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### **Community partners to meet regarding Service Hub displacement**

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) would like to inform the patrons of the Service Hub, community service providers and residents of the City of Kenora that steps are being taken to address the impending temporary closure of the Kenora Service Hub on Monday, August 12, 2019. Community partners will be holding several meetings on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, to discuss this urgent matter and build upon the plans currently set in motion to support displaced patrons.

The meetings will include the KDSB, the Northwestern Health Unit, the Ontario Provincial Police, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, the City of Kenora, Grand Council Treaty #3, Ne-Chee Friendship Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association and Lake of the Woods District Hospital. Community and patron safety, meal supports, adequate staffing, the changing dynamics of the City's social issues and, infrastructure will all be topics discussed.

“It is of the utmost priority as community agencies to come together right now to ensure that the well-being of the patrons is a priority. Community organizations are working hard right now to ensure that displaced patrons will have appropriate meal programming, referrals to necessary supports and, a safe place to be. Multiple ministries within the Provincial government could be meeting as early as Tuesday as the challenges that Kenora is facing are not being taken lightly, and solutions must be put into place,” says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB.

As supports and services are secured, the KDSB will be providing updates to keep patrons, community service providers and residents of the City of Kenora informed and aware.

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