Joint Project Board (JPB) Projects
Annual Report Results for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019

October 2020
We acknowledge the traditional territories upon which the JPB projects are being delivered, as well as the efforts of the many staff, clinicians and partners involved in establishing and implementing the vision of these initiatives.
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Summary of Key Findings (FY 2018-2019)

**Financial**: In total there were **27 JPB projects** with **$18.0M available** in project funding. **JPB projects spent 58%** of available funding (mainly due to unfilled positions)

- Of $15.0M annual budget, $9.7M or 65% was spent
- Of $3.0M carry forward from prior years, $0.8M or 27% was spent
- First Nations Organizations spent **77%** of their allotted JPB project funds; Health Authorities spent **47%;** and the FNHA **38%**

**Implementation**: All JPB projects with known implementation status were operational; about one-half **(48%) were fully operational**

- 65% of Direct Service Delivery positions were filled
- JPB projects implemented strategies and provided suggestions to address key barriers including recruitment, retention, and infrastructure

**Service Delivery Innovation**: JPB projects improved access to care by adapting services and supporting individuals

**Reporting**: Missing and inconsistent JPB project reporting to FNHA for both the narrative and financial reports, as well as follow up of unused funds, have been an issue
Approach to Analysis
Method

Analysis of JPB Funded Projects

The current report presents overall findings for fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019

The analysis also covers trends from FY 2016-2017

Data Sources

FNHA JPB financial data for FY 2018-2019

JPB narrative reports for FY 2018-2019

JPB funding arrangements, tracking and summary reports for FY 2018-2019

Previous JPB Annual Reports
Report submission delays
Slightly over half of JPB projects \( (n=16) \) met the July 2019 report submission deadline. Additional reports were submitted as late as eight months following this deadline.

**JPB Narrative Report Submission**

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**Legend**
- ⬤: JPB Report submitted
- ○: JPB Report not submitted

**Numbers reflect projects with at least one unique JPB Annual Report submission**
For a JPB project with multiple components, one unique report could be submitted for each component. For FY 2018-2019, 57 unique reports could be submitted; 48 were received \( (84\%) \). A JPB project is considered ‘reported’ when at least one unique report is received (despite # of project components).
Financial Review
Key Messages on JPB Funding (FY 2018-2019)

* Financial data extracted on September 11, 2020

In total there were **27 JPB projects** with **$18.0M** available. **44%** of JPB projects had annual project funding of less than **$400K**.

**Spending:** JPB projects **spent $10.5M or 58% of available funding** (mainly due to unfilled positions)

- Of $15.0M annual budget, $9.7M or 65% was spent.
- Of $3.0M carry forward from prior years, $0.8M or 27% was spent.

**Total unused funds were $7.5M** (representing 42% of total JPB project funding), of which **$3.5M (47%) was carried forward** to FY 2019-2020.

**Recipients:** About **43%** of total JPB project funding was allotted to First Nations Organizations; **39%** to Health Authorities; and **18%** to the FNHA

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In total there were 27 JPB projects with $18.0M available for FY 2018-2019. 44% of JPB projects had annual project funding (budget and carry forward combined) of less than $400K.
Of Annual Budget $15.0M

- $9.7M or 65% was spent
- $5.3M or 35% was unused

Of Prior Years’ Carry Forward $3.0M

- $0.8M or 27% was spent
- $2.2M or 73% was unused

Of $7.5M Total Unused Amount

- $3.5M or 47% was carried forward to 2019-2020
- $1.2M was recovered to FNHA
- $2.7M was to be confirmed
## JPB Funding and Expenditure by Region

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<td>$1.73M</td>
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**Key Messages on JPB Expenditures (FY 2018-2019)**

* Financial data extracted September 11, 2020

- Of the $10.5M in JPB project expenditures:
  - 77% was spent on **Direct Service Delivery**
  - 19% was spent on Supports and Enablers
  - 4% was spent on Start Up activities

- Overall, across all JPB-funded projects, **top expenditure categories** included:
  - Nursing ($1.8M)
  - Mental Health and Wellness ($1.7M)
  - Administration ($1.6M)
  - Medicine ($0.7M)
  - Travel ($0.7M)
  - Other Therapy ($0.2M)
  - Capital ($0.2M)
  - Nutrition ($0.1M)
JPB Project Expenditures ($Millions)

77% Mental Health & Wellness Therapy
19% Additional Info Required
4% Other Therapy

Nursing $1.79
Mental Health & Wellness Therapy $1.74
Additional Info Required $0.78
Other Therapy $0.24

Other $1.90
Nursing $1.79
Mental Health & Wellness Therapy $1.74
Additional Info Required $0.78
Other Therapy $0.24

Travel $0.65
Medicine $0.71
Project Mgmt $0.09
Dental $0.01

Admin $1.59
Other $0.27
Training $0.08
Travel $0.07
Telecomm & Info Tech $0.02

Capital $0.24
Project Mgmt $0.11
Minor Equipment $0.03
Recruitment $0.02
Admin $0.02

Prof Development $0.01
Start Up $0.01
Travel $0.00

Dental $0.00
Nutrition $0.12
Other Therapy $0.24
Travel $0.00
Other $0.27
Training $0.08
Travel $0.07
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Other Therapy $0.24
Nursing $1.79
Other $1.90
Admin $1.59

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Recruitment $0.02
Admin $0.02
Prof Development $0.01
Start Up $0.01
Travel $0.00
Key Messages on JPB Unused Funds (FY 2018-2019)

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Of the $7.49M in unused funds, **$5.31M** associated with annual budget and **$2.18M** associated with prior years’ carry forward (CF)

Of the $7.49M in unused funds, **$4.32M or 58%** associated with direct service delivery, due to staff vacancies, including:
- Nursing, $2.12M (Budget: $1.90M; CF: $0.23M)
- Mental Health and Wellness, $1.24M (Budget: $1.13M; CF: $0.11M)
- Social Worker, $0.96M (Budget: $0.91M; CF: $0.05M)
- Other Allied Health Professionals, $0.40M (Budget: $0.18M; CF: $0.22M)
- General Practitioner sessions, $0.36M (Budget: $0.26M; CF: $0.10M)

Overhead costs accounted for **$1.78M or 24%** of unused funds
- (Budget: $0.89M; CF: $0.89M)

Travel accounted for **$1.38M or 18%** of unused funds
- (Budget: $0.84M; CF: $0.54M)
### JPB Project Unused Funds Breakdown ($Millions)

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<td>Operational and Other</td>
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**Direct Service Delivery**
- $4.32 Million (58%)

**Overhead**
- $1.78 Million (24%)

**Travel**
- $1.38 Million (18%)
Project Implementation Progress

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By the end of FY 2018-2019:
All JPB projects with known implementation status were operational

96% of JPB projects were operational - partially / mostly / fully combined (26 / 27)

48% of JPB projects were fully operational (13 / 27)
Celebrating Implementation Success

**RESPONSIVENESS**
Implemented JPB projects continued to evolve as required to respond to local-level needs.

“[…] we continue to tweak our primary care model based on evaluation and lessons learned”

**PARTNERSHIP**
Multiple partners continued to work together to ensure JPB projects were successfully implemented.

“We are working very closely with the Division of Family Practice […] to find more recruits and have submitted an ‘ask’ to the MoH”

**IMPLEMENTATION**
Several JPB projects experienced successful implementation (e.g. were fully staffed; delivered as designed; regularly seeing clients).

“The clinic is fully operational in regards to being fully staffed and seeing clients on a regular basis”

**RECRUITMENT**
During FY 2018-2019, hiring activities for clinicians continued for JPB projects that were not fully operational.

“There are significant efforts […] on recruitment and retention in the North. Recruiting NPs is an area of focus. This has included working with universities - with programs that graduate NPs”

-JPB Narrative Report Respondents
## Populations Served

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<td>Indigenous People</td>
<td>92%</td>
<td>23 / 25</td>
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<td>Other Residents</td>
<td>52%</td>
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### Service Location

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<td>100%</td>
<td>25 / 25</td>
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<td>Away-from-home services</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>17 / 25</td>
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“We provide services to status First Nations people and other residents with our outreach services. We do this by offering regularly scheduled drop-ins to communities that request this service. [...] As there are many non-Aboriginal individuals who are connected with First Nations communities, we are open to helping all those who can benefit from our services.”

- JPB Narrative Report Respondent
Key Messages on Direct Service Delivery Positions (FY 2018-2019)

- **65%** of **direct service delivery positions were filled** in FY 2018-2019; recruitment and retention remained a challenge

- Fraser Salish showed the highest % of filled positions (**93%**); Northern (**45%**) and Vancouver Coastal (**52%**) showed the lowest

- **39%** of JPB direct service delivery staff self-identified as Indigenous
# Direct Service Delivery Positions by Region

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<td>93</td>
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<td>93%</td>
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<td>86%</td>
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<td>General Practitioner</td>
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<td>Other Allied Health Professional</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>60%</td>
<td>26</td>
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Direct Service Delivery Position by Funding Recipient Group

39% of staff self-identified as Indigenous

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Key Messages on Implementation Barriers and Mitigation Strategies (FY 2018-2019)

Key barriers to JPB project implementation pertained to:

- **Recruitment and retention**: lack of trained candidates in specialized areas of practice; lack of qualified local candidates; length of time to hire candidates
- **Infrastructure**: lack of office / clinical space; persistent IT issues; lack of short-term provider accommodations
- **Provider logistics** (e.g. travel costs are high) and **project planning** (e.g. time to plan / implement projects)

JPB projects implemented **several strategies** to address these barriers:

- Utilizing recruitment agencies, community-based referrals and advertising widely to support staffing
- Building relationships with communities to facilitate access to local-level infrastructure and to support project planning
Implementation Barriers by Theme

- Recruitment: 24% (n=44)
- Funding: 5% (n=9)
- Provider Logistics: 14% (n=26)
- Infrastructure: 31% (n=57)
- Project Planning and Implementation: 17% (n=30)
- Retention: 9% (n=16)
Top Reported Implementation Barriers

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<th>Provider Logistics</th>
<th>Project Planning / Implementation</th>
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<td>48% - Lack of trained candidates in specialized areas of practice (n=12)</td>
<td>60% - Lack of physical office space (n=15)</td>
<td>32% - Provider travel costs are too high (n=8)</td>
<td>28% - Amount of time to plan / implement project (n=7)</td>
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<td>44% - Lack of trained candidates locally (n=11)</td>
<td>56% - Lack of confidential clinical space (n=14)</td>
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<td>32% - Length of time to hire candidates (e.g. time to develop job description; advertise position; sign contract; onboard staff) (n=8)</td>
<td>52% - IT issues (e.g. insufficient Bandwidth; limited access to Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) (n=13)</td>
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<td>28% - Provider burnout (n=7)</td>
<td>44% - Lack of short-term housing / accommodation (n=11)</td>
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<td>28% - Lack of interest by local qualified candidates (e.g. salary; benefits; level of seniority) (n=7)</td>
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Highlights
11 JPB project implementation barriers were cited by over one quarter of JPB projects.
### Top Implementation Barriers by Funding Recipient

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<th>FNHA (2 projects)</th>
<th>Health Authorities (6 projects)</th>
<th>Multiple Funding Recipient (7 projects)</th>
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<td>Lack of physical office space (n=7)</td>
<td>All categories below received an equal # of responses (n=1)</td>
<td>Lack of short-term housing / accommodation (n=3)</td>
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| Lack of confidential clinical space (n=7) | • Unable to attract local qualified candidates  
• Length of time to hire  
• Union matters  
• Lack of trained candidates locally | IT issues (e.g. Bandwidth, EMR) (n=3) | IT issues (e.g. Bandwidth, EMR) (n=5) |
| IT issues (e.g. Bandwidth, EMR) (n=5) | • Lack of short-term housing / accommodations  
• Lack of physical office space | Lack of trained candidates in specialized areas of practice (n=3) | Lack of confidential clinical space (n=5) |

**Recruitment and Retention**
- Provider travel costs too high (n=5)
- • Lack of trained candidates in specialized areas of practice (n=5)
- • Lack of trained candidates locally (n=3)

**Infrastructure**
- • Project planning / start-up taking a significant time

**Provider Logistics**

**Project Planning / Implementation**
Trends for Top Five Implementation Barriers

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60% Lack of physical office space (n=15)
What We Heard from Narrative Reports about Recruitment and Retention

**Strategies** (employed/planned)

- Utilizing recruitment agencies, community-based referrals and advertising widely
- Adjusting position qualifications to access a larger pool of candidates
- Offering other employment arrangements (e.g. tele-work; rotational in/out of community)
- Encouraging local youth to pursue health careers
- ‘Laddering’ community members into positions
- Building local staff housing options to reduce travel time and/or attract full-time staff

**Suggestions** (to Joint Project Board)

- Secure additional funding to support competitive salaries, benefits and pension packages
- Allow both flexible and full FTE arrangements to accommodate communities’ unique needs
- Support flexible position qualifications and provide HR support
- Support staff housing within community
What We Heard from Narrative Reports about Infrastructure

Strategies (employed/planned)

- **Building relationships with communities** to facilitate access to local-level infrastructure
- **Utilizing alternative spaces** where feasible and appropriate (e.g. a trailer for mobile support team)
- **Restructuring existing spaces** as required to better support service delivery
- **Staggering service times**/ manage bookings to ensure clinical facilities and space are optimally utilized

Suggestions (to Joint Project Board)

- **Secure additional funding** to establish additional confidential clinical or office spaces, and/or to modify existing spaces

“The Office Space issue is that Clinicians are sharing offices in communities and this makes it difficult [to] provide safe care.... We have moved offices but still don’t have room to expand.”

“Unless more funding is secured to move forward with the proposed renovations and/or building move, the spacing issue will likely be unresolved.”

- JPB Narrative Report Respondents
What We Heard from Narrative Reports about Provider Logistics / Project Planning

**Strategies (employed/planned)**

- **Building relationships** with First Nations communities to generate creative solutions
- Building **local staff housing** options to reduce travel time and enable overnight stays
- Implementing **scheduling, tracking, and documentation protocols** to efficiently conduct needs assessments and deliver community-specific programming
- Including communities, partners, and **physicians** in project planning and implementation to build **buy-in and shared understanding of project goals** among the parties

**Suggestions (to Joint Project Board)**

- **Secure senior level champions** to build consensus across professions and support system change
- **Create/designate a team lead position** to support coordination and communication
- More funding for **admin support** to free service delivery staff from administrative tasks
- **FNHA to support recruitment and policy development**
### Comments on Implementation Barriers

#### Recruitment
- “Some [physicians] are available, but not a [good] fit”
- “…the new base salary standard for [nurses] is $114,000 and the amount we are receiving is significantly below that amount”

#### Retention
- “Some clinicians have been hired for this team; however, have also since resigned”
- “The second clinician was not able to generate a consistent caseload […] resigned four months into the new fiscal year”

#### Infrastructure
- “There is currently a lack of short term housing/accommodation […] this has been an issue for recruiting and retaining outside professionals for many years”

#### Project Planning
- “Multiple EMRs are not integrated”
- “Trying to integrate this service into four communities is challenging […]”
- “[…] it can be difficult to build the relationships needed to move complex changes forward without a champion or navigator”

- JPB Narrative Report Respondents
Service Delivery Progress
FIRST NATIONS PERSPECTIVE ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Implemented JPB projects have incorporated the First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness across various levels of service

“We provide [...] education and mini wellness talks within a culturally sensitive and wholistic approach”

TWO-EYED SEEING
JPB projects have adopted two-eyed seeing approaches to wellness that draw on strength, wisdom and value from both traditional and western health and wellness knowledge and practices

“[We’ve] spent the past year delivering community-specific programming that combines traditional Medicine Wheel teachings with Western addictions treatment practices [...]”

ACCESS
JPB projects improved access to care by adapting services and supporting individuals

“One of our most successful strategies...was giving honorariums to community members [for clients to share experiences in talking circles and provide support/info to potential clients]. They played a huge role in recruiting potential clients and ensuring that clients consistently attended the sessions”

-JPB Narrative Report Respondents
Key Messages on Accessibility of Services (FY 2018-2019)

 JPB projects improved access to care by adapting services and supporting individuals

 There were **55,821 client visits** across reported JPB projects during 2018-2019, representing an increase from previous reporting periods

 As a result of JPB projects, the majority of respondents agreed that **wellness had been integrated** into the delivery of care and **cultural safety and humility of care had improved**

  - However, recruitment challenge, staff shortages and work intensity were impacting the progress of improvement

 Ability to recruit and retain healthcare workers was identified as the area with least improvement
Strategies employed by JPB projects to address access barriers within a continuum of healthcare access

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Health Services’ Approachability

Acceptability

Availability and Accommodation

Affordability

Appropriateness

Health Care Need

Perception of need and desire for care

Health Care Seeking

Health Care Reaching

Health Care Utilization

Health Outcome

Individuals’ continuum of healthcare access and needs*

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JPB projects’ Supports for Individuals (pull)
Total Client Visits

All Projects 55,821 client visits

Northern 15,675 client visits
Fraser 13,813 client visits
Interior 8,378 client visits
Vancouver Coastal 7,857 client visits
Vancouver Island 5,977 client visits
Provincial Project 4,121 client visits

# of JPB projects that reported client visits
Integrating a Wellness Approach

As a result of the project, **wellness was integrated** into the delivery of care.

- 88% Strongly Agree or Agree
- 12% Neutral

As a result of the project, **cultural safety and humility of care improved**.

- 75% Strongly Agree or Agree
- 21% Neutral
- 1 project Disagree
Improvements in Service Accessibility

Degree to which services can be easily identified, understood and navigated

Overall accessibility of services

Availability of services (geographic proximity)

Flexibility of services to accommodate client needs

Timeliness of services

Ability to recruit and retain healthcare workers

No improvement

Some Improvement

Great Improvement
Key Messages on Service Delivery Barriers and Mitigation Strategies (FY 2018-2019)

- Coordination of Care, Service Utilization, and Technology Integration remained key barriers to JPB project service delivery
  - **Coordination of Care**: client record / charting issues and difficulty in reaching clients for follow-up
  - **Service Utilization**: restricted provider availability; clients unaware of services
  - **Technology Integration**: Lack of access to health authority EMR; multiple EMRs that are not integrated

JPB projects implemented several strategies to address these barriers:
  - Building relationships with other local health facilities and staff
  - Peer referrals and involvement to increase uptake of services
  - Exploring other options for medical record management to access health authority EMRs
## Top Reported Service Delivery Barriers

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<td>Lack of access to health authority EMR (44%)</td>
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<td>Clients difficult to reach for follow-up (40%)</td>
<td>Clients unaware of services (48%)</td>
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<td>Clients don’t trust/know the providers yet (44%)</td>
<td>No EMR implemented in community (32%)</td>
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<td>Lack of clarity concerning roles and responsibilities between service delivery organizations (36%)</td>
<td>Location of service difficult for clients to get to (24%)</td>
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### Top Service Delivery Barriers by Funding Recipient

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<td>Lack of access to health authority EMR (50%)</td>
<td>Multiple EMRs that are not integrated (67%)</td>
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**Coordination of Care**
- No EMR implemented in community (83%)

**Service Utilization, Access, Availability**
- Perceived privacy barrier to info sharing (83%)

**Technology Integration**
- Client record / charting issues (83%)
Strategies (employed/planned)

- **Building relationships** between project staff, service providers and partners in local health facilities and organizations

- **Integration** with other local health service providers and organizations

- **Team-based approaches** (e.g. collaboration between multiple disciplines and traditional healers informs appropriate mental wellness approaches and substance use treatments)

- **Strengthening partnerships** with health authorities

Suggestions (to Joint Project Board)

- **Fund / create multi-disciplinary teams** with traditional healers, social workers, and psychiatrists to provide appropriate mental health and substance use services

- Establish a ‘crisis’ fund to address urgent situations, transportation, and social determinants of health

“The establishment of clinical team meetings afforded clinicians (counsellors, NP/GPs, nurses) the opportunity to collaborate and discuss challenging clients, polypharmacy, treatment options, as well as develop communication and client-flow pathways.” - JPB Narrative Report Respondent
What We Heard from Narrative Reports about Service Utilization

**Strategies (employed/planned)**

- **Peer referrals and involvement** to increase uptake of services (e.g. community member clients share experiences in talk circle and provide support / info to potential clients)
- Ensuring services are **culturally safe, protect confidentiality and establish trust** with clients
- Integrating **community voices** into service delivery
- Using a **combination of in-person and virtual** service delivery
- Setting appointments at the **same time every week and sending reminders** for upcoming sessions to establish routine and encourage service utilization

**Suggestions (to Joint Project Board)**

- Funding to **increase flexibility of services** (e.g. funding to provide out-of-business-hour services)
- FNHA to **voice interests of rural and remote communities** that are not served well by current model
- **Mental health needs assessment** at the community level

“[Peers] played a huge role in recruiting potential clients and ensuring that clients consistently attended the sessions.”

-JPB Narrative Report Respondent
Strategies (employed/planned)

• Exploring other options for charting / medical records management to access Health Authority EMR (e.g. purchasing MedAccess, Meditech)

• Working to gain access to EMR through local health authority

• Providing physicians with satellite-enabled laptops to enhance access to EMRs within remote communities

• Developing charting system / tools / procedures

Suggestions (to Joint Project Board)

• Fund EMR-related expenses / provide all primary care providers with health authority EMR access

• Full Integration of EMR systems

“Multiple EMRS that are not integrated ... [Stuff are] having to do duplicate charting (hospital chart, physician EMR and program records/patient file). This is time consuming.”

-JPB Narrative Report Respondent
JPB Project Evaluations: Status Update

Evaluations Completed to Date (results still to be released)

- Kwakwaka’wakw Primary Maternal, Child and Family Health Collaborative Team – Vancouver Island Region
- Riverstone Home/Mobile Detox and Daytox Expansion - Fraser Salish Region

Evaluations for Possible Future Consideration by the Regions

- Northern St’át’imc Shared Services - Interior Region
- Mental Wellness and Substance Use Virtual Team and Opioid Funds - Vancouver Coastal Region
- Coastal Tsimshian Primary Health Care Team - Northern Region
- Mental Wellness Substance Use Mobile Support Teams - Northern Region