

## COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS REPORT SUMMARY

### KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD

2021-2022

#### Collaboration between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Partners

Specific to the implementation of Coordinated Access and an HMIS, has there been collaboration between the Designated Community (DC) Community Entity (CE) and local Indigenous organizations?

Yes

Describe how this collaboration was done and how it affected the implementation of Coordinated Access and/or the HMIS. How will it be strengthened in the future?

The Kenora District Services Board continues to work with both local and regional Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations to collaborate on improved outcomes and service options for the homeless population across the area. Our Supportive Housing programs are managed by the Nishnawbe-Gamik and Red Lake Indian Friendship Centres. Several area Service Providers both Indigenous and non-Indigenous continue to work in close partnership, consultation and planning in the 9 municipalities and 4 unorganized areas Service Managed by the Kenora District Services Board. In May of 2019 the Kenora District Services Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nishnawbe Aski Nation that sets out a framework to work together to address the housing and homelessness crisis. On October 4, 2022, the KDSB signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Council Treaty #3 (representing 28 First Nation communities) that sets out a framework and commitment to work together to address Housing, Homelessness, Early Years & Child care, Social Assistance and Paramedic Services. The MOUs, entered into by a ceremony, will bring together municipalities and First Nation communities to address homelessness. The Housing Solutions Network is district-wide, encompassing Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners who will identify and plan for effective homelessness solutions, providing recommendations to the CAB for review and consideration.

Specific to the implementation of Coordinated Access and an HMIS, has there been collaboration between the DC CE and the Indigenous Homelessness (IH) CE and/or Community Advisory Board (CAB), where applicable?

Not applicable



With respect to the completion of the Community Homelessness Report (CHR), was there collaboration between local Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and, where applicable, the IH CE and/or CAB?	No
Describe the efforts that were taken to collaborate and specific plans to ensure it occurs during next year's CHR process.	
<p>Currently many of our homelessness programs are operated by indigenous organizations and collaboration is ongoing with respect to Coordinated Access, HMIS implementation and homelessness support planning through the Housing Solutions Network in our 9 municipalities and 4 unincorporated areas. Our community-specific planning tables will include indigenous and non-indigenous representation working together.</p> <p>2023-2024 report will be compiled with input from the Housing Solutions Network, and will therefore include collaboration with indigenous organizations, for review and approval by the CAB.</p>	

Does your community have a separate IH CAB?	No

## Coordinated Access and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Self-Assessment

### Summary Tables

The table below provides a summary of the work your community has done so far to meet the Reaching Home minimum requirements for Coordinated Access and an HMIS.

	Met	Started	Not Yet Started
<b>Number of minimum requirements</b>	1	14	3

The table below shows the percentage of minimum requirements completed for each core Coordinated Access component.

Governance	HMIS	Access Points to Service	Triage and Assessment	Coordinated Access Resource Inventory	Vacancy Matching and Referral
0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%

### Summary Comment

Are there particular efforts and/or issues that you would like to highlight for this reporting period related to your community's work to achieve the Reaching Home minimum requirements? In particular, please include an update about your community's efforts to set-up, sustain and/or improve the Coordinated Access system and use of an HMIS.

The Kenora District Services Board is in the implementation phase for Homeless Individuals and Families Information System. The Kenora District Services Board is working with a coach from Built for Zero to meet the Ontario By-Name List and Coordinated Access requirements. A List is in place which includes people who are actively experiencing homelessness. Status of the List will be reflected in the next CHR. Our Housing Solutions Network will be working together with the CAB to identify and implement options and supports for homelessness in our 9 municipalities and 4 unincorporated areas. The Coordinated Access-Entry (intake) has been launched and piloted in Red Lake, and will be implemented across the district in October 2022. Work with service providers across the region continues for further development of community specific supports and options.

Outcomes-Based Approach Self-Assessment

Where does data for the List come from?

- Excel
- HIFIS
- Other HMIS
- Other data source(s)
- Not applicable – Do not have a List yet

In the future, will data from the community’s HMIS (either HIFIS or an existing, equivalent system) be used to get data for the List?

Yes

**Optional question:** How does data from the List compare to other community-level data sources that are considered reliable? This is an optional follow-up question for communities that have completed the “CHR Community-Level Data Comparisons”.

Based on the results of the Point in Time count, approximately 50% of all homeless individuals have representation on the BNL.

### Summary Table

The table below provides a summary of the work your community has done so far to transition to an outcomes-based approach under Reaching Home.

Step 1: Has a List	Step 2: Has a real-time List	Step 3: Has a comprehensive List	Step 4:	
			Can report annual outcome data (mandatory)	Can report monthly outcome data (optional)
Yes	Yes	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet

### Summary Comment

Are there particular efforts and/or issues that you would like to highlight for this reporting period related to your community's work to transition to an outcomes-based approach under Reaching Home?

Since January of 2022, the Red Lake shelter has been submitting intake and update forms for the BNL. Starting in October of 2022, BNL processes including intakes and updates will be implemented at the other shelters. In time, other Service Providers will be involved in the intake and updating of client information. The Housing Solutions Network will be planning and providing recommendations to the CAB. All of this work will increase the comprehensiveness of the BNL and will improve the timeliness of the data.

Data from the list has not been used, to date.