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Greater Sudbury Community Safety & Well-being Planning

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Resolution

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Health Impact Assessment

Within motion CC2014-200, City Council identified community safety and well-being (CSWb) as a priority for the City of Greater Sudbury. The Greater Sudbury Community Safety and Well-being Planning Committee is working to bring together a wide variety of sector partners and stakeholders to collectively support proactive interventions and social development to address identified priority risks within the community. Baseline measures of CSWb are being established to monitor the impact of these collective efforts as well as inform continuous evidence-based planning.

Background

As part of a provincial initiative, the City of Greater Sudbury through the Greater Sudbury Police Service was selected in 2014, as one of eight pilot communities by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) to develop and implement a local CSWb planning process that proactively addresses risk factors and promotes protective interventions. Such initiative was formally endorsed by City Council by way of motion CC2014-200 in June, 2014.

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Health Impact Review

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With Proceeds of Crime funding secured by the Greater Sudbury Police Service, the Greater Sudbury Community Safety and Well-being Planning Committee was established to develop a local plan to address key priority risk areas identified by the community. The Committee's multi-sectoral membership reflects a shared commitment towards meaningful outcomes of safety and well-being with representatives from the following organizations:

- Greater Sudbury Police Service
- City of Greater Sudbury
- Sudbury & District Health Unit
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Community Mobilization Sudbury
- North East LHIN
- Social Planning Council of Sudbury
- Health Sciences North
- Partners for Children & Youth

Greater Sudbury CSWb Planning Committee Initiatives

A Framework for CSWb Planning

In early 2015, the Committee consulted with community leaders and stakeholders from more than 55 local organizations, firstly to build awareness and seek commitment, and secondly, to engage them in a facilitated exercise to determine priority areas of risk within Greater Sudbury.

From these consultations, the Committee developed a framework for community safety and well-being planning in Greater Sudbury that includes three priority risk areas, each with specific domains of focus.

Priority Area	Basic Human Needs	Safe Environments	Mental Well-being
Domains	Adequate income	Safe neighbourhoods,	Socio-emotional skills
	Safe housing	schools & workplaces	to support mental health
	Food security	Injury & harm prevention	 Diagnosis, treatment and support for mental illness and addictions
	Employment	Healthy relationships	
	Education	Opportunities for active living & mobility	
	Health services/medical care		

The framework aims to guide coordinated planning that promotes a connected, accessible and responsive system of services and service providers who work collaboratively towards common goals to address the priority risk areas.

Best Practices

The Committee researched and compared best practices and models for CSWb planning from other communities provincially and internationally, including Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and the United States. Committee members connected with project coordinators from the City of Guelph and other pilot communities including Bancroft and Brantford. What was predominantly found was:

- CSWb planning is governed by the municipality.
- Priority risk areas were identified based on outcomes of community consultations and available data.
- No single agency or organization is tasked to address risk areas CSWb is a community effort with outcomes achieved through partnerships and collaborative approaches

Social Network Analysis

Working with the Social Planning Council of Sudbury, the Sudbury & District Health Unit and with support from the City of Greater Sudbury, the Committee completed a Social Network Analysis (SNA) to establish a baseline measure of the inter-connectedness of local organizations with regards to the priority risk areas and related domains within the planning framework.

Based on their mandate and areas of activity, participants were asked to specify the priority areas and domains their services aim to address and identify organizations within each of them with whom they coordinate services and/or to whom they refer clients. Overall, close to 85 organizations responded and over 170 surveys were completed. Nearly 8,000 connections were identified with service coordination and referring combined.

The Committee hosted a community sounding event on June 13, 2016, to validate and contextualize with participants the resulting network maps. A final report prepared by the Social Planning Council of Sudbury is expected to be shared in fall, 2016.

Baseline Measurement of CSWb

In order to evaluate the impact of activities addressing the priority areas, the Committee has been working on developing baseline measures of safety and well-being (which includes the SNA). Various options for baseline measurement and data warehousing were considered by the Committee.

It was decided to build a repository of existing data from various sources (e.g. Census, Data Consortium) and with Proceeds of Crime funding dollars, assigned the Baseline Measurement project to the City's Planning Department as an experienced, skilled and trusted partner. Data collected may be GIS compatible to create maps that can provide a visual representation to better assist in planning CSWb initiatives.

The anticipated outcome of the project will be a source of meaningful data and analysis that will assist in informing the Committee as well as other local planning bodies in setting evidence-based priorities for CSWb, as well as measuring the collective impact of local strategies, projects and programs.

CSWb Asset Inventory

The Committee is also working on developing an asset inventory of existing work, resources and strengths within the community that are aligned with the priority risk areas. Using a matrix, the Committee will inventory local strategies and programs to help identify gaps and further enhance coordination efforts between services. The Matrix will plot community assets in accordance with the priority risk domains they aim to address, the targeted populations they serve, as well as identify the level of intervention they fall under according to the planning model established by the MCSCS.

Sustainability for CSWb Planning in Greater Sudbury

Last October, the City committed to sustain CSWb planning post-funding phase within the Social Services Division. The Committee's workplan includes the completion of the above-noted activities over the next several months. A reassessment of the Committee's role and terms of reference will begin in September along with the development of a proposed, formalized CSWb Plan for the City of Greater Sudbury.