

COMMUNITY HOMELESSNESS REPORT SUMMARY

Prince Albert Saskatchewan

2021-2022

Collaboration between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Partners

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

Yes

Describe how this collaboration was done and how it affected the implementation of Coordinated Access and/or the HMIS. How will it be strengthened in the future?

Yes, there has been extensive collaboration between DC, CE and local Indigenous organizations. As a smaller community with a population of 40,000 and no defined homelessness serving sector, most organizations of all categories are involved with homelessness as a sideshow to their regular operations. As well, most organizations are smaller and their management structure is very flat, consisting of an Executive Director or Manager who supervises a front line staff. So collaboration occurs at the management level, which is very over worked and tends to be situational and most responsive to a well developed plan and at the front line worker level, where it is limited to client focused activities. Our collaboration expanded during COVID and we now find ourselves with 3 out of 4 funded organizations being Indigenous and a CAB with significant Indigenous representation. There hasn't really been much effect upon the implementation of CA as all funded organizations are required to participate in a structure designed by Reaching Home. Everyone is working together to meet the basic requirements and we all are looking forward to the benefits of a CA model. Our plan for the next year is to continue working together and making sure we develop relationships that allow us to assist the homeless. While Prince Albert does not have designated Indigenous funding, we are part of a wider provincial pool of Indigenous funding that serves all areas outside of Saskatoon and Regina. The CE for this funding is Metis Nation Saskatchewan. We have worked together in funding projects in Prince Albert (Homeward Bound) and at a Provincial level to facilitate training for our project sponsors. This relationship is likely to become closer as we are talking about joint attendance at CAB meetings and further collaboration that builds on the strengths of our funding streams. At this point the Chair of the Indigenous regional CAB is also a member of our CAB which facilitates communication.

Specific to the implementation of Coordinated Access and an HMIS, has there been collaboration between the DC CE and the Indigenous Homelessness (IH) CE and/or Community Advisory Board (CAB), where applicable?

Not applicable



<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?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Describe the efforts that were taken to collaborate and specific plans to ensure it occurs during next year's CHR process.</p>	
<p>In regard to the actual writing of the CHR, the Indigenous community was not involved. The writing of the CHR, with it's heavy focus on Coordinated Access (CA) was an exercise of the Community Entity with some discussion with the CAB, which has significant Indigenous representation. It is worth noting that the response to CA, which is based on the organizations the community works with has Indigenous participation because 2 of the 4 organizations are Indigenous. In future years as the CHR moves from a heavy focus on the implementation of CA to a concern about the results we would expect that cooperation and community involvement will become fundamental to the writing of the CHR. Also, our relationship with the Indigenous organization, Metis Nation - Saskatchewan has improved considerably over the past year as the COVID focus has waned and allowed for more relationship building. Also, their staffing has stabilized and we have good relationships with the Executive Director and staff.</p> <p>Future plans to better integrate the Indigenous community in the CHR process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Consult with the Indigenous CE (Metis Nation - Saskatchewan) prior to writing the CHR to ensure their involvement, participation and approval. -As well, consult with Indigenous CAB members prior to writing the CHR to ensure that their comments are included. -Forward the CHR, as required to the CAB and to the Indigenous CAB to ensure agreement. 	

Does your community have a separate IH CAB?	No

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	6	12	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
33%	75%	33%	50%	0%	0%

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? In particular, please include an update about your community's efforts to set-up, sustain and/or improve the Coordinated Access system and use of an HMIS.

Our intention has always been to focus on achieving the minimums and then expanding services from there. Our progress at March 31 2022 consisted of having an agreement in place to develop a provincial HIFIS system with SHIP, the Saskatoon CE being responsible for developing and operating the system. We have made considerable progress since then and at the time of writing are beginning to roll the system out across the province. With Coordinated Access, we had developed the Governance structure, had a By-Name List in place and ready to implement, and were starting to implement regular case conferencing meetings. At the six month mark of this fiscal year, we have made considerable progress with our case conferencing model and are working from the By Name List, which will be integrated into HIFIS within the next few months.

Outcomes-Based Approach Self-Assessment

Where does data for the List come from?

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

Please describe the other data source(s):

Our programs are doing a continuous intake of new clients and when they interview them they complete the assessment form and scoring key to determine level of acuity. The names are then forwarded to our Project Officer who is responsible for maintaining the by name list. They are assigned to a program as quickly as possible. We expect intakes to the by name list will come from a variety of sources once we get HIFIS online.

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

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”.

To be honest there are no other organizations in our community that have comprehensive homelessness data.

Summary Table

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)
Yes	Yes	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet

Summary Comment

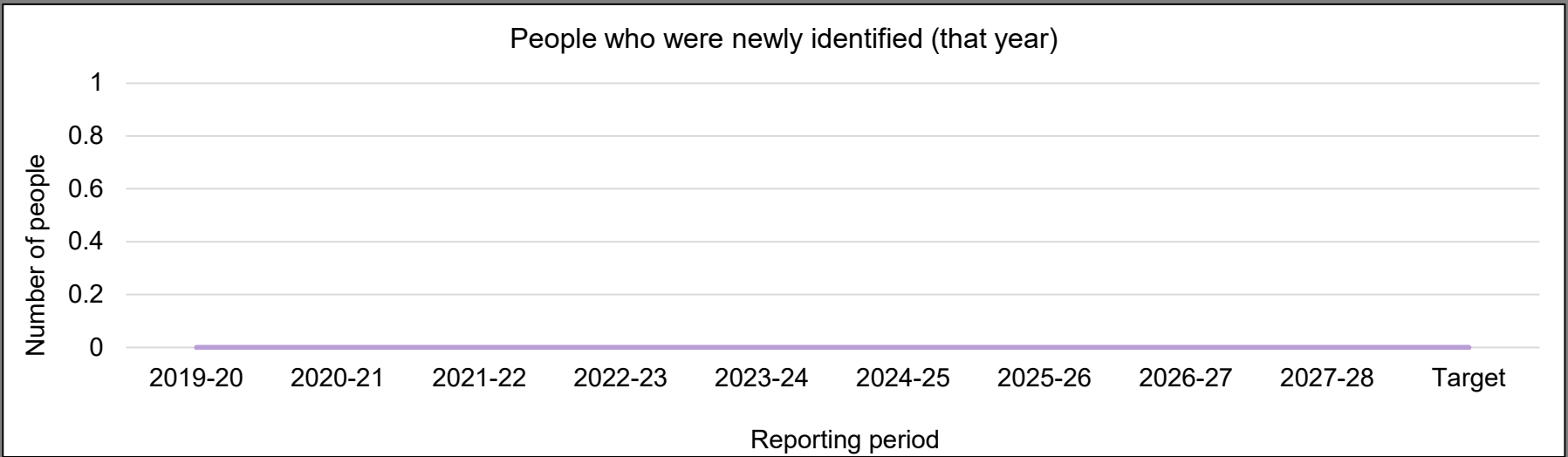
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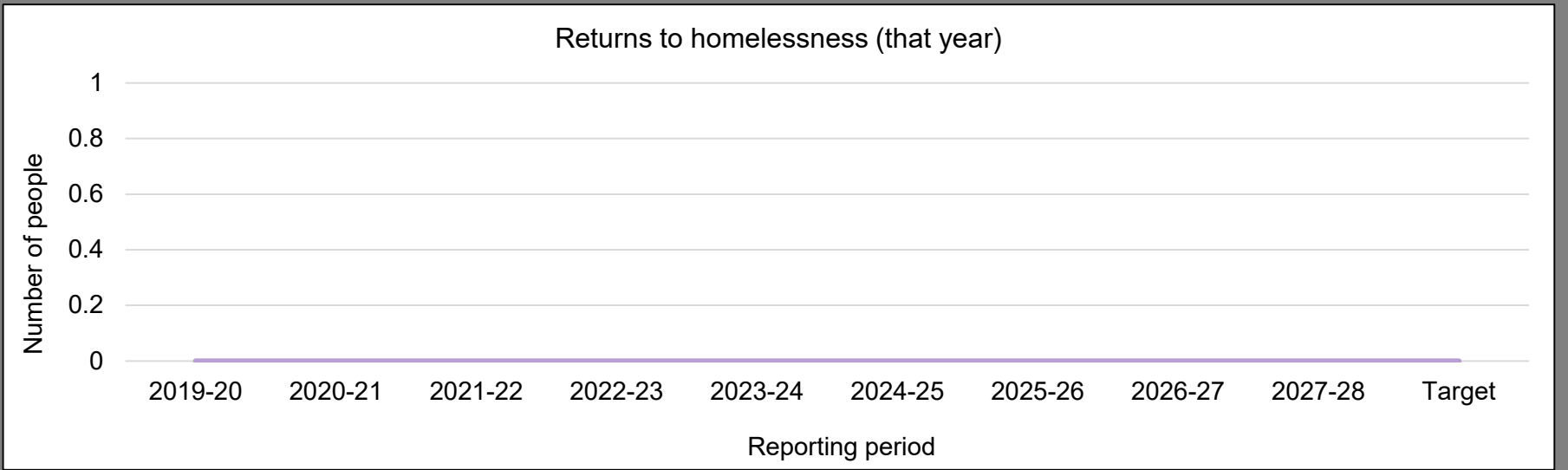
The list and HIFIS have been a major focus of our Coordinated Access activities over the past year. It will be run through HIFIS starting this year (2022-23). Our plans to improve it include expanding outside of our funded groups to identify those who are homeless and outside of our services. We have had a major expansion in homelessness this year, with numbers estimated to have doubled and feel we will likely never get everyone registered. Data is being used in local discussions about homelessness, especially around Indigenous issues and the need for Indigenous service providers, and to raise concerns about the demographics of this population, significant numbers of people in their thirties and forties. We are also successfully lobbying for increased Indigenous involvement in service delivery. We haven't used the list extensively at the planning level, but it has provided useful information to us. For example, we discovered that there were significant numbers of individuals between the ages of 30 and 40 on the list. This has serious implications for service requirements as it suggests that we may be dealing with high needs individuals for an extended period of time.

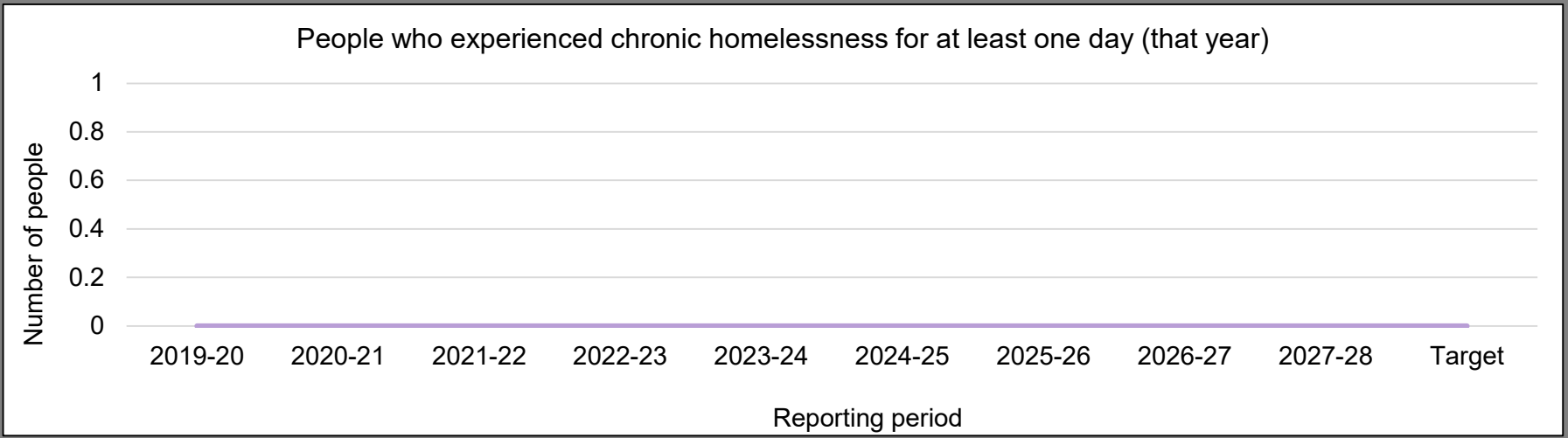
Community-Level Core Outcomes – Annual Data Reporting

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.

