

Report of the Community Wellbeing Coordinator

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Highlights

- Collaborative has been running with a dedicated team of volunteers for almost 10 years, sharing information and working together on projects.
- Primarily data collection and reports to the community.
- Key group of dedicated members mobilized surveys and community engagement events to understand the needs of the community.



Highlights

- With the coordinator role, the needs and issues identified from the data collected can now begin to be addressed.
- Two action tables were immediately pulled together with additional funding as well as the administrative support from the coordinator
 - Poison Drug Action Table
 - Extreme Weather Action Table
- Additional funding was sought to support the activities recommended from the action tables (eg engagement and supplies).

Highlights

- Collaborative Coordinating Team (CCT) has been instrumental in supporting the activities of the coordinator as the volunteer members started planning before the coordinator was officially hired.
- The work of the coordinator did not fully start until December 2024 and over the past 6 months and momentum has been exponential in setting up the infrastructure for communication.
- The CHO had a change in the ED and an updated workplan was developed in May 2025. Therefore, two workplans have been presented.

Next steps



- Momentum has begun with establishing governance structure and revising the strategic plan under the guidance of the CCT and supporting Community Wellbeing Coordinator
- Continue solidifying strategic plan, communication and engagement plan and administrative infrastructure
- Continue to develop actions and activities to address the needs of the community.

Next steps

- New workplan for September 2025-2026
- Continue with strategic planning and governance structures for the collaborative
- Establish commitment and support requirements for organizations and individuals in the collaborative
- Maintain foundations of sharing information and building on strengths
- Evaluation continues to be underway for the formative and summative components of this role.

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