

10 yr Housing & Homelessness Plan 2023 Report Sandra Weir, Integrated Services Manager

GOAL	Objective	Measures	Outcome	Status
Improve System Access and prioritization	a) Build on existing links between community partners at the executive level	i)Bring together community partners	Completed in 2015	1.DONE - Homelessness Committee Continues to meet
	b) Use coordinated intake and assessment to direct clients to the services they need	i) Develop a standardized, decentralized intake and assessment process ii) Develop and implement a homeless to housing system map with community partners	1) One application form used by partners 2) Research SPDAT tool kit II) working on with community partners	Done 2016 - looking at a different method in 2024 By-name list coordinated access/case conferencing implemented - DONE - active group meets monthly
	c) Make decision that are informed by local data by improving information gathering and sharing	i) Adopt a Homelessness Management Information system (HMIS) ii) Establish a common set of system metrics for measuring system activity & performance	1) Shared system for information sharing – reviewed and decision to not implemented HIFIS in our community. c) Implemented a common data spreadsheet	Done – continue to review and improve annually. By name list implemented 2021 - DONE
	d) Maximize the impact of spending resources in order to end homelessness	i) Ensure that prevention funds have the greatest impact, direct funds to hose with the highest and most immediate needs	1) Funding priorities are prioritized according to H & H Plan and community need.	Completed. Reviewed annually for any necessary changes DONE
2. Maximization of existing housing stock	a) Maintain existing social housing stock through planned renovations and rehabilitation.	i) Development of an asset management plan that will direct repairs, renovations and rehabilitations over the next ten years. ii) Integrate features to improve energy efficiencies ii) Improve vacancy rate	1) 2016 BCA were updated. 2) Viability study approved in 2016 budget (HSC) & Study near completion. 3) Committed to improve vacancy rate	Viability Study Completed 2019 In 2023 RRDSSAB put out a RFQ to update BCA's and Energy Audits for 2024. Ongoing Improvements with Vacancy Rate. Developed a monthly tracking system. DONE

3. Close Housing gaps through new development and redevelopment	a) Expand the range of emergency shelter options for youth	i) Develop Affordable Housing for singles ii) Continue to provide Out of the cold warming center in Fort Frances during the winter months (Over the age of 16)	1) Use IAH-E allocation 1) Opened	New Build - 8 plex bachelor units . Occupancy August 2019 - Completed Opened for 5 months in 2022 Continue to submit for funding for Supportive Housing & Transitional Housing
4. Meeting the current and future needs of seniors and others with accessibility Needs	a) Expand the range of assisted living options	i) Work with the NWLHIN to facilitate the expansion of assisted living in the District (NWLHIN no longer exists) 2) DSSAB work with community partners to develop and move forward with community initiatives for a better continum of housing needs.	a) Assisted Living approved and started in March 2015 for Fort Frances. c) Supportive Housing & Homelessness Prevention Advisory Committee (SHHPAC)was formed between the LHIN & the 3 DSSAB's – DID NOT CONTINUE IN COVID/2020. 2) Joint funding proposals have gone in to different Ministries/Reaching Home/COVID funding allocations	1. Continue to look for funding, 3. Partnered with CMHA for Safe Beds & Transitional Housing & Warming Center under one roof. Safe beds completed and officially opened.
		ii)) Ensure that the coordinated intake and assessment process is well integrated with the local CCAC and other service that provide assistance to those with disabilities.	1) Attend meetings (RHCF/CCAC/RRD SSAB)	Meetings no longer existed past COVID
		iii) Take a lead role in advocating for enhanced senior services from the NW LHIN and provincial government	1) Attend me SHHPAC mtgs (LHIN/MMAH)	Ongoing - COVID and changes in the LHIN has put this to a stop in 2020
	b) Provide services in an accessible manner	i) follow accessibility compliance	 HR follows up as required Take part in provincial 	Ongoing

5. Enhancement of Advocacy and Education	a) Request that the provincial government continue providing funding after the expiry of IAH program	i) RRDSSAB supported IAH extension	Provincial announced approval	DONE Continue to support
	b) Continue to educate the community about the realities of homelessness and housing need in the RR District.	i) Advertise ii) Educate at meeting (interagency/hom elessness mtg./FF & EMO ALG/SALT)	Completed	Homelessness Committee continues to take the lead in this area. A lot of PR and media releases focusing on Homelessness awareness continues
6. Meet the needs of aboriginal people living off reserve	a) continue to include First Nations organizations in the planning of housing and homelessness services b) Ensure Aboriginal people living off reserve have equal access to housing.	i) Ensure inclusion	FFUNFC sits at the table for Housing & Homelessness issues	Ongoing
7. Meet the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence	a) Expand the range of emergency shelter options for female victims of domestic violence in the west end of the District b) Help victims of domestic violence find stable housing after leaving emergency shelter.	1) Bring community members to the table to discuss	Develop a community plan that addresses emergency shelter issues DONE	Committee formed. Priorities identified. Exploring funding options and issues. No new funding opportunity - ONGOING

NOTE: The RRDSSAB completed a 5 year review and update of the 10 year plan in 2019. Approval went to the RRDSSAB Board of Directors for approval in January 2020.

UPDATE: Annual Report 2023

We will be updating our Housing & Homelessness Plan in 2024