

Companion, Lori Anne

From: Andrew, Lyla
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 11:22 AM
To: Companion, Lori Anne
Cc: Whelan, Jackie
Subject: solvent abuse involvement

Importance: High

Lori Anne, I don't have the stats in front of me, and the gal who keeps the stats is off sick today, but I believe we reported 21 cases month end, where solvent abuse was the most prevalent symptom of a youth or child's distress.

Please place these 21 cases in the context of an overall caseload at Natuashish of 175: 46 in care/custody
16 kinship care
agreements
113 pips

175 children and youth is approximately 50% of the total population of children at Natuashish under 16. This is a community of children and many of them are unsafe, or have experienced a significant lack of safety in their childhood and as a result, the caseload is disproportionately high. A focus on those cases where sniffing exists is a focus that comes well down the continuum of a distressing childhood history. To ensure sniffing behavior is interrupted, we need to send children out of the community, if and when parents cannot interrupt this behavior on their own.

There is an existing subculture of young adults and adults who misuse solvents, and in some ways, any child or youth may be drawn into this subculture. Clearly the majority of children are not drawn into solvent misuse but it is such a stark symbol of childhood distress. There is very little that we can do as an agency on our own, to deal with this subculture. We are only able to come at solvent misuse from a very individual perspective for children under 16. Even then, this presents significant challenges for us and for any other agency that might try to intervene. Lyla

Companion, Lori Anne

From: Dow, Sara
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 5:30 PM
To: Companion, Lori Anne
Subject: Enhanced Prevention Funding

meeting with
 S. Dutton &
 B. Cooper on
 Monday (March 25)

Hi Lori Anne,

Here are a couple of bullets on the enhanced prevention funding as some background for tomorrow's meeting.

- To obtain enhanced prevention funding the province and the planning circles would need to draft and sanction a tripartite framework in consultation with AANDC, and then a federal TB submission would need to be approved before we could receive prevention funding. For 2012-13, TB advised AANDC that they would not be approving any new agreements.
- In the other provinces that receive enhanced prevention, except PEI, services are delivered by First Nation Agencies. PEI determined that the establishment of a First Nations Child and Family Agency was not viable for service delivery. Due to this, PEI would be an example to base our framework on.
- The provision in the PEI legislation are similar to our principles in the MOU for service delivery. So the planning circles are an avenue for starting these discussions.
- To obtain funding under the Enhanced Prevention funding framework, the province and Mi'kmaq developed the Mi'kmaq Family Pride Program, which provides support to the Province in their provision of protection activities on reserve, and provides community-based prevention services.

Sara Dow
 Director, Policy and Strategic Planning
 Department of Child, Youth and Family Services
 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
 95 Elizabeth Ave, PO Box 8700
 St. John's NL, A1B 4J6
 ph: 709-729-7529
 fax: 709-729-1853

#400,000 - stronger argument
 - elevated priority
 - feds need tripartite
 arrangement - between
 bilateral + Innu Healing
 table.
 - codified what we were
 doing -

sense of what is going on

Companion, Lori Anne

From: Whelan, Jackie
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 1:27 PM
To: Lundrigan, Wanda; Companion, Lori Anne
Subject: FW: sovent misuse update

Importance: High

This is the latest update . We have Megan Earle: SW and Bernadette Nui : CWA responding from within the community . Lyla and Lynn are scheduled to go in Monday . I will advise of the actual time/ schedule once I have confirmed with Lyla . She has been very busy with these referrals . Once each referral is assessed today we will advise of next steps .

Jackie Whelan
Regional Director, Labrador
Dept. of Child, Youth & Family Services
410 Booth Ave. Labrador City, NL
A2V 2K1
Tel: 944-9369 fax 944-5878

From: Andrew, Lyla
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Whelan, Jackie; stshakapesh@gmail.com
Subject: sovent misuse update
Importance: High

→ add staff if region does not have

Chief Tshakapesh and Jackie,

for your information, as of this a.m. , I have several reports from the RCMP, and one from a mother, which all together identify 6 children under 16 at Natuashish who over the last week or so, including yesterday, are sniffing.

The children range in age from 12-15: 1 is 12, female
3 are 13, 2 boys, 1 girl
1 is 14, male
1 is 15, female.

All but the 12 year old have been in care previously and in treatment programs. All are currently living with parents or guardians. The 12 year old is on a CWA and apparently the guardians have been very active trying to keep this child safe but they are struggling. We will be talking with Megan and Bernadette later today about safety plans for the children based on what the parents or guardians can/will do. The 3 boys have all been reported sniffing with older youth 18+ years of age, and the 2 younger girls are sniffing with the 15 ½ year old.

I will have more information once we have managed to speak with all of the parents /guardians. Sadly I think the evidence is growing that it is going to be very difficult for anyone in Natuashish to keep some of these children safe in the community. We are prepared to try to identify placements outside of the community if we assess the risk to an individual child to be too great to manage in the community. Lyla

Continuing through our process

3 people on list Natuashish

Root issue:

personal information

→ outside comm

Regular hiring process → just extended 150 staff

hiring process continuing

just extended 150 staff

→ new CWA +

→ assessment on new referrals: turn out of