

COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS REPORT SUMMARY FOR BC

Prince George

2021-2022

Collaboration between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Partners for BC

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

No

Describe how this collaboration will happen over the coming year.

As of March 2022 there has been little collaboration between the PGDC CE and local indigenous organizations specific to implementing Coordinated Access. It is anticipated there will be opportunities to bring together the advisory boards for the IH and PGDC Reaching Home funds which will increase collaboration between agencies and allow for increased representation of indigenous agencies while planning for Coordinated Access. As of March 2022 a new Community Advisory Board (CAB) had recently been created for the PGDC funds which includes some indigenous representation, however we look forward to partnering with local indigenous organizations and bringing the community together to work towards implementing Coordinated Access.

Specific to the implementation of Coordinated Access, has there been collaboration between the DC CE and the Indigenous Homelessness (IH) CE and/or Community Advisory Board (CAB), where applicable?	No
Describe how this collaboration will happen over the coming year.	
<p>Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment & Training Association (PGNAETA) is both the Prince George Designated Community CE and Indigenous Homelessness CE. A community asset mapping event was held in the summer of 2021 which was a beginning step towards bringing the two community advisory boards together. It is anticipated that future work will be done between the PGDC Homelessness Community Advisory Board and the IH Urban Aboriginal Working Group, which is made up of representatives of indigneous organizations, to collaborate on Coordinated Access implementation. This will begin through establishing a working group to work on Coordinated Access which includes multiple sector representation, and continue through strategic planning to come up with a shared community vision that brings together all stakeholders to plan for future allocation of funding and reduction of homelessness in Prince George. The goal is to focus efforts and come together as a greater community to address the needs of our vulnerable citizens.</p>	

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>There has been no official collaboration between indigenous and non-indigenous organizations for the purpose of completing the CHR for this period other than having indigenous organization representation on the DC CAB for CHR review. It is recognized that this is an area of growth for the community, that collaboration is currently a work in progress, and further work towards bringing organizations and community groups together is anticipated to be done in the next fiscal year.</p>	

Does your community have a separate IH CAB?	Yes
Was the CHR also approved by the IH CAB?	No
Please explain how engagement will happen with the IH CAB during next year's CHR process.	
<p>The Urban Aboriginal Working Group is the Prince George Indigenous Homelessness Community Advisory Board (CAB) and will not be directly approving the CHR at this time. Engagement is anticipated to happen with the IH CAB in the next year's CHR process as there is expected to be increased working professional relationships as we hope to host joint sessions to build and strengthen relationships between the two CABs and eventually establish one community plan. COVID-19 has caused delays in this work as well as PGNAETA being new to the PGDC CE position as of the 2021-22 fiscal year.</p>	

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

Summary Tables for BC

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.

	Met	Started	Not Yet Started
Number of minimum requirements	0	1	12

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

Governance for Coordinated Access*	HMIS	Access Points to Service	Triage and Assessment	Coordinated Access Resource Inventory	Vacancy Matching and Referral
0%	Not applicable for the 2021-22 reporting cycle for BC CEs.	0%	0%	0%	0%

*"Governance for Coordinated Access" only includes the minimum requirements identified in questions 2.1 and 2.3. For the 2021-22 reporting cycle, the minimum requirement identified in question 2.2 is not applicable for BC CEs.

Summary Comment for BC

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?

During the 2021-22 period the community experienced a number of delays towards achieving Reaching Home minimum requirements. COVID-19 restrictions were still present in the community for nearly the whole duration of the fiscal year, which caused delays with community buy-in, facilitating change, and holding regular meetings. PGNAETA was the new PGDC Community Entity for this period, administering funds for the second year of projects that had been created as two year agreements previously by the City of Prince George when they were the CE. A new Community Advisory Board was slowly created during this time period as well, as the previous group had societized, and was in place in January 2022 which resulted in little-to-no work completed towards minimum requirements prior to March 2022 as the focus was on the call for proposals and creating agreements for the next fiscal year's funds. A contractor was already in place to facilitate progress toward the implementation of a community based Coordinated Access system in Prince George during this period. The contractor reported that COVID-19 was a hindrance to community based work and that guidance from ESDC was minimal in relation to moving forward with BC-specific plan, and was thus unable to make significant progress with implementing Coordinated Access. Previously it was reported that a table called the Homelessness Intervention Project (HIP) would be an appropriate starting point for beginning work towards Coordinated Access, however over the past year meetings have dwindled and a new governance structure for CA will need to be created in the coming year.

In terms of efforts and successes, the contractor for Coordinated Access had community-level conversations with BC Housing regarding the issue of BC Housing holdings the rights to HIFIS, as well as with community agencies to assess community feedback around Coordinated Access and to work on creating buy-in. It has been understood that community agencies are open to Coordinated Access and believe it will be an benefit for the community and the work done towards reducing and preventing homelessness. A housing assets list was created by the contractor which is a start towards a Coordinated Access Resource Inventory. Lastly, Association Advocating For Women And Community (AWAC) has an informal by-names list to assist with their Housing First program which is a huge start towards implementing Coordinated Access and will need to be looked at in the coming year to determine what needs to be done for it to be considered a Quality By-Names List and to determine what needs to be done to move forward with coordinating the by-names list with other agencies.

PGNAETA continues to participate in BC Trilateral Working Group meetings and BC 15 meetings when these meetings are hosted. The process stalled due to COVID-19 and the Trilateral Working Group did not meet during the 2021-22 period, while BC 15 meetings were intermittent as community priorities across BC were focused primarily on COVID-19.

Outcomes-Based Approach Self-Assessment for BC

Where does data for the List come from?

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

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”.

No answer required for BC CEs.

Summary Table for BC

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)
Not yet	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet

Summary Comment for BC

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?

Association Advocating For Women And Community (AWAC), a women's shelter in Prince George has the City's only Housing First program, and has an agency based, informal By-Name List to assist with their program. The List will need to be looked at in the coming year to determine what needs to be done for it to be considered a Quality By-Name List and to determine what needs to be done to move forward with coordinating the By-Name list with other agencies.

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Community-Level Core Outcomes – Annual Data Reporting

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.



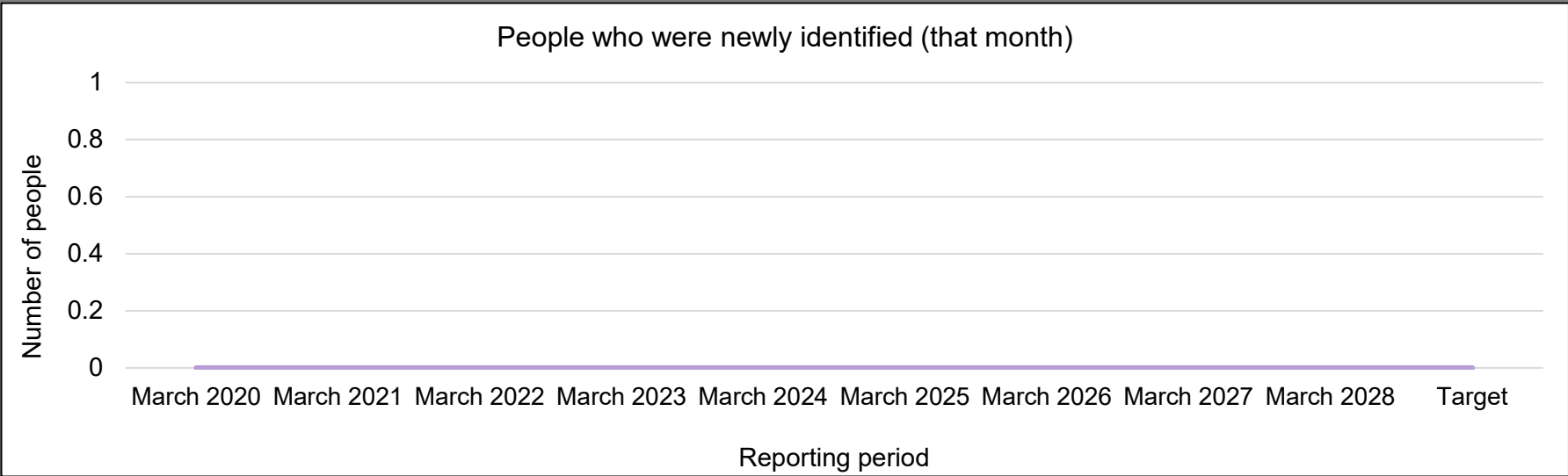
Community-Level Core Outcomes – Monthly Data Reporting

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.

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