

COLLABORATION IN LANARK COUNTY

Working Together for Change

Mississippi Mills Council

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Overview

- Background – A Community Safety Model
- Lanark County Situation Table
- Community Plan for Safety and Well-being
- Collaboration in Progress
- Trainings and Mentorship
- Awesomeness

Background – A Community Safety Model

- In 2013, police services boards and municipalities introduced to “hub” or “situation table” model (collaborative community safety approach) at OAPSB and AMO
- Crime rates falling; service calls rising (social disorder – increased policing costs) – identify root causes of crime and create plan to mitigate them
- Social determinants of health and community safety

Groundwork for Community Accountability

- In 2014, Lanark County OPP and Perth PSB took initiative to move forward with the model
- Perth PSB incorporated principles into business plan and Town of Perth added to updated Strategic Plan
- Applied for Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing Grant: “Building a Safer Ontario through Stronger Communities and Well-being Planning”
- Project started September 2015
- Model encompasses Lanark County and Smiths Falls



Lanark County Situation Table Project

- Aims to proactively address the root causes of crime by identifying risk factors that are prevalent in Lanark County and Smiths Falls and by building a plan to mitigate them in the future (CSWB Plan)
- Collaboration with front-line agencies
- Provide immediate help to people at acutely elevated risk of harm through a “situation table”
- Four filter process: Referral leads to intervention if it meets the criteria for acutely elevated risk.
- Ties in with provincial strategies

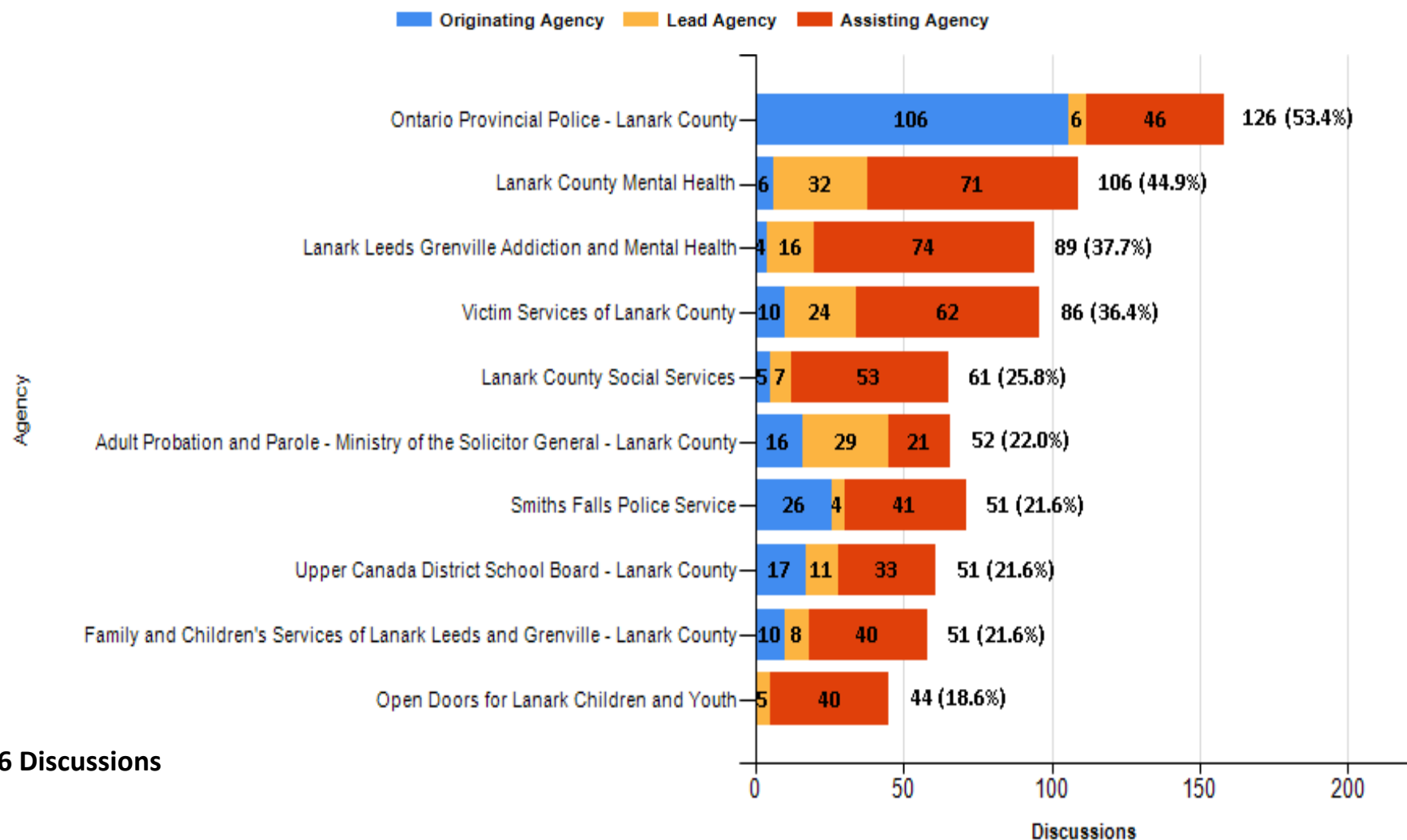
Lanark County Situation Table Highlights - 2019

- From Dec. 9, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2019, 221 discussions: 80% met AER; 84% of those had overall risk lowered
- Referrals come from member agencies; top referrers are police; referral numbers dropping
- Mental health agencies led/or assisted in approx. 40%
- Mental health, criminal involvement, antisocial behaviour and drugs top 4 risk categories by discussion
- Study flags – recent escalation, risk of losing housing/unsafe living conditions, domestic violence, transportation, homelessness
- Calls for service/office hours continue to decline overall for those referred by OPP

LCST Agencies

- ☐ Adult Probation and Parole
- ☐ Almonte General Hospital
- ☐ Carleton Place Memorial District Hospital
- ☐ Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario
- ☐ Cornerstone Landing Youth Services
- ☐ Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville
- ☐ Lanark County Mobile Crisis Response Team
- ☐ Lanark County Interval House
- ☐ Lanark County Mental Health
- ☐ Lanark County Paramedic Services
- ☐ Lanark County Social Services
- ☐ Lanark County Victim Services
- ☐ Lanark, Leeds, Grenville Addiction and Mental Health
- ☐ Leeds, Grenville, Lanark District Health Unit
- ☐ Local Health Integration Network – South East - Lanark
- ☐ Ontario Disability Support Program
- ☐ Open Doors for Lanark Children and Youth
- ☐ OPP – Lanark County
- ☐ Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital
- ☐ Rideau Community Health Services
- ☐ RNJ Youth Services
- ☐ Smiths Falls Police Service
- ☐ Transitional Aged Youth Program
- ☐ Upper Canada District School Board

LCST Report: Engagement (2015-June 30, 2020)



Risk Categories (2015-Aug. 31, 2019)

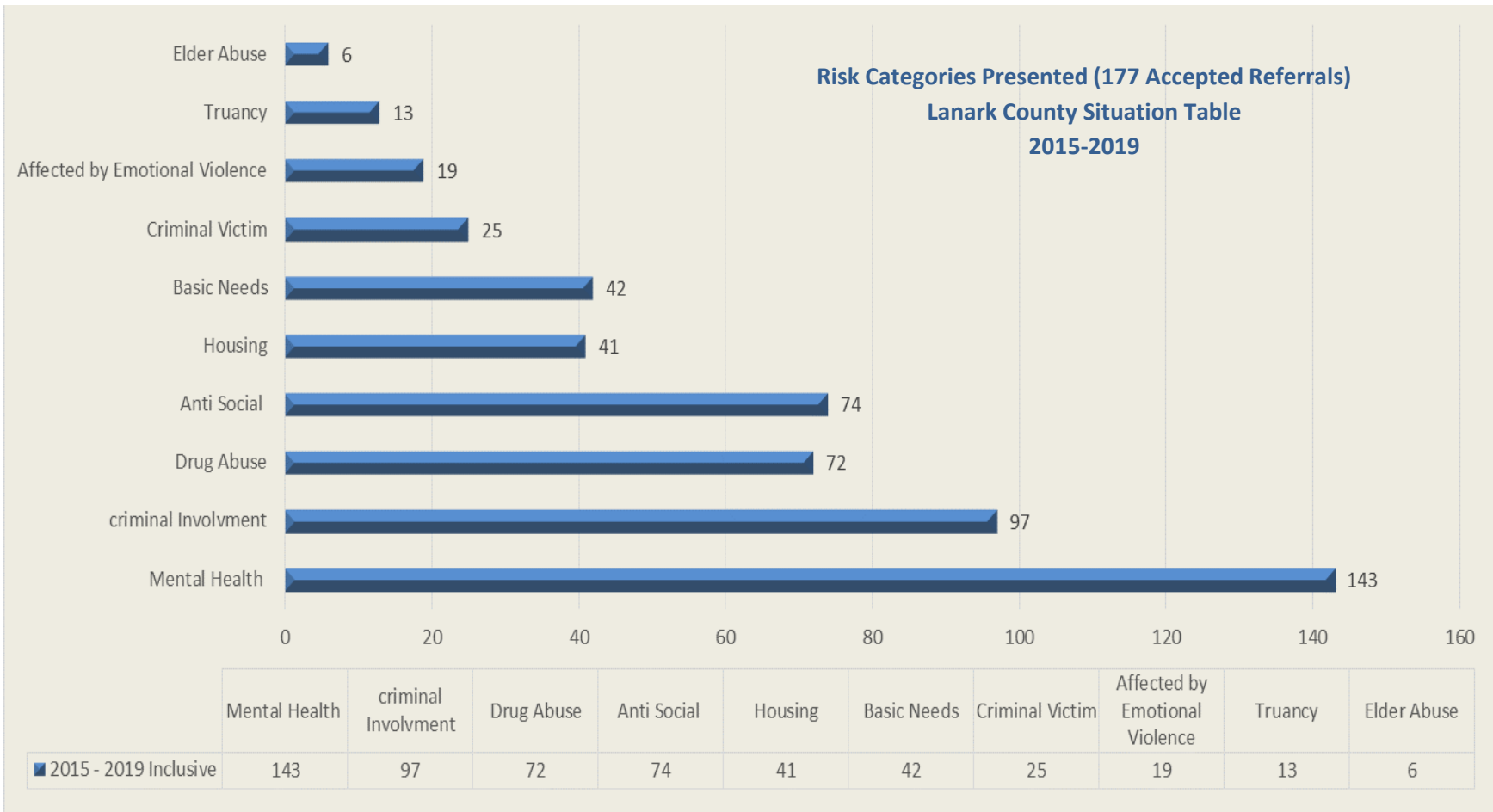


Figure 13 Overall Risk Categories, 2015-2019

Community Plan for Safety and Well-being: Provincial Legislation

- Legislative amendments to current *Police Services Act* mandate municipalities to prepare and adopt a plan; can be a joint plan with surrounding municipalities.
- Act came into force January 1, 2019
- Act outlines requirements for multi-sectoral advisory committee, consultation, establishing priority risks, strategies, outcomes and measurables
- Under Act, Community Plans for Safety and Well-being to be adopted by Jan. 1, 2021 – postponed

Ahead of the Curve...Community Collaboration

- CSWB Plan for Lanark County & Smiths Falls is a community-driven, regional plan undertaken prior to legislation
- Advisory Committee established with charter and terms of reference (late 2016)
- Plan outline and consultations (2016/17)
- Not reinventing wheel: identifies community assets and builds on existing work
- Steering Committee approved July 4, 2018
- Lanark County Council approved in principle Aug. 29, 2018; adopted by eight municipalities

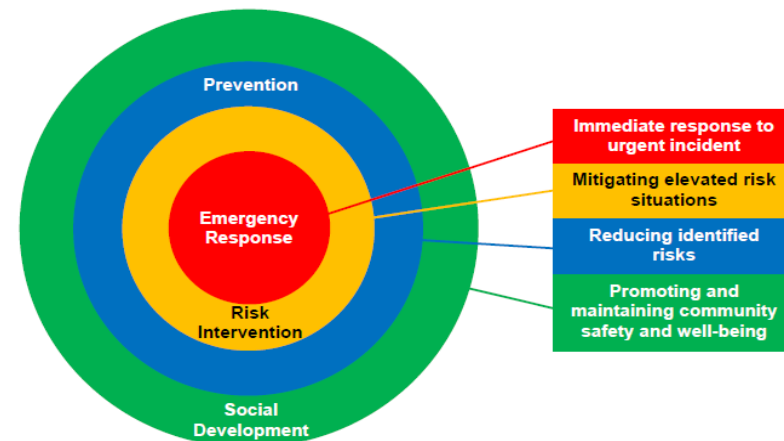
CSWB Advisory Committee

SECTOR	ORGANIZATION
Justice	Lanark County OPP, Smiths Falls Police & Probation and Parole
Community Organizations & Youth	United Way, Youth representative (TBD)
Health Care	Health Unit, Lanark County Mental Health, Addictions and Mental Health, Rideau Community Health Services
Social Services (& Housing)	Lanark County Social Services
Victim Services	Lanark County Victim Services, Lanark County Interval House and Community Services
Education	Upper Canada District School Board
Culture	Indigenous Representative
Local Government	Lanark County, Town of Smiths Falls

CSWB Plan for Lanark County & Smiths Falls

Key components include:

- 12 priority risk areas and overview for each, including existing assets
- Specific identified issues and background for each
- Actions (Social Development, Prevention, Risk Intervention and Emergency Response) and outcomes/measurables for each risk area
- Living document that will evolve with progress reports; revisit in 2021/22



Priority Risk Areas

1. Mental Health
2. Substance Use
3. Poverty
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Health and Well-being
7. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
8. Youth and Families
9. Seniors
10. Justice
11. Indigenous Health and Well-being
12. Culture and Diversity (working group)

Overlap between sections in several areas.

Mental Health Nurses and Police: Mobile Crisis Response Team

- Next logical step: Try to connect people to services in first or first few contacts with police
- Successful Proceeds of Crime grant application – began pilot project in late Summer 2018
- Partnership between Lanark County OPP and Lanark County Mental Health
- Embedded mental health nurse at detachment
- Provide the most appropriate and helpful community-based crisis service interventions at the right time and in the right places.



Mental Health Nurses and Police: Mobile Crisis Response Team - Results

- Fewer people taken to ER (less strain on resources; less time at hospital for officers)
- Drop in number of referrals to situation table (pre-crisis intervention)
- Decline in voluntary and involuntary apprehensions
- Of approx. 500 individuals referred to program 47% had no prior contact with Lanark County Mental Health
- Supports officers and crisis response staff to de-escalate situations, engage in care planning, facilitate appropriate referrals to various services
- Program has been enhanced; seeking ways to maintain

Victim Advocate – CASE Project

- Collaborative Approaches to Survivor Engagement
- Rural-focused approach to increasing CSWB by improving responses to and awareness of sexual violence/harassment and human trafficking
- Survivor feedback
- Provincial funding received for 2019-2022 for collaboration between Lanark County OPP and Lanark County Interval House and Community Services for part-time victim advocate position
- Training video/curriculum for police for responding to incidents – survivor engagement
- Training activities

Partnerships and Committees

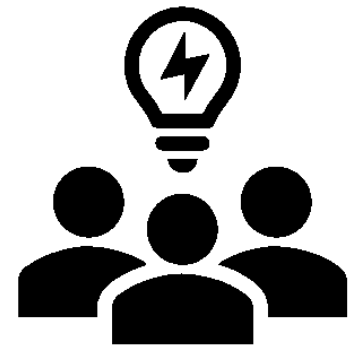
- Lanark County Child and Youth Advocacy Centre – Police, FCS, LCVS, LCIHCS, hospitals collaborate in wraparound response to child/youth victims of/witnesses to, sexual and physical abuse, as well as other serious crimes. Launched Fall 2019.
- Planet Youth Lanark County – Steering Committee is community led (school boards, public health, children's mental health, United Way, youth organizations, police services boards, municipal drug strategy). Incorporated into CSWB planning.

Partnerships and Committees

- Vital Signs – Community Foundations report on vitality of communities. PDCF released report 2017. Planning collaboration with CSWB Advisory Committee for data sharing, etc.
- Committees: Lanark County Child and Youth Services Collaborative, Successful Aging Advisory, Community Pandemic Response, Self-Isolation Centre, SA/DV Advisory, Community of Practice, Human Services Justice Coordinating, Justice and Mental Health Rural Outreach Project

Community Crisis Response Plan

- Build on existing plans for responses to critical incidents/emergencies/disasters
- How can we support the community when it is not a “declared” emergency?
- Eastern Ontario murders
- Support/direction for communities, coordinated media response, mobilization of support services, support for emergency services
- Provincial interest in crisis management in with rural service delivery model
- Pandemic response



Trainings and Mentorship - Partnerships

- Trauma-informed care
- Kairos Blanket Exercise
- Anti-Oppression/Anti-Racism
- Love Bomb
- Human trafficking
- Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression
- Domestic violence focus groups – survivor forums
- Eastern Ontario – Prescott & Russell, Frontenac
- CSWB Symposium, Regina, SK
- Everywhere people are wanting the same thing – to work together to help make healthier communities

Awesomeness

- Success stories
 - Reduced load on emergency services
 - Dwelling referral, opioid crisis
 - Non-AER process
- Excellent engagement and desire for continued collaboration – more “upstream” help for people
- Already tremendous community assets
- Increased networking – “I have an idea. What if....”
- Keep moving forward and look to make things better

Questions?

*Community Plan for Safety and Well-being for Lanark County
and Smiths Falls:*

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/municipal-hall/community-safety-well-being.aspx>

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