

COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS REPORT SUMMARY

KENORA DISTRICT

2022-2023

The Community Homelessness Report (CHR) is an annual Reaching Home reporting deliverable that supports communities to prevent and reduce homelessness using a more coordinated, systems-based and data-driven response. The CHR was designed to support local discussions and decision making, using all of the information about homelessness currently available at the community level. Communities are encouraged to use their CHR data to develop clear plans of action that help them to reach their homelessness reduction targets and to leverage the collective efforts of service providers working across the community, regardless of how they are funded.

This is a summary of the CHR for the 2022-23 reporting cycle. It shows the community's self-assessment of Reaching Home implementation, which includes the following key components:

- meaningful collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners (see Section 1);
- community-level governance, coordinated service delivery (Coordinated Access) and use of a Homelessness Management Information System or HMIS (see Section 2); and,
- an outcomes-based approach (tracking community-level outcomes and progress against targets using a Unique

identifier or By-Name List, referred to as a List; see Section 3).

If the community was able to report on outcomes and targets, this CHR Summary also includes results for each of the five core outcomes of Reaching Home (see Section 4).

Section 1. Community Context – Collaboration between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Partners

Does your community, as a Designated Community (DC), also receive Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness (IH) funding?

No – only DC funding is available

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| Specific to Coordinated Access and the HMIS, has there been ongoing, meaningful collaboration between the DC or Territorial Homelessness (TH) CE and local Indigenous organizations over the reporting period? | Yes |
| Describe this collaboration in more detail. | |
| <p>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, for 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. The Network also includes an Indigenous Advisory Committee, to ensure culturally appropriate processes and recommendations to the CAB.</p> | |

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| <p>With respect to the completion of the Community Homelessness Report (CHR), was there ongoing, meaningful collaboration between local Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations and, where applicable, the IH CE and/or IH CAB?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Describe this collaboration in more detail.</p> | |
| <p>Currently many of our homelessness programs are operated by indigenous organizations and collaboration is ongoing with respect to Coordinated Access, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) implementation and homelessness support planning through the Housing Solutions Network in our 9 municipalities and 4 unincorporated areas. Our community-specific planning tables include indigenous and non-indigenous representation working together.</p> | |
| <p>The Housing Solutions Network includes an Indigenous Advisory Committee to guide all aspects of the work completed, to ensure our processes and practices are culturally appropriate and that we are meeting the needs of Indigenous individuals and families.</p> | |
| <p>As a large component of the Housing Solutions Network, Indigenous partners contribute to and inform all of the work of the Network (e.g., policies, procedures, directives, Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) implementation, agreements). They therefore inform all categories of the CHR report.</p> | |
| <p>Partners include (but are not limited to): Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre, Dryden Native Friendship Centre, Red Lake Indian Friendship Centre, Ne-Chee Friendship Centre, Waasegiizhig (WNHAC), Kenora Chiefs Advisory, Grand Council Treaty Three, Tikanagan Child and Family Services, Nahnahda-Wee-Ee-Waywin, Sunset Women's Aboriginal Circle, Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority, Meno Ya-Win Health Centre.</p> | |
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Section 2. 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 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---------|-----------------|
| Number of minimum requirements | 18 | 0 | 0 |

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 |
|------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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?

Partnerships for Coordinated Access are steadily increasing and we are working at growing awareness of Coordinated Access and the By-Name List, as well as increasing access points for homeless individuals. Developing pathways for individuals from remotely located, underserviced communities continues to be a challenge. Through community-specific partnerships, we are able to identify opportunities and pathways for these individuals.

HIFIS training using a demo site is underway at the Red Lake Area Emergency Shelter. They will be recording data live in HIFIS by mid-June. Emphasis on virtual training is a valuable tool due to vast geography of our region (407, 213 square km). Distance between communities is a challenge, however virtual support and training is a viable solution.

Section 3. Outcomes-Based Approach Self-Assessment

Summary Tables - Minimum Requirement

The tables below provide 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 |
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| Yes | Yes | Not yet |

Step 4: Can report monthly outcomes and set targets using data from the List (reporting in Section 4 is mandatory for 2023-24 CHR, if not earlier)

| List was in place as of January 1, 2023 (or earlier) | Can generate monthly data | Has set targets | Has an outcomes-based approach in place |
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| No | Outcome 1: No | Outcome 1: No | No |
| | Outcome 2: No | Outcome 2: No | |
| | Outcome 3: No | Outcome 3: No | |
| | Outcome 4: No | Outcome 4: No | |
| | Outcome 5: No | Outcome 5: No | |

Step 4: Can report annual outcomes and set targets using data from the List (reporting in Section 4 is mandatory once annual data can be generated)

| List was in place as of April 1, 2022 (or earlier) | Can generate annual data | Has set targets | Has an outcomes-based approach in place |
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| No | Outcome 1: No | Outcome 1: No | No |
| | Outcome 2: No | Outcome 2: No | |
| | Outcome 3: No | Outcome 3: No | |
| | Outcome 4: No | Outcome 4: No | |
| | Outcome 5: No | Outcome 5: No | |

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?

One particularly impactful effort has been establishing Housing Solutions Network community-specific case conferencing for our 9 municipalities and 4 unincorporated areas. We continue to work with these partners to add to our Housing Resource Inventory and to grow our BNL.

Work to grow our network and general BNL-awareness also continues outside of the Housing Solutions Network; our Communication plan has recently included distributing Coordinated Access information cards, indicating access/intake points for the BNL to service providers who are in contact with the homelessness community.

In the past year, we have added multiple access/ intake points, where individuals can be added to the BNL. We continue to work towards expanding the number of access/intake points.

More information about the Unique Identifier List

Step 1. Have a List

Where does data for the List come from?

- HIFIS
- Excel
- 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

Step 1. Have a List (cont.)

For the List, does the community have...

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| A written policy/protocol that describes how interaction with the homeless-serving system is documented | Yes |
| A written policy/protocol that describes how housing history is documented | Not yet |

Chronic homelessness

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| x | Federal definition |
| | Local definition |

From the List, can the community get data for...

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| Newly identified on the List | Yes |
| Activity and inactivity | Yes |
| Housing history | Yes |

From the List, can the community get demographic data for...

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| Age | Yes | Indigenous identity | Yes |
| Household type | Yes | Veteran status | Yes |
| Gender identity | Yes | | |

Step 2. Have a real-time List

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| How often is information about people experiencing homelessness updated on the List? | Monthly |
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| Is people's interaction with the homeless-serving system (activity and inactivity) updated regularly on the List? | Yes |
| Is housing history updated regularly on the List? | Yes |
| Is there a process in place for keeping chronic homelessness status on the List up-to-date? | Yes |

Step 3. Have a comprehensive List

Does the community have a document that identifies and describes all of the service providers that help people experiencing homelessness with their housing challenges?

Yes

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

Based on the results of the Point in Time count, approximately 60% of all homeless individuals have representation on the BNL.

Section 4. Community-Level Outcomes and Targets – Monthly

Based on the information provided in the Community Homelessness Report, the community does not have to report monthly community-level outcomes for the reporting period.

Section 4. Community-Level Outcomes and Targets – Annual

Based on the information provided in the Community Homelessness Report, the community does not have to report annual community-level outcomes for the reporting period.