Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy

Community Homelessness Report

Greater Vancouver

2024-2025

TEMPLATE FOR COMMUNITIES

SECTION 1: COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Overview

CHR 1

Highlight any efforts and/or issues related to the work that your community has done to **prevent and/or reduce homelessness** and **improve access to safe, appropriate housing** over the last year.

Your response could include information about:

- Homelessness prevention and shelter diversion efforts;
- Housing move-ins;
- New investments in housing-related resources;
- Gaps in services;
- Collaboration with other sectors;
- Efforts to address homelessness for specific groups (e.g., youth); and/or,
- Efforts to meet Reaching Home minimum requirements (including a brief explanation if a minimum requirement was assessed as “Completed” in a previous CHR, but is now “Under development” or “Not yet started”).

As we move through the 2024-2025 reporting period, progress across sub-projects reflects both achievements and emerging challenges. We remain on track for our core Reaching Home objectives, with Housing Placement reaching 127% of target and short-term rental assistance at 138%. Prevention and Diversion services also performed well, reaching 68% and 82% of the expected outcomes respectively. However, some client support services, including social and community integration services, reached lowered projected outcomes. Chronic homelessness remains a pressing issue, presenting a challenge in meeting Reaching Home’s federal goal to reduce chronic homelessness by 50% by year 2027-2028. Indigenous individuals and women continue to be overrepresented among those accessing services, highlighting the need for culturally responsive and gender-informed programming. Our capital projects are well underway, ensuring critical infrastructure improvements to support long-term housing stability. Moving forward, these insights will help shape strategies to enhance stability and long-term support, ensuring our interventions remain community-driven and impactful. As of the end of March 2025, 74% of capital projects are for renovations, 16% pre-development, 5% purchase of land and/or Housing, 16% New development/Contruction and 5% purchase of equipment furnishings.

CHR 2

How has the community's approach to addressing homelessness changed with the implementation of Reaching Home?

Communities are strongly encouraged to use the ***"Reflecting on the Changing Response to Homelessness"*** worksheet to help them reflect on how the approach has changed and the impact of these changes at the local level.

While I expect next year's Community Homelessness Report (CHR) to contain a lot more concrete changes, this year still pushed things forwards a lot. First, organizations which participated in the soft-launch of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) have started to understand that they are no longer in a silo. The work to prepare for the Personalized Assistance To Housing (PATH) process launch has resulted in region-wide awareness of a new prioritization and assessment process. The tailoring and training process brought up a lot of shared challenges with finding housing in our region and the different assessment and placement practices in our region. For example, we heard a lot about how BC Housing's catchment areas are deeply problematic because they make it very difficult for people to live where they want and instead they are only able to pursue housing in the community they are currently based in–so we ensured that we did not replicate that approach in our system and allowed anyone to apply for housing in any community in Metro-Vancouver. We were repeatedly told by service providers that our data system is significantly easier to use than HIFIS, and some service providers have voluntarily chosen to use our system as their sole data system for all their organizational data. We built excellent relationships with organizations and community homelessness tables by taking the time required to truly listen and understand their perspectives and make it clear to them that their voices matter. Our governance structure which places all the decision making power with front-line staff (instead of larger provincial and federal entities which they cannot influence) across the region adds to the trust we have established. To our knowledge our HMIS is the only one in the country which allows for Indigenous data sovereignty, which means we have carried through the principles of reconciliation and promoted self-determination for urban Indigenous people and urban Indigenous organizations. Across the board we have ensured that the benefits and value derived from our Coordinated Access system remain focused on, and remain with the communities and staff they impact. We have provided open access to extract aggregate-level data from our system anytime to all organizations using our HMIS, this is a stark difference to the challenges repeatedly voiced to us about the impossibility of getting data back from BC Housing's HIFIS. Our HMIS training has also given us an opportunity to promote the benefits of coordinated systems and coordinated approaches to ending homelessness, and how our HMIS can help them achieve that.

Collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners

CHR 3	Please select your community from the drop-down menu:	Greater Vancouver (BC)
	Your community: **Has IH funding available.** **The DC CE and IH CE are the same organization.** **The DC CAB and IH CAB are distinct groups.**	

CHR 4

a) Has there been meaningful collaboration between the DC CE and the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners, including those that sit on the DC CAB, over the reporting period specific to the work of:

• Implementing, maintaining and/or improving the **Coordinated Access system**?	Yes
• Implementing, maintaining and/or improving, as well as using the **HMIS**?	Yes
• Strengthening the **Outcomes-Based Approach**?	Yes

As a reminder, meaningful collaboration with the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners is expected for your community.

b) In your response to **CHR 4(a)** you noted that collaboration has occurred with Indigenous partners related to **at least one** of the following: Coordinated Access, the HMIS and/or the Outcomes-Based Approach. As a follow up to this, please indicate **if any** of the following activities took place:

- Indigenous partners have roles and responsibilities related to governance for the Coordinated Access system and/or the HMIS throughout the lifecycle of these systems (implementation, maintenance and improvement).

→ Coordinated Access:	Yes
→ HMIS:	Yes

- Indigenous partners participate in Coordinated Access, use the HMIS and/or participate in the Outcomes-Based Approach.

→ Coordinated Access:	Yes
→ HMIS:	Yes
→ Outcomes-Based Approach:	Yes

Note: As applicable, these activities should be described in further detail in CHR 4(c). This list is not meant to be exhaustive. Other relevant activities not listed above should be described in CHR 4(c).

c) In your response to **CHR 4(a)** you noted that collaboration has **occurred** with Indigenous partners. As a follow up to this, please describe the collaboration that took place in more detail **as it relates to Coordinated Access, the HMIS and/or the Outcomes-Based Approach.**

Your response could include information such as when collaboration occurred, who it was with, what aspects of Coordinated Access, the HMIS and/or the Outcomes-Based Approach were discussed, and how Indigenous perspectives influenced the outcome.

*** Coordinated Access/ HMIS comments to be added here after this paragraph***Lu'ma Native BCH Housing Society in its capacity as Community Entity for both the Indigenous stream and the Designated stream of Reaching Home has, from the very beginning and on an on-going basis since 2019, ensured Indigenous perspectives were captured through the entire co-design process of our Coordinated Access system and throughout the development of our Indigenous-inclusive Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS). Part of the reason we felt we had no choice but to develop our own HMIS was to ensure the technology side of our system could continuously be responsive to the specific needs and goals of our Indigenous partners on the Indigenous Homelessness Steering Committee (IHSC), and the specific needs and goals of the Indigenous people in Metro-Vancouver who are trying to access services and supports. We had and continue to have significant concerns about government controlled systems, especially in light of the level of gatekeeping which was demonstrated to us over the 4 years we attempted to secure an independent HIFIS license. Forcing Indigenous systems and by extension Indigenous people to adopt colonial systems outside of their control is not, and never has been in the spirit of reconciliation.

	When we were choosing how to tailor the Personalized Assistance To Housing (PATH) process for our region, we decided it was critical to maintain the Indigenous-led aspect of the prioritization system so we exclusively tailored it with front-line staff from all Indigenous Homelessness (IH) funded organizations. We continue to work, learn from, and share knowledge with Indigenous partners across the province, and across the country through the National Indigenous Homelessness Council. We meet monthly as Indigenous Coordinated Access Leads and are able to share perspectives and approaches with one another. We have worked to support the IH funded organizations to ensure they have equal access to our HMIS and as mentioned above our Coordinated Access system is, to our knowledge, the only Coordinated Access system which covers both the Designated Community stream and IH stream but still ensures Indigenous Data Sovereignty. Regardless of the fact we are an Indigenous organization ourselves–and re-iterating what was stated in the first paragraph–it is all of our responsibility to act in accordance with the principles of reconciliation when designing any systems which will impact Indigenous people.	
CHR 5	a) Specific to the completion of this Community Homelessness Report (CHR), did ongoing, meaningful collaboration take place with the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners, including those that sit on the DC CAB?	Yes
	As a reminder, meaningful collaboration on the CHR with the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners is expected for your community.	
	b) In your response to **CHR 5(a)** you noted that collaboration occurred with Indigenous partners. As a follow up to this, please indicate which of the following activities took place:	
	• Engagement with Indigenous partners took place in the early stages of CHR development, to determine how collaboration should be undertaken for the CHR.	Yes
	• Collaboration with Indigenous partners took place when developing and finalizing the CHR.	Yes
	• Indigenous partners reviewed and approved the final CHR.	Yes

	Note: As applicable, these activities should be described in further detail in CHR 5(c). This list is not meant to be exhaustive. Other relevant activities not listed here can be described in CHR 5(c).	
	c) In your response to **CHR 5(a)** you noted that collaboration **occurred** with Indigenous partners. As a follow up to this, please describe the collaboration that took place in more detail **related to the completion of this CHR.** Your response could include information such as how Indigenous peoples were engaged in these discussions, when collaboration occurred, who it was with, and what sections of the CHR were informed by Indigenous input and/or perspectives.	
	Our complete Community Homelessness Report (CHR) is always provided to both the Designated Commnity stream Community Advisory Board (CAB) and the Indigenous CAB (Indigenous Homelessness Steering Committee) for their comments and approval before submission.	
CHR 6	a) Did the IH CAB sign-off on this CHR?	Yes
End of Section 1		

SECTION 2: COORDINATED ACCESS SELF-ASSESSMENT

Note: It is expected that communities will continuously work to improve their Coordinated Access system over time. If your community is working to improve a specific Coordinated Access requirement that had been self-assessed as met in a previous CHR, you should still select "Yes" from the drop-down menu for this CHR.

Governance and Partnerships

Note: For communities that receive both Designated Communities (DC) and Indigenous Homelessness (IH) funding, this section is specific to the **DC Community Advisory Board (CAB)**.

CA 1	Communities must maintain an integrated, community-based governance structure that supports a transparent, accountable and responsive Coordinated Access system, with use of an HMIS. The CAB must be represented in this structure in some way.	
	a) Is an integrated, community-based governance structure in place that supports a transparent, accountable and responsive Coordinated Access system and use of the local HMIS?	Yes
	b) Have Terms of Reference for the integrated, community-based governance structure been documented and, if requested, can they be made publicly available?	Yes
CA 2	Does the integrated governance structure that supports Coordinated Access and use of HMIS include representation from the following: • Federal Homelessness Roles:	
	→ Community Entity:	Yes – as a CAB member with ex-officio status and a member of the overall governance structure
	→ Community Advisory Board:	Yes

→ Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC):	Yes – as a CAB member with ex-officio status and a member of the overall governance structure
→ Organization that fulfills the role of Coordinated Access Lead:	Yes
→ Organization that fulfills the role of HMIS Lead:	Yes
• Homelessness roles from other orders of government:	
→ Provincial or territorial government:	Yes – as a CAB member and a member of the overall governance structure
→ Local designation(s) relative to managing provincial or territorial homelessness funding, as applicable (e.g., Service Manager in Ontario):	Yes
→ Municipal government:	Yes – as a CAB member and a member of the overall governance structure
→ Local designation(s) relative to managing municipal homelessness funding, as applicable:	Yes
• Local groups with a mandate to prevent and/or reduce homelessness, as applicable:	Yes
• Local Indigenous partners:	Yes – as a CAB member and a member of the overall governance structure

	• Population groups the Coordinated Access system intends to serve (e.g., providers serving youth experiencing homelessness):	Yes – as a CAB member and a member of the overall governance structure
	• Types of service providers that help prevent homelessness and those that help people transition from homelessness to safe, appropriate housing in the community:	Yes – as a CAB member and a member of the overall governance structure
	• People with lived experience of homelessness:	Yes
CA 3	Is there a document that identifies how various homeless-serving sector roles and groups are integrated and aligned in support of the community's overall goals to prevent and reduce homelessness and, if requested, can this documentation be made publicly available? At minimum, the following roles and groups must be included: • Community Entity; • Community Advisory Board; • Coordinated Access Lead and HMIS Lead; • Provincial or territorial and municipal designations relative to managing homelessness funding, as applicable; • Local groups with a mandate to prevent and/or reduce homelessness, as applicable; and, • Local Indigenous partners.	Yes
CA 4	a) Has a Coordinated Access Lead organization been identified?	Yes
	b) Has an HMIS Lead organization been identified?	Yes
	c) Do the Coordinated Access Lead and HMIS Lead collaborate to: • Improve service coordination and data management; and, • Increase the quality and use of data to prevent and reduce homelessness?	Yes

	d) Have Coordinated Access Lead and HMIS Lead roles and responsibilities been documented and, if requested, can this documentation be made publicly available?	Yes
CA 5	a) Has there been meaningful collaboration between the DC CE and the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners, including those that sit on the DC CAB, over the reporting period specific to the work of implementing, maintaining and/or improving the Coordinated Access system? Note: The response to this question is auto-populated from CHR 4(a).	Yes
CA 6	a) Consider the CAB expectations outlined below. Is the CAB currently fulfilling expectations related to its role with addressing homelessness in the community?	Yes

Background: The Reaching Home Directives outline expectations specific to the CAB and its role with addressing homelessness in the community. These expectations are summarized below under four roles.

Community-Based Leadership: To support its role, collectively, the CAB:

- Is representative of the community;
- Has a comprehensive understanding of the local homelessness priorities in the community; and,
- Has in-depth knowledge of the key sectors and systems that affect local priorities.

Planning:

- In partnership with the Community Entity, the CAB gathers all available information related to local homelessness needs in order to set direction and priorities, understand what is working and what is not, and develop a coordinated approach to meet local priorities.
- The CAB helps to guide investment planning, including developing the Reaching Home Community Plan and providing official approval, as well as assessing and recommending projects for Reaching Home funding to the Community Entity.

Implementation and Reporting:

- The CAB engages in meaningful collaboration with key partners, including other orders of government, Indigenous partners, as well as entities that coordinate provincial or territorial homelessness initiatives at the local level, where applicable.
- The CAB coordinates efforts to address homelessness at the community level by supporting the Community Entity to implement, maintain, and improve the Coordinated Access system, actively use the local HMIS, as well as prevent and reduce homelessness using an Outcomes-Based Approach.
- The CAB approves the Reaching Home Community Homelessness Report.

Alignment of Investments:

- CAB members from various orders of government support alignment in investments (e.g., they share information on existing policies and programs, as well as updates on funding opportunities and funded projects).
- CAB members provide guidance to ensure federal investments complement existing policies and programs.

CA 7	Are the following CAB documents being maintained **and** are they available upon request?	
	• Terms of Reference.	Yes
	• Engagement strategy that explains how the CAB intends to:	Yes
	→ Achieve broad and inclusive representation;	
	→ Coordinate partnerships with the necessary sectors and systems to meet its priorities (e.g., beyond the homeless-serving sector); and,	
	→ Integrate local efforts with those of the province or territory.	

	• Procedures for addressing real and/or perceived conflicts of interest (e.g., members recuse themselves when they have ties to proposed projects), including the membership of elected municipal officials.	Yes
	• Procedures for assessing and recommending project proposals for federal funding under Reaching Home (e.g., supporting a fair, equitable, and transparent assessment process as set out by the Community Entity).	Yes
	• Exclusive and shared responsibilities between the CAB and Community Entity.	Yes
	• Membership terms and conditions, including: → Recruitment processes; → Length of tenure; → Attendance requirements; → Delegated tasks; and, → Having at least two seats available for the alternate Community Entity and CAB/Regional Advisory Board (RAB) member, where applicable.	Yes
CA 8	a) Do all service providers receiving funding under the Designated Communities (DC) or Territorial Homelessness (TH) stream participate in the Coordinated Access system?	Under development
	b) Has participation in the Coordinated Access system been encouraged from providers that serve people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, and do not receive Reaching Home funding? They may or may not have agreed to participate at this time.	Yes

	c) Has participation been encouraged from providers that could fill vacancies through the Coordinated Access system (e.g., they have housing units, subsidies and/or supports that could be accessed by people experiencing homelessness), and do not receive Reaching Home funding? They may or may not have agreed to participate at this time.	Yes
Systems Map and Resource Inventory		
CA 9	a) A systems map identifies and describes the service providers that participate in the Coordinated Access system. Does the community have a current systems map **and**, if requested, can it be made publicly available?	Yes
	b) Does the systems map include the following elements:	
	→ Name of the organization and/or service provider:	Yes
	→ Type of service provider (e.g., emergency shelter, supportive housing):	Yes
	→ Funding source(s):	Not yet
	→ Eligibility for service (e.g., youth):	Yes
	→ Capacity to serve (e.g., number of units):	Not yet
	→ Role in the Coordinated Access system (e.g., access point):	Yes
	→ Role with maintaining quality data used for a Unique Identifier List (e.g., keep data up-to-date for housing history):	Yes
	→ If the service provider currently uses the HMIS:	Yes
	c) Over the last year, was the systems map used to guide efforts to improve:	

	→ The Coordinated Access system (e.g., identify opportunities to increase participation):	Yes
	→ Use of the HMIS (e.g., identify opportunities to onboard new service providers):	Yes
	→ Data quality (e.g., increase data comprehensiveness):	Yes
CA 10	a) Are all housing and related resources funded under the DC or TH stream included in the Resource Inventory? This means that they fill vacancies using the Unique Identifier List, following the vacancy matching and referral process.	Under development
	b) For each housing and related resource in the Resource Inventory, have eligibility criteria been documented?	Under development
	c) For each housing and related resource in the Resource Inventory, have prioritization criteria, and the order in which they are applied, been documented **and**, if requested, can this documentation be made available? At minimum, depth of need (i.e., acuity) must be included as a factor in prioritization.	Yes
Service Navigation and Case Conferencing		
CA 11	a) Are there processes in place to ensure that people are being supported to move through the Coordinated Access process? This is often referred to as service navigation or case conferencing.	Yes
	b) Have these processes been documented **and**, if requested, can this documentation be made available?	Yes
	c) Do the processes include expectations for the following:	

	→ Helping people to identify and overcome barriers to accessing appropriate services and/or housing and related resources.	Yes
	→ Keeping people's information up-to-date in the HMIS (e.g., interaction with the system, housing history, as well as data used to inform eligibility and prioritization for housing and related resources).	Yes
Access Points to Service		
CA 12	a) Are access points available in some form throughout the geographic area covered by the DC or TH funded region, so that people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness can be served regardless of where they are in the community?	Yes
	b) Have access points been documented **and** is this information publicly available?	Under development
CA 13	a) Are there processes in place to **monitor** if there is **easy**, **equitable** and **low-barrier** access to the Coordinated Access system **and** to respond to any issues that emerge, as appropriate?	Yes
	b) Have these processes been documented **and**, if requested, can this documentation be made available?	Yes
Initial Triage and more In-Depth Assessment		
CA 14	a) Is the triage and assessment process documented in one or more policies/protocols?	Yes
	b) Does the **documented** triage and assessment process address the following and, if requested, can the documentation be made available:	

→	**Consents:** Ensuring that people have a clear understanding of the Coordinated Access system, as well as how their personal information will be shared and stored. Includes addressing situations where people may benefit from services, but are not able or willing to give their consent.	Yes
→	**Intakes:** Documenting that people have connected or reconnected with the Coordinated Access system and have been entered into the HMIS, including obtaining or reconfirming consents, creating or updating client records, and entering transactions in the HMIS.	Yes
→	**Initial triage:** Ensuring safety and meeting basic needs (e.g., food and shelter), and guiding people through the process of stopping an eviction (homelessness prevention) or finding somewhere to stay that is safe and appropriate besides shelter (shelter diversion).	Yes
→	**More in-depth assessment:** Gathering information to gain a deeper understanding of people's housing-related strengths, depth of need, and preferences, including through the use of a common assessment tool(s) to inform prioritization for vacancies in the Resource Inventory.	Yes
→	**Community referrals:** Gathering information to understand what services people are eligible for and identifying where they can go to get their basic needs met, get help with a housing plan and/or connect with other related resources.	Yes

	→ **Housing plans:** Documenting people's progress with finding and securing housing (with appropriate subsidies and/or supports, as applicable).	Yes
	→ **Using a person-centered approach:** Tailoring use of common tools to meet the needs and preferences of different people or population groups (e.g., youth), while also maintaining consistency in process across the Coordinated Access system.	Yes
CA 15	a) Is a common, unified triage and assessment process being applied across all population groups in the community **and**, if requested, can this documentation be made available?	Under development
	b) If more than one triage and/or assessment tool is being used, is there a protocol in place that describes:	
	→ When each tool should be used (e.g., tools used only for youth verses those that can be used with more than one population group).	Under development
	→ When a person/family could be asked to complete more than one tool (e.g., if an individual becomes part of a family or a youth becomes an adult).	Under development
	→ How the matching process will be managed in situations where more than one person/family is eligible for the same vacancy and, because data to inform prioritization was collected using different tools, results are not the same (e.g., one tool gives a higher score for depth of need than the other).	Under development
Vacancy Matching and Referral with Prioritization		

CA 16	a) Is the vacancy matching and referral process documented in one or more policies/protocols?	Yes
	b) Does your **documented** vacancy matching and referral process address the following:	
	→ **Roles and responsibilities:** Describing who is responsible for each step of the process, including data management.	Yes
	→ **Prioritization:** Identifying how prioritization criteria is used to determine an individual or family's relative priority on the Priority List (a subset of the broader Unique Identifier List) when vacancies become available (i.e., how the Priority List is filtered and/or sorted).	Yes
	→ **Referrals:** What information to cover when referring an individual or family that has been matched and how their choice will be respected, including allowing individuals and families to reject a referral without repercussions.	Yes
	→ **Offers:** What information to cover when a provider is offering a vacancy to an individual or family that has been matched and tips for making informed decisions about the offer.	Yes
	→ **Challenges:** How concerns and/or disagreements about prioritization and referrals will be managed, including criteria by which a referral could be rejected by a provider following a match.	Yes
	→ **Resource Inventory management:** Steps to track real-time capacity, transitions in/out of units, occupancy/caseloads, progress with referrals/offers, and housing outcomes.	Under development

CA 17	Are vacancies from the Resource Inventory filled using a Priority List, following the vacancy matching and referral process?	Under development

Section 2 Summary Tables

The tables below provides a summary of the work your community has done so far to meet the Reaching Home minimum requirements under the **Coordinated Access and CAB Directives**.

	Completed	Started	Not Yet Started
Total	10	7	0

Coordinated Access	Completed (score)	Completed (%)
Governance and partnerships (out of 8 points)	7	88%
System map and Resource Inventory (out of 2 points)	0	0%
Service navigation and case conferencing (out of 1 point)	1	100%
Access points (out of 2 points)	1	50%
Initial triage and more in-depth assessment (out of 2 points)	1	50%
Vacancy matching and referral with prioritization (out of 2 points)	0	0%
All (out of 17 points)	**10**	**59%**

End of Section 2

SECTION 3: HOMELESSNESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND OUTCOMES-BASED APPROACH SELF-ASSESSMENT		
Context		
CHR 7	a) In your community, is the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) that is being used?	No
	b) Which HMIS is being used?	
	Lu'ma Native Housing Society Data System	
	c) When was it implemented?	
	2024-04-28	
<u>Note:</u> Throughout Section 3 and Section 4 of this CHR, questions that ask about the "HMIS" or the "dataset" refer to the HMIS identified in question CHR 7.		
Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)		
HIFIS 1	Is an HMIS being **actively used** to manage individual-level client data (i.e., person-specific data) and service provider information for Coordinated Access and for the Outcomes-Based Approach? This includes using the HMIS to generate data for the Unique Identifier List and outcome reporting.	Yes
HIFIS 2	a) Are **all** Reaching Home-funded service providers actively using the same HMIS to manage individual-level client data (i.e., person-specific data) and service provider information for Coordinated Access and for the Outcomes-Based Approach?	Under development

	b) Over the last year, were **other** non-Reaching Home-funded providers that serve people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness encouraged to actively use the HMIS? They may or may not have agreed to do so at this time.	Yes
HIFIS 3	a) Has the Community Entity signed the latest Data Provision Agreement (find the latest version **here**, which includes the Racial Identity field in the annex) with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC)? This may have been done in a previous year.	Yes
	b) Are local agreements in place to manage privacy, data sharing and client consent related to the HMIS? These agreements must comply with municipal, provincial/territorial and federal laws and include: • A Community Data Sharing Agreement; and, • A Client Consent Form.	Yes
	c) Are processes in place that ensure there are no unnecessary barriers preventing Indigenous partners from accessing the HMIS data and/or reports they need to help the people they serve?	Yes
HIFIS 4	Has the Community Entity updated HIFIS to the latest version that was most recently confirmed as mandatory by HICC?	Not applicable – uses an existing equivalent HMIS
HIFIS 5	a) Has there been meaningful collaboration between the DC CE and the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners, including those that sit on the DC CAB, over the reporting period specific to the work of implementing, maintaining and/or improving, as well as the use of the HMIS? Note: The response to this question is auto-populated from CHR 4(a).	Yes

Data Uniqueness		
OBA 1	a) Does the dataset include people currently experiencing homelessness that have interacted with the homeless-serving system?	Yes
	b) Do people appear only once in the dataset?	Yes
	c) Do people give their consent to be included in the dataset?	Yes
OBA 2	Is there a **written policy/protocol** (“Inactivity Policy”) that describes how **interaction with the homeless-serving system** is **documented**? The policy/protocol must: • Define what it means to be “active” or “inactive”; • Define what keeps someone “active” (e.g., data entry into specific fields in HIFIS); • Specify the level of effort required by service providers to find people before they are made/confirmed as “inactive”; • Explain how to document a person’s first time as “active”, as well as changes in “activity” or “inactivity” over time; and, • Explain how to check for data quality (e.g., run a report that shows the clients that are about to become inactive and work with outreach workers to update their files and keep them active, as needed).	Yes
OBA 3	Is there a **written policy/protocol** that describes how **housing history is documented** (e.g., as part of a broader data entry guide for the HMIS)? The policy/protocol must: • Define what it means to be “homeless” or “housed” (e.g., define a housing continuum that shows which housing types align with a status of “homeless” versus “housed”); • Explain how to enter housing history consistently; and, • Explain how to check for data quality (e.g., run a report that shows the percentage of clients that have complete housing history, so that “unknown” fields can be updated).	Yes
Data Consistency		

OBA 4	To support Coordinated Access, is the HMIS used to generate data for a Unique Identifier List?	Under development
OBA 5	Is the HMIS used to collect data for setting baselines, setting reduction targets and tracking progress for the following community-level outcomes:	
	→ Overall homelessness:	Yes
	→ Newly identified as experiencing homelessness:	Yes
	→ Returns to homelessness:	Yes
	→ Indigenous homelessness:	Yes
	→ Chronic homelessness:	Yes
Data Timeliness		
OBA 6	Is the dataset updated as soon as new information is available about a person for:	
	→ Interaction with the system (e.g., changes from “active” to “inactive”).	Yes
	→ Housing history (e.g., changes from “homeless” to “housed”).	Yes
	→ Data that is relevant and necessary for Coordinated Access (e.g., data used to determine who is eligible and can be prioritized for a vacancy).	Yes
OBA 7	Is data readily available and accessible, so that it can be used for Coordinated Access, the Outcomes-Based Approach and to drive the prevention and reduction of homelessness more broadly?	Yes

Data Completeness		
OBA 8	Are processes in place to ensure that all relevant and necessary data for filling vacancies is complete? For example, is data used to determine if someone is eligible and can be prioritized for a vacancy complete for each person in the dataset?	Yes
OBA 9	Are processes in place to ensure that data for every person in the dataset is as complete as possible for:	
	→ Interaction with the system:	Yes
	→ Housing history (including data about where people were staying immediately before becoming homeless and, once they've exited, where they went):	Yes
	→ Indigenous identity:	Yes
Data Comprehensiveness		
OBA 10	Does the dataset include all household types (e.g., singles and families experiencing homelessness)?	Yes
OBA 11	Does the dataset include people experiencing sheltered homelessness (e.g., staying in emergency shelters)?	Yes
OBA 12	Does the dataset include people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (e.g., people living in encampments)?	Yes
CHR 9	The following questions aim to help consider other factors that may impact data comprehensiveness. They do not directly assess progress with the minimum requirements.	
	a) Does the dataset include the following household types, as much as possible right now:	

→ Single adults:	Yes
→ Unaccompanied youth:	Yes
→ Families	Yes – All family members including dependents
b) Does the dataset include people staying in the following types of shelter:	
→ Permanent emergency shelter:	Yes
→ Seasonal or temporary emergency shelter:	Yes
→ Hotels/motel stays paid for by a service provider:	Yes
→ Domestic violence shelters:	Yes
c) Does the dataset include the following groups of people who have interacted with the system:	
→ People that identify as Indigenous:	Yes
→ People as soon as they interact with the system:	Yes – people are added on the first day
→ People experiencing hidden homelessness:	Yes
→ People staying in transitional housing:	Yes

	→ People staying in public institutions who do not have a fixed address (e.g., jail or hospital):	Yes
OBA 13	Under Reaching Home, at minimum, a comprehensive dataset includes all household types (OBA 10), people experiencing sheltered homelessness (OBA 11) and people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (OBA 12), as applicable. Consider your answers to questions OBA 10, OBA 11, OBA 12 and CHR 9. Does the dataset include everyone currently experiencing homelessness that has interacted with the homeless-serving system, as much as possible right now?	Yes
Data Use		
OBA 14	**Note:** For the purpose of this CHR, the dataset can only be used for monthly reporting if there is at least one full month of data available, and for annual reporting if there is at least one full fiscal year of data available.	
	a) **<u>Can the dataset be used to set</u>** monthly and annual baselines and reduction targets for the following community-level outcomes:	
	→ Overall homelessness:	Yes
	→ Newly identified as experiencing homelessness:	Yes
	→ Returns to homelessness:	Yes
	→ Indigenous homelessness:	Yes
	→ Chronic homelessness:	Yes
	b) **<u>Is the dataset being used to set</u>** monthly and annual baselines and reduction targets for the following community-level outcomes:	

	→ Overall homelessness:	Not yet
	→ Newly identified as experiencing homelessness:	Not yet
	→ Returns to homelessness:	Not yet
	→ Indigenous homelessness:	Not yet
	→ Chronic homelessness:	Not yet
OBA 15	Is data used to <u>inform action</u> related to preventing and reducing homelessness?	Under development

b) How is data being used to inform action? Please provide specific examples. Your response should include:
• Examples of how data is used to develop and/or update clear plans of action for reaching your reduction targets; and/or,
• Examples of how data is used to inform action in policy-making, program planning, performance management, investment strategies and/or service delivery.

We ended up transitioning to a soft-launch of our Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) last fiscal year but have informed all funded projects that we will only accept reporting through the HMIS from the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year. This will provide us with a much more comprehensive data set than last fiscal which will then enable us to start leveraging our data to drive our homelessness response system.

Partnerships		
OBA 16	a) Has there been meaningful collaboration between the DC CE and the IH CAB, as well as local Indigenous partners, including those that sit on the DC CAB, over the reporting period specific to the work of strengthening the Outcomes-Based Approach? Note: The response to this question is auto-populated from CHR 4(a).	Yes
Data quality improvement		
OBA 17	a) Are efforts being made to improve data quality?	Yes
	b) How was data quality improved? Please provide specific examples. Your response could reference one or more dimensions of data quality: • Data uniqueness • Data consistency • Data timeliness • Data completeness • Data comprehensiveness	
	We have been assessing our data set and making adjustments based on what we're seeing. One thing we noted is there was some usage of names in text fields for details related to services provided or the needs and goals people are coming in with. To respond to this, we have provided additional training resources to help organizations understand how to get the most out of all the features in our HMIS. I have also continued to meet with organizations individually to help them ensure they are using the HMIS properly.	
Reporting on other Community-Level Outcomes		

Section 3 Summary Tables

The tables below provides a summary of the work your community has done so far to meet the Reaching Home minimum requirements under the **HIFIS Directive**.

	Completed	Started	Not Yet Started
Total	4	1	0

Homelessness Management Information System	Completed (score)	Completed (%)
Homelessness Management Information System (out of 5 points)	4	80%
All (out of 5 points)	**4**	**80%**

The tables below provides a summary of the work your community has done so far to meet the Reaching Home minimum requirements under the **Outcomes-Based Approach Directive**.

	Completed	Started	Not Yet Started
Total	14	3	0

Outcomes-Based Approach	Completed (score)	Completed (%)
Data uniqueness (out of 3 points)	3	100%
Data consistency (out of 2 points)	1	50%
Data timeliness (out of 2 points)	2	100%
Data completeness (out of 2 points)	2	100%
Data comprehensiveness (out of 4 points)	4	100%
Data use (out of 2 points)	0	0%

Partnerships (out of 1 point)	1	100%
Data quality improvement (out of 1 point)	1	100%
All (out of 17 points)	**14**	**82%**

End of Section 3

SECTION 4: COMMUNITY-LEVEL OUTCOMES AND TARGETS

Using person-specific data to set baselines, set reduction targets and track progress – Monthly data

Your answers in Section 3 indicate that your community currently **does not** meet the standard for reporting on core m**onthly** outcomes.

Using person-specific data to set baselines, set reduction targets and track progress – Annual data

Your answers in Section 3 indicate that your community currently **does not** meet the standard for reporting on core **annual** outcomes.