday's 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- Sign-ups will be sent out at the end of September for October 10th start.

2025 Meetings

- Recommended to cancel December 2024 meeting with bi-monthly meetings resuming in 2025
- A Microsoft Forms poll will be circulated for feedback on preferred meeting dates.
- https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9CJ_chmhkqhLW_MbEMjJFBOv0h8Lkx8mu_QLn9D1TFUREDxNEdJV0o5ME8wSzU1MFNRU1NVRk1PNC4u

- Please note that 2025 meeting times will increase to 2 hours to accommodate action table reporting.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:

- There were no questions or comments.

7. Wrap Up

- Steering Committee Members

- There will be a request for council short-term rental motion support later in the fall.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

- There were no additional comments or questions.

8. New Business

- There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 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: Meeting dates for 2025 to be coordinated
VIRTUAL – Grey County Microsoft Teams (details to follow)**