

# *22nd Meeting of the Joint Working Group for Health and related Social Issues (JWGHS) of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) 14–15 April 2016 Rovaniemi, Finland*

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Region Västerbotten, has the role of coordinating the work in the area of regional development including health and social care in Västerbotten.

In accordance to the political agreement in Västerbotten taken in the political cooperation AC Konsensus, four toplevel professional meetings and three toplevel political meetings takes place every year. The new Cooperative Programme between Västerbotten County Council and Municipalities in Västerbotten on Psychiatric health 2016 will be discussed at the second meeting in May 2016. Also general development of health and social care concerning children and Youth at risk are on the agenda during spring 2016. The work to secure equal development of health and social welfare are also in focus from the government in Sweden. In the area of rural medicine has many interesting projects on virtual health started. Concerning education focusing on mental health and prevention Västerbotten has a regional plan for education on Psychiatric health ongoing until 2017. The progress of the education, have enjoined several interesting lectures, and a special education for executive leaders focused on mental health and prevention.

In February 2016 OECD (The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) on their ongoing territorial Territorial review of the NSPA Region visited Västerbotten county. The OECD-delegation conducted a number of interviews to a wide range of experts and stakeholders from the private, public and academic sector as well as NGO's from Jämtland, Västernorrland, and Norrbotten. After the visit, this spring 2016 the OECD will write a standalone report from the four case studies that will also be part of the Territorial Review of the NSPA areas. In this context we were identified as experts and a valuable source of information to this project. In Västerbotten we had a lecture in Lycksele Hospital under the headline: **Accessibility to Welfare Services in Sparsely Populated areas health and social care, skills shortages.**

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## **CYAR goals Sweden**

Work going on in the northern counties of Sweden

-Ongoing work concerning the first-line and its organization in the municipalities, it's called HLT (Health Learning and Security) .Cooperation between school, social service and health care in coordination of actions for prevention, early identification and interventions concerning children and youth at risk

2016 the government in Sweden also give money the County Council and Municipalities to build up more youth clinics based, on equal and gender rights

Within social services there is a special national material for the socialworkers to use when they preform investigations of children in need of support. In Sweden it is called BBIC – Barns Behov I Centrum (Childrens needs in focus). This tool has been updated and a widespread introduction education of the new BBIC is ongoing.

There is also a new situation with many refugees and unaccompanied children that has arrived in Sweden, and in Västerbotten These children needs a lot of support and many are involved in making their unintegration in society as smooth as possible. The NGO's are important in the work and contribute in different ways.

Within the county council in Västerbotten the politicians has taken av decision to highlight “ Risky alcoholconsumption” and “Domestic violence” in the public health work