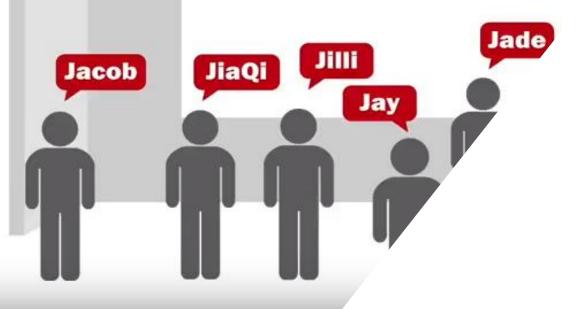




Community of Practice Calls 2023-2024 Challenges and Opportunities in Rural and Northern Communities

January 12, 2024







Land Acknowledgement

From coast to coast to coast, we acknowledge the ancestral territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that call this land home. We recognize the historic and ongoing impacts of colonization and are committed to decolonization of our systems and ongoing reconciliation, guided in our work by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the TRC Calls to Action, MMIWG Calls to Justice and the principles of empowerment and self-determination.

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is committed to equity, dignity, justice and belonging. We are dedicated to serving equity-seeking communities as anti-racist, anti-oppressive and inclusive allies.





Agenda

5 min	Housekeeping
5 min	Defining Rural and Northern
15 min	Let's Hear from You: Slido
15 min	Challenges and Opportunities: Rainy River District
2 min	Northern Ontario Cohort
18 min	Questions & Discussion



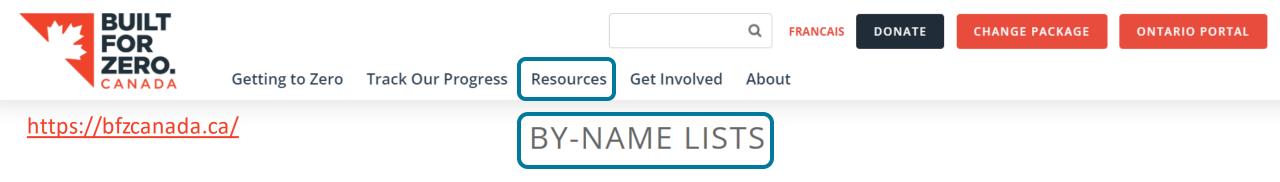


Housekeeping

- 1. Today's meeting is being recorded:
 - The recording and PDF will be linked in the BFZ website
- Please use the chat for questions during the presentations, we'll answer them during the Q&A



Where to Find CoP Calls



The information and resources here are intended to answer questions and support your community to develop and sustain a quality By-Name List on your journey to ending chronic and veteran homelessness.

Keep checking back here as we will be regularly updating materials and adding further resources.

What is a By-Name List?	Ş
10 Steps to Create and Use a By-Name List	Ŷ
By-Name List Scorecard 3.0 & Tools	~
Privacy, Consent and Data Sharing	~
Homeless Individual and Family Information System (HIFIS)	\$ \$
Sample By-Name List Excel Workbook	\$
Sample Data Dashboards	Ŷ

Where to Find CoP Calls - cont.

10 Steps to Create and Use a By-Name List

Click on the box below to access the three-page **10 Steps to Create and Use a By-Name List** that provides you with the overall steps and links to further resources to help you develop, maintain and use a quality By-Name List. The webinar series below will walk you through the further details of the "10 Steps" and the community of practice presentations provide examples of how communities have created and use a By-Name List.

10 STEPS TO CREATE AND USE A BY-NAME LIST

GETTING STARTED WITH A BY-NAME LIST – WEBINAR SERIES

- Introduction to By-Name Lists (a 40 minute on-line course) access here and use the key: BNLIntro
- By-Name Lists What and Why? Recording (25 min) and Presentation
- 10 Steps to Create and Use a BNL Recording (50 min) and Presentation

16 pre-recorded webinars detailing the 10 Steps to create and use a By-Name List

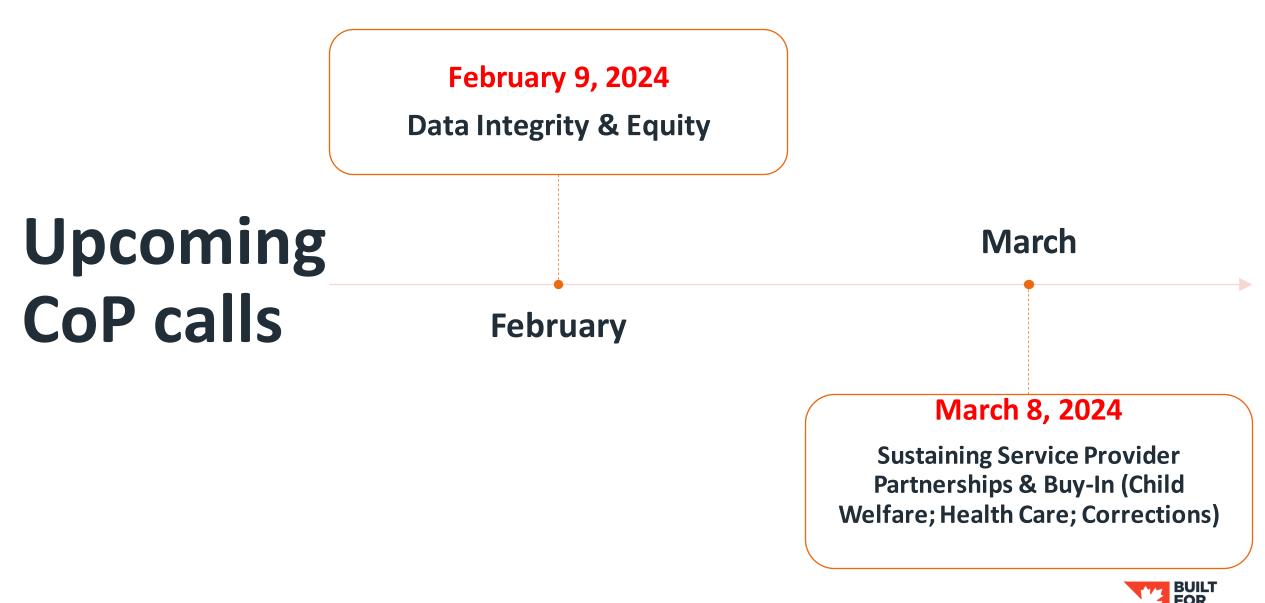
Links to CoP calls from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 are now consolidated in these PDFs

GETTING STARTED WITH A BY-NAME LIST – ONTARIO COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE CALLS

- Community of Practice Calls 2021-2022 includes recordings and presentation PDFs for 24 calls focused on getting started with a BNL. Hear from communities both new and experienced with BNLs.
- Community of Practice Calls 2022-2023 includes recordings and presentation PDFs for 12 monthly calls focused on expanded BNL implementation and use of BNL data.
- Community of Practice Calls 2023-2024 includes recordings and presentations for monthly calls focused on maintaining and improving BNLs and connecting people with the services and supports they need.

Calls will begin again on July 14, 2023

New CoP calls for 2023/2024 are listed here



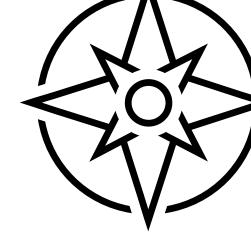
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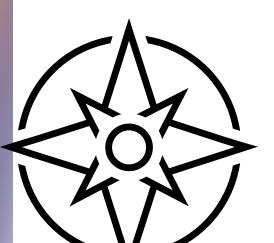
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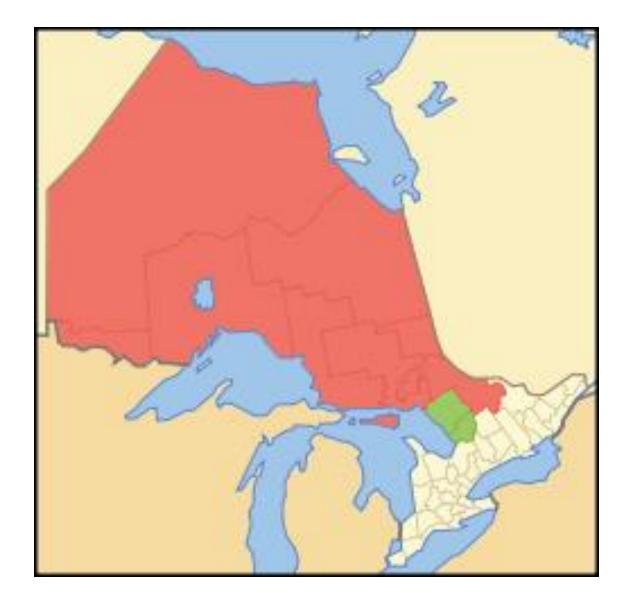


Rural and Northern: What Do We Mean?

- Low population density
- Remote
- Reliance on regional hubs







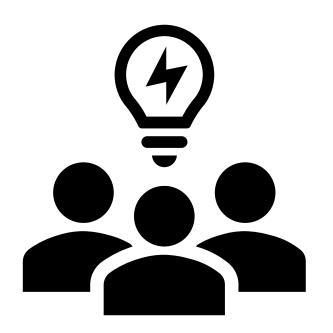
Challenges

- Larger service areas to cover
- Mobility- movement between more rural areas to more urban locations/ regional hubs
- Transportation
- Funding based on population



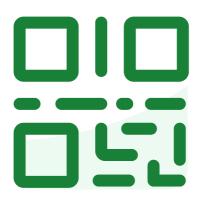
Strengths

- Innovation
 - Taxi programs
 - Retrofitting and renovating old and abandoned buildings
 - More reliance on faith-based or volunteer sector to provide social supports and services
 - Often have higher levels of trust-based connections and collaboration









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Do you consider your community to be...

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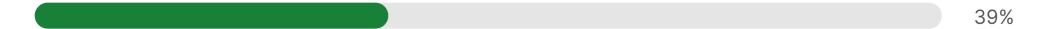
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urban - 8 votes

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rural and northern - 9 votes











What are your community's challenges ?

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What are your community's challenges?

Open text poll 🛛 24 responses 🖓 16 participants

- Anonymous Motels will not accept homeless individuals.
- Anonymous Emergency shelters, overflow, VAW are always over capacity
- Anonymous Largest community imposing their thinking on smaller communities-
- Anonymous Landlords or only renting to higher income households.
- Anonymous Influx of homelessness from public systems (jail, treatment, hospital, mental health)
- Anonymous Lack of affordable Housing, limited shelters, use Motels too.
- Anonymous Low housing stock
- Anonymous Lack of affordable housing stock. Transportation. Lack of rent subsidies.
- Anonymous Transportation
- Anonymous Increased acuity and complex needs

Anonymous

Supporting neighbouring rural communities without having to relocate individuals to larger "Hub" communities

- Anonymous Funding Indigenous relations Insufficient shelter capacity
- Anonymous Funding, lack of housing, shelter beds
- Anonymous No supportive housing
- Anonymous We do not have public transit.
- Anonymous Services
- Anonymous Transportation
- Anonymous Housing shortages
- Anonymous Lack of affordable housing
- Anonymous Shortage of affordable housing and supportive housing







What are your community's strengths?

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What are your community's strengths?

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Caring Compassionate staff, HPP Housing Support Funds help a lot of people to retain housing and set folks up in new housing when available. Glad to have a motel program (while it lasts).... BNL is moving along well and helping folks get housed as our Housing Dept is prioritizing BNL clients for our Affordable & Market units when vacancies come available.

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Community partners relationships...

- Anonymous Homeless response team with includes paramedics.
- Anonymous Continuous improvement and willingness to adapt
- _ළ Anonymous
- Our CAB is really integral to momentum and innovation in addressing homelessness
- Anonymous Having a housing coordinator in community to help bridge gaps and understand barriers for unhoused
- Anonymous Community partner relationships.

Anonymous

Variety of services and supports, innovation, collaboration, strong relationship with our Indigenous CE and partners

- Anonymous Partnerships developed with our community partners
- Anonymous We have a warming centre for un-housed or transient folks to utilize.
- Anonymous Working together to collaborate a plan to create supportive housing
- Anonymous Relationships with community partners.
- Anonymous Community partnership
- Anonymous collaboration
- Anonymous Our agencies really come together in crisis situations!
- Anonymous collaboration
- Anonymous Streamlined service pathways





Who We Are? Rainy River District

Major hub (s): Fort Frances, Atikokan Major hub (s) outside District: Thunder Bay (5 hours), Winnipeg (5 hours)

Geographical Area: 15,487 square kms, 10 municipalities **Population of District:** 20,000 (2016)

Indigenous Demographics: 9 First Nations within Rainy River District

System Overview:

- No Reaching Home Funding
- HPP funding generally prevention, short term accommodations and housing
- DV shelter in Atikokan
- Rainy River District is the only housing provider in the area







Challenges in Rainy River District

- Food Insecurity
- No transportation between district
- CMHA Safe Beds
- Access to medical and treatment services require travel
- Rental prices have increased due to local resource development
- Higher building costs
- High Inactivity- summers and payouts





Opportunities in Rainy River District

- Creation of the Warming Centre
- Community Tax Clinics



- Be the Voice- table for addressing Human Trafficking in Fort Frances and surrounding First Nations communities
- Getting Atikokan on board with district's CA system





Lessons for Other Communities:

- Relationship building is important
- Building relationships that are reciprocal- what do you need from us?
- There is a real significance of data, data has reinforced funding based on our homelessness data
- Don't get overwhelmed, approach items step-by-step
- We are constantly learning





Northern Ontario Cohort-Starting this Month!

- Network & Connect
- Learn from each other
- Lean on innovation from other communities







Q&A Discussion



Thank You

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