

# Espanola and Area Situation Table

## October 2018 – September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 Activity Update

The Espanola and Area Situation Table (EAST) launched on October 2, 2018. Since the launch, seven referrals have been brought forward to EAST, six of which (86%) met the threshold for Acutely Elevated Risk (AER). Nineteen agencies are currently active partners at EAST (Table 1).

This report provides a summary of EAST activities to date, including agency engagement, referral demographics and risk information. *Note: data is only captured for situations that meet the AER threshold; this report primarily contains data related to six out of the seven discussions brought forward to EAST.*

<b>Table 1. Espanola and Area Situation Table Partners</b>		
Alzheimer Society of Sudbury-Manitoulin North Bay & Districts	HSN Mental Health and Addictions Program	MSDSB Paramedic Services
Child and Family Centre	Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services	NE LHIN – Home and Community Care
Children’s Aid Society	March of Dimes Canada	Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin	Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – ODSP	OPP – Manitoulin/Espanola
Community Living Espanola	Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Sudbury Youth Probation	Rainbow District School Board – Espanola High School
Espanola and Area FHT	Ministry of the Solicitor General – Adult Probation and Parole	
Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre	Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board	

## Agency Engagement

The Espanola and Area Situation Table follows an ad-hoc process. When a referral is brought forward, all partner agencies are notified and receive the meeting details. Agencies are required to respond indicating their attendance within 24 hours of receipt of the meeting notification. Approximately 90% of agencies are responding within the required time.

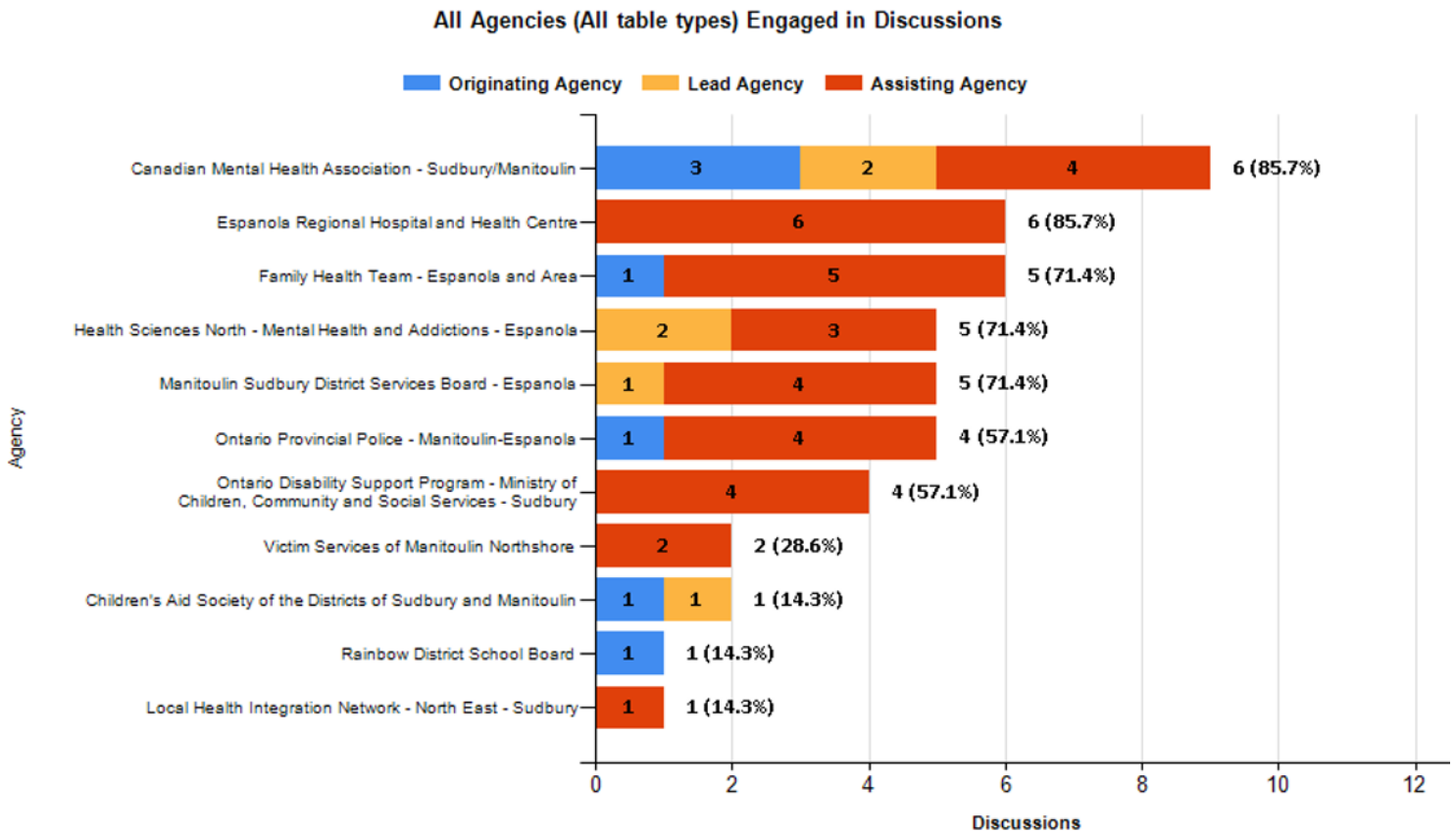
Fives agencies have made referrals to EAST:

- Rainbow District School Board
- Espanola & Area Family Health Team
- OPP – Manitoulin/Espanola
- Children’s Aid Society
- Canadian Mental Health Association – Sudbury/Manitoulin

<b>Table 2. EAST Referral Summary</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b># Referrals</b>	<b>No. Met Acutely Elevated Risk threshold</b>
<b>October 2018</b>	1	0
<b>November 2018</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>December 2018</b>	-	-
<b>January 2019</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>February 2019</b>	-	-
<b>March 2019</b>	-	-
<b>April 2019</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>May 2019</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>June 2019</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>July 2019</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>August 2019</b>	-	-
<b>September 2019</b>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6 (86%)</b>

On average, 6.5 agencies (lead and assisting) were involved in the response planning and undertaking. **Chart 1** provides a summary of the agencies that were involved in EAST discussions.

**Chart 1. EAST Agency Engagement (October 2018-September 25, 2019)**



### Referral Demographics

Demographic data was captured for the six referrals that met the AER threshold. All presentations involved individuals only (i.e. no family or dwelling referrals were brought forward). Four out of five presentations involved males, while only one presentation involved a female individual.

Table 3. Age Range Demographics	
Age Range	No. of Referrals (n=6)
Under 18	0
18-24	1
25-39	2
40-59	2
60+	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## Risk Information

The Ministry of the Solicitor General (MSG) provides the Risk Track Database (RTD) for use by Situation Tables to track de-identified discussion data. The RTD identifies 27 risk categories to facilitate situation presentation and AER threshold assessment. The risk categories can be further broken down into a total of 105 risk factors. At EAST, the number of risk factors for each referral ranged between 4 and 12, with an average of 8.5 risk factors per discussion. A summary of the risk categories can be found in **Table 4**.

<b>Table 4. EAST Risk Category Summary</b>	
<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>No. of times identified in referral (n=6)</b>
<b>Housing</b>	5
<b>Mental Health</b>	5
<b>Poverty</b>	4
<b>Suicide</b>	4
<b>Unemployment</b>	4
<b>Basic Needs</b>	3
<b>Criminal Involvement</b>	3
<b>Drugs</b>	3
<b>Sexual Violence</b>	3
<b>Alcohol</b>	2
<b>Emotional Violence</b>	2
<b>Physical Health</b>	2
<b>Self-Harm</b>	2
<b>Crime Victimization</b>	1
<b>Negative Peers</b>	1
<b>Threat to Public Health &amp; Safety</b>	1

The Risk Categories “Housing” and “Mental Health” were identified in five out of six EAST AER referrals. The Mental Health risk factors varied, however 4 out of 6 of the housing referrals were identified as “*Housing – person doesn’t have access to appropriate housing*”. As EAST continues to operate, additional information on the risk categories and their corresponding risk factors will be determined.

At EAST, study flags are also collected, to provide the group with more information on the situation. The most commonly identified (5 out of 6) study flag was “*Risk of Losing housing/unsafe living conditions*”. This was followed by homelessness, transportation issues and social isolation (3 out of 6).

### **Closure of EAST Presentations**

Four of the Espanola & Area Situation Table discussions that met the threshold of Acutely Elevated Risk were closed with the reason “Overall risk lowered—connected to services”. One situation was closed as “Still AER – Refused Services/Uncooperative” and the other was “Still AER – Informed about services; not yet connected.”

Data on the services mobilized (i.e. Mental health, housing support, etc.) as well as the level of mobilization (informed, connected or engaged) continues to be collected during the report back process. Over time, this information may assist in the identification of service gaps in the community.