

Community Mobilization Westman – 2nd Year Anniversary

It is hard to believe that two years has passed since the beginning of our highly successful made in Westman initiative. Community Mobilization Westman grew from a vision of a risk driven collaborative model. It was and is intended to address the needs of people who found themselves in situations of Acutely Elevated Risk (AER). The HUB model first appeared with the collaborative efforts of community partners in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

The journey down this path began in October of 2014 when we packed the lecture theatre at Crocus Plains High School to listen to facilitator Brent Kalinowski present on the topic. Brent had gained valuable insight and knowledge on this approach as he had been an integral part of the Community Mobilization – Prince Albert HUB model.

Within a few months there was overwhelming commitment by Human Services agencies in the Westman Region to exploring the concept in a deeper manner. The “Best and the Brightest” of each agency were identified and began to be trained in the important aspects any HUB table must consider in trying to address people at AER in a multi-sectoral approach.

On April 27th and 28th, 2015, Brent Kalinowski returned to guide the HUB table as they launched into the discussions of situations where people faced AER. The table below is a brief illustration of the first two years of operation.

Year	Situations presented	Connected to Services	Informed of Services	Relocated from Area	Not AER	Subject Refused Service	Open Discussion	Return to Agency
One	135	86	25	7	6	3	7	1
Two	144	90	26	6	1	7	14	0
Total	279	176	51	13	7	10	21	1

In the two years since launch the HUB table has met 172 times and considered a total of 278 situations. Of the total number of situations 270 were found to meet the AER threshold. HUB members continue to have coordinated discussions leading to the required representatives from each partner agency meeting with people either by themselves or in a family setting if AER is present for the entire family unit. Those meetings provide people with a “hand-up” and leads to people being connected to services or informed of services. From all of the situations handled by the HUB 234 individuals or families have been connected or informed of services

and the total number of people helped is 445. In the pages that follow you will see a detailed overview of the situations the HUB has dealt with, the originating agency, assisting agencies, lead agencies and the top 20 risk factors that have been identified by the HUB over the lifetime of our great program.

The true heroes of the effort are the HUB table members. There has never been a more dedicated and committed group of people. They show true caring and compassion in their efforts to assist people affected by AER. There have been numerous stories of the appreciation of people and families whose lives have been changed and positively impacted by the efforts of the HUB table members.

The work is only just beginning. The HUB efforts have been recognized at the highest level of the government of our Province. The evidence of the success in our region and in other parts of Canada is hard to dispute. Community Mobilization Westman continues to reach out and assist other communities in Manitoba that are trying to head down this right path to help people in a meaningful and coordinated manner. We salute the efforts of the HUB in Thompson, MB. and we look forward to working with them as we try and implement real and meaningful change to the way we all do business. We look forward to continuing to assist other Manitoba communities as they undertake this journey as well.

Not to be lost in the overview of the Community Mobilization Westman success is the work of the Steering Committee members. Steering Committee members are Executive or Senior members of their home organizations. They have sent the best and brightest, they have in many cases adjusted operations or found resources to provide for the heroes at the HUB table. They provide oversight and guidance to the HUB and are beginning to discuss the next logical steps for the program as we grow and advance.

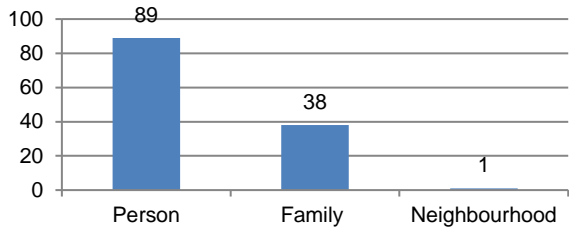
During this past year there have been discussions at the Steering Committee level about how to define success, to identify what success means in terms of agency measurements and how we might be able to address service gaps with strong evidence directed towards government. We are currently investigating funding opportunities that would lead to bringing on a full time coordinator to assist both the HUB and the Steering Committee. The coordinator could help advance the issues they need to be advanced in order to help more people at AER. In addition, the coordinator could assist in our efforts to convince policy makers of the need to invest in resources currently not available for people at AER.

This community effort is young and still in its infancy. Despite that great advances have been made in the last two years. The future is bright and the commitment is strong for Community Mobilization Westman. We wish to thank the entire community for the deeds and words of support for this effort. We are doing this to build a better and safer community.

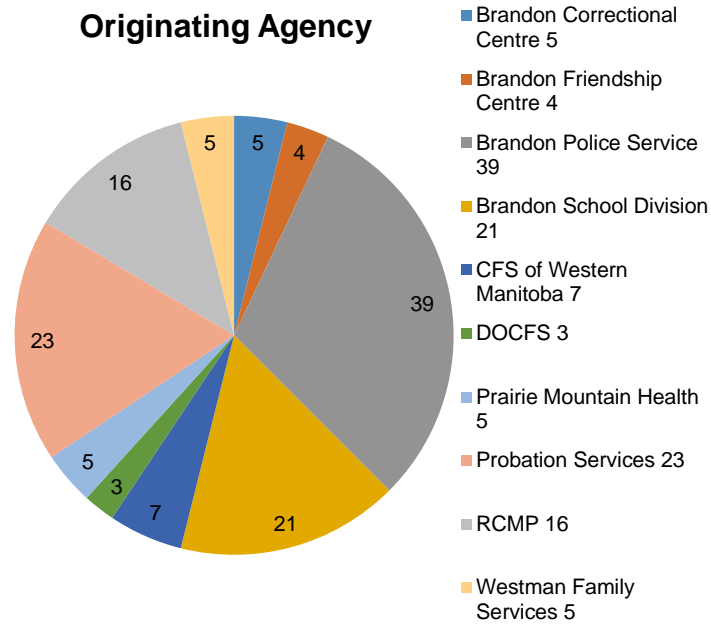
Community Mobilization Westman – One Year Checkup – April 27, 2015 to April 25, 2016

Data compiled through 92 Hub Table Meetings and involving 128 Situations of Acutely Elevated Risk

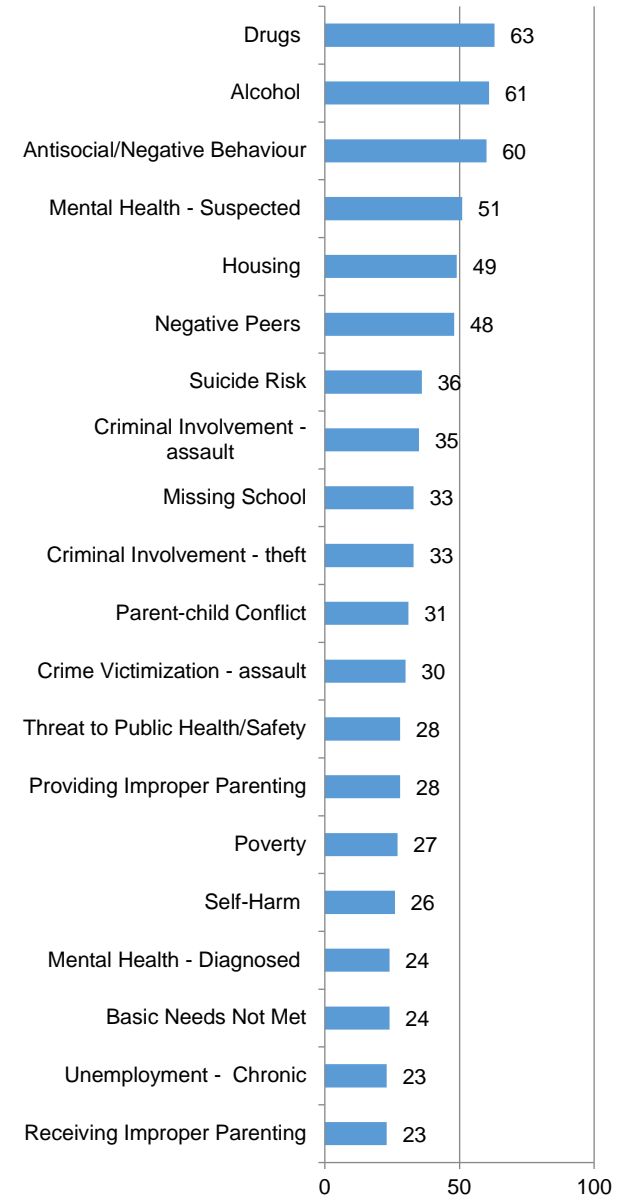
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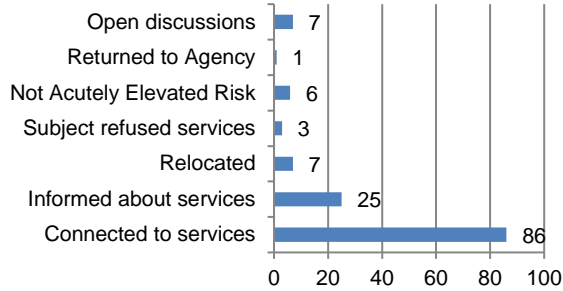
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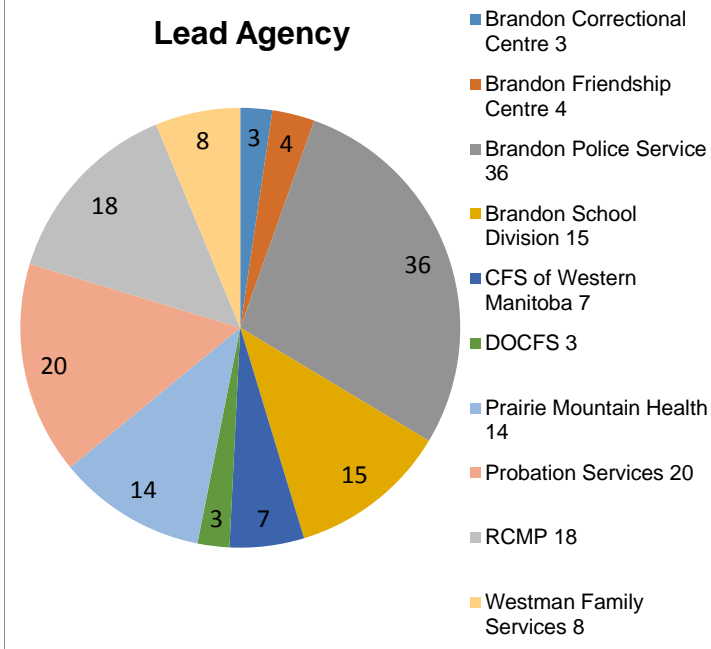
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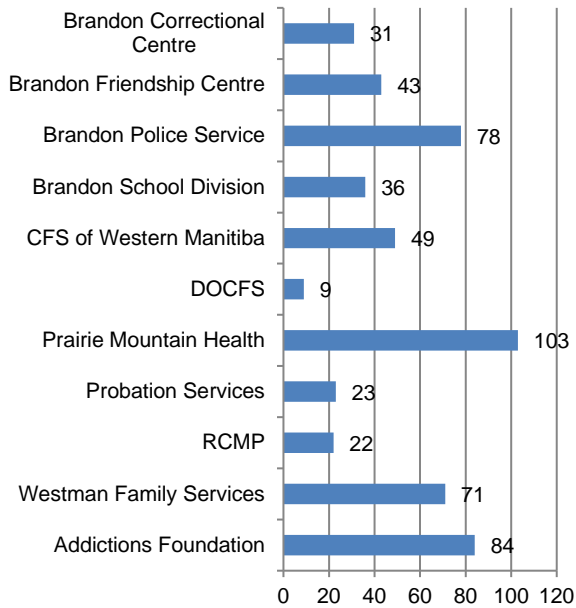
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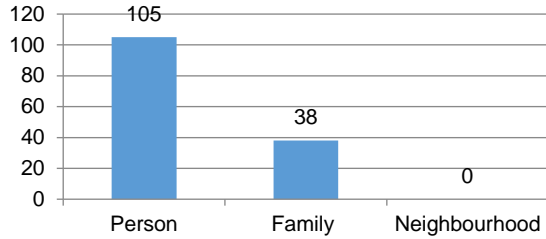
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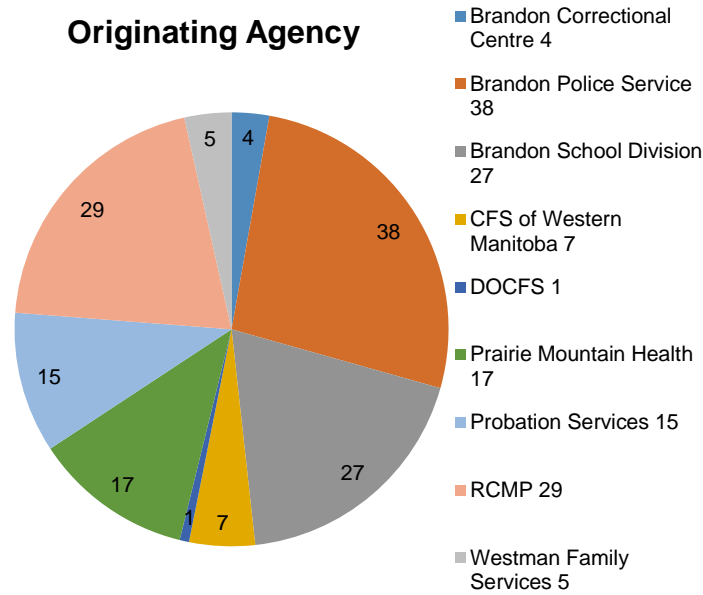
Community Mobilization Westman – Year Two Year Checkup –April 28, 2016 to April 25, 2017

Data compiled through 80 Hub Table Meetings and involving 143 Situations of Acutely Elevated Risk

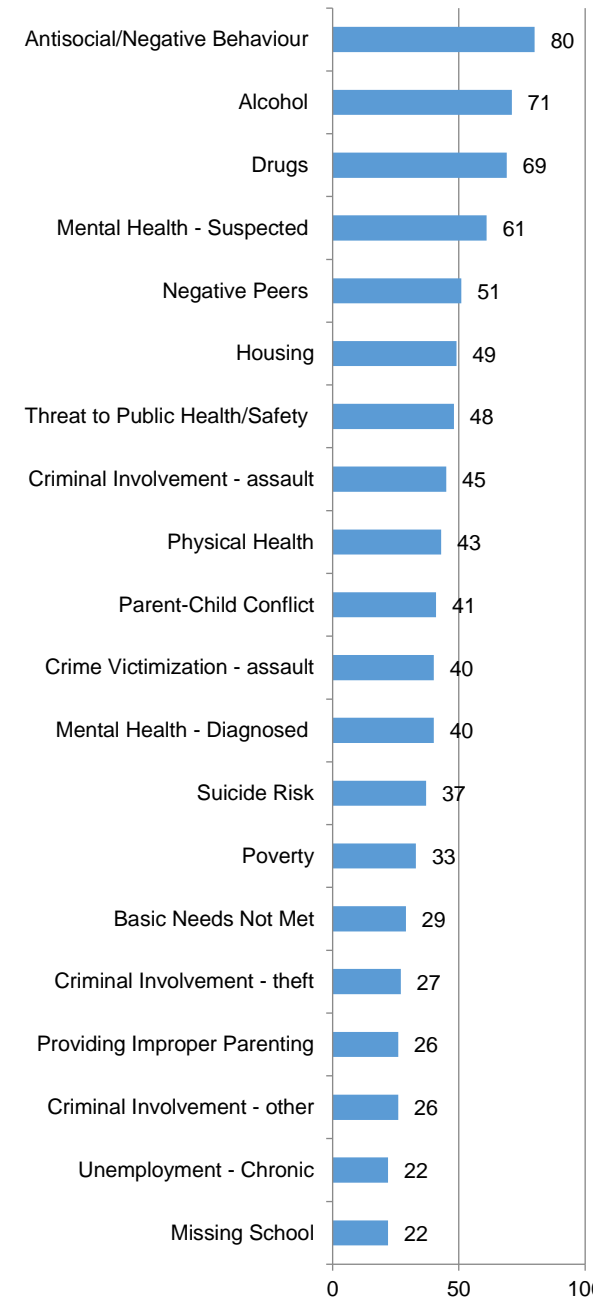
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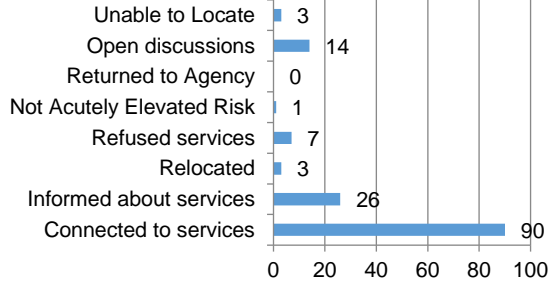
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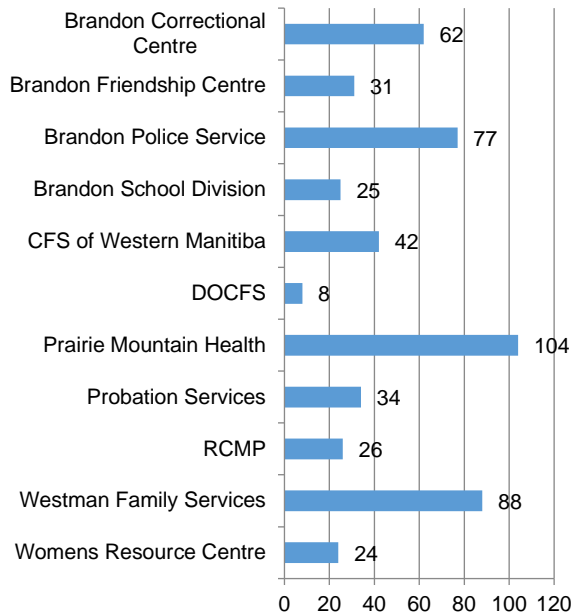
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