

Strategic Priority #1
Unified and innovative community system approach to End Homelessness

Quarter #3
 Jul 1 2022-Sept 2022

City of Timmins & Community Advisory Board

Committee Participation & Collaboration

Committee meeting during Q3:	Members: (local)	New Members:
Sept 27 2022	ACT / CDSSAB / CMHA / CoT / OAHS / Living Space / Salvation Army / SCAS / Service Canada / TADH / TAWC / TNFC / TPS / United Way	

Targeted Outcomes

Increase in residents having the support they need to access and maintain housing	As service providers have returned to in-person meetings, many agencies are working through and prioritizing the backlog of client follow ups.
Increase in prevention through service coordination	CDSSAB continues to contract consultant Iain De Jong to provide information sessions, engagement sessions and listening sessions on homelessness. Meetings with Iain De Jong, CDSSAB, and local Indigenous organizations were held to assist with identifying barriers to coordinated access and provide guidance on how to address and reduce these barriers.
Implementation of a homeless report card that measures the number of people on the street, in shelters, length of stay and turnover	The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is currently comprised of 21 members with membership reflecting the community and is made up of volunteer community members and advocates, staff from the mental health and addiction (MH&A) sector, staff from the health sector and other non-profits, representatives from the larger business community and various Indigenous partners. Work within CAB is underway for the development of an Indigenous subcommittee to increase Indigenous-led engagement and recommendations. In short, the CAB helps administer and implement local priorities that addresses homelessness in the City of Timmins.
Increase in community-wide education and awareness regarding homelessness and poverty	For September 2022 and moving forward, the plan is to complete the Homeless Management information System (HMIS) transfer from Living Space to CDSSAB; focus on strengthening the quality of data; establishing a comprehensive list; increasing access points; onboarding additional service providers for HMIS access; and, developing a website to host community level data.
	The Coordinated Access System (CAS) is an essential element to prevent and end homelessness. The Cochrane District has branded CAS as "System of Care". System of Care brings together community members and agencies to work collaboratively to improve the service and supports available to help individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in Timmins. System of Care logo was designed and a

Challenges

Delays were experienced as a result of limited community-based case management resources, limited rental subsidies and limited rental options within the price range of those on social assistance. Additionally, the community remains challenged in finding appropriate, safe housing options with those with concurrent disorders, or those with significant mental illness.

Strategic Priority #2

Harmonized mindset and action to improve care, respect, and outcomes for addictions and mental health

Quarter #3
July 1 to September 30, 2022

City of Timmins & Cochrane District Addiction & Mental Health Planning Table

Committee Participation & Collaboration

Committee meetings during Q3 :	Members:(Local-Timmins)	New Members:
September 9, 2022	CDSSAB / CoT/ Clearlogic Consulting / CMHA / Jubilee Centre / Living Space / Mushkegowuk Council / NEOFACS / Northern College / OAHS / OPP / PHU / SCAS / TADH / Timmins Family Health Team / TPS	

Targeted Outcomes

Improved system navigation for MHA services and supports for all (barrier-free, umbrella of care, cost management approach)	Safe Health Site Timmins (SHST) officially opened July 4th, 2022. 669 clients attended in July with almost 200 unique clients accessing the facility for a variety of supports. Approximately 35 percent of visits within the first month were primarily for on-site substance use, and 49 percent of site access being to connect with Harm Reduction services. The SHST also actively supports client referral to essential services like wound care, detoxification and treatment services, housing, mental health and employment. In the first month of operation two clients were referred to withdrawal management services, eight clients were referred to other social services, two clients were referred to counselling services and ten clients received basic medical care onsite.
Reduction of overdose-opioid deaths via collaborative approach in harm reductions, treatment, prevention and enforcement	Advancements were made on the permanent Consumption Treatment Service (CTS) application - site operator picked, location was determined. PWID survey was completed. In Q3, the general public survey was analyzed. The results were favourable: 58% of individuals who completed the survey felt that an Overdose Prevention Site would be beneficial to the community. Q4 will concentrate on community consultation and transparency, ensuring the public is aware of the milestones reached during the planning to expand services for people who use drugs. Two sessions for People With Lived Experience (PWLE) focus groups took place in Q3. Members of the Timmins and Area Drug Strategy (TADS) explored mental health and addiction by enabling in-depth understanding with people living with or having lived with addictions. Participants shared their awareness of prevention, harm reduction and recovery strategies. Participants stressed the importance of increasing awareness and educating people about substance use. A report for these sessions will be made available to service agencies in order to broaden their perspective of PWLE.
Reduce incidence and prevalence of problematic substance use and dependence	Timmins was part of a global event that was held on August 31, 2022. International Overdose Awareness Day was held to remember those gone too soon from overdose deaths. Many service providers attended and provided support to loved ones. A Transition-Aged Youth (TAY) Transformation Team explored issues facing TAY in the community. For years, TAY youth have been listed as a group requiring attention in the mental health system. Youth that receive child and youth mental health services require a direct transition to adult mental health services. Based on the exploration of transition-aged youth and transitions in the mental health system, the TAY Transformation Team offered sixteen (16) recommendations for consideration by senior leadership. The TAY Transformation Team is hopeful that the recommendations will be well-received and will spark interest, encourage dialogue, and create change that will positively impact transition-aged youth and their experience of transition from youth to adult mental health services.
Increase community-wide education and awareness on harm of substance use	South Cochrane Addiction Services and CMHA have partnered with TADH for those who are in an acute care setting. Wrapping services around clients and increasing capacity for these services is a top priority for agencies in a community setting. Community support services include supportive counselling, education, recovery planning, referrals, crisis services, harm reduction, and supportive housing options. Partnering clients with community services helps to reduce transition issues and develops a collaborative relationship.

Challenges

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Strategic Priority #3 Youth focused community aiming to improve well-being, inclusively, resiliency, pride and success of all youth
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City of Timmins & Youth Table

Committee Participation & Collaboration	
Committee meeting :	Members:
July 18 2022 August 15 2022 Sept 21 2022	CoT EarlyON Kunuwanimano NEOFACS TNFC
	New Members:
	MCCSS
Increase in youth feeling safe, connected, and supported in the community	<p>Work is underway to develop a youth table. The Youth Preparation committee changed the overall structure during Q3. Having two levels, a Youth Lead (supporting by Adult Allies) committee and another mechanism to bring together community organizations, leaders and decision makers is beneficial and supports system change to better align resources to meet identified priorities.</p> <p>Youth empowerment is a recurring topic during the committee meetings. Ensuring that youth gain the ability and authority to make informed decisions and implement change is incredibly important for the Youth Preparation Committee. An empowered youth recognizes their capabilities, self-determination and worth.</p> <p>In Q2 and Q3, a Task Team was created to develop community based strategies and initiatives to address the root causes of crime and how it impacts youth. By providing public awareness and education, and with the implementation of intervention initiatives, the program will successfully target all four outcomes.</p> <p>Q3 marks the YWH's 4th birthday! Walking School Bus initiative is a new program in September that marks the precedes of the opening of the facility. Youth will pair with adult allies, to walk to the new downtown location. Although slightly delayed, Q4 will mark the official opening of the</p>
Increase in youth presence, engagement, and participation in community-wide decision impacting youth	
Increase in youth opportunities for youth to reconnect with education and improve education outcomes	
Increase the positive profile of youth in Timmins	
Challenges	