



**Chairperson:** Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Canadian Mental Health Association WWD

**Recorder:** Sarah Schindler

**Possible:** Sharon Deally-Grzybowski (Chair), Christine Gilroy (*Min of Comm Safety and Correctional Services Probation and Parole Officer*), Jan Wyman (*MCYS probation officer*), Sarah Nelson (*Homewood Health Centre EMHS Program Coordinator*), Cheryl Skirving-Mills (*Bartimaeus Support Services*), Kerry Manthenga, (*Stonehenge Therapeutic Community Clinical Director – Community Services*), Paul Wood (*Salvation Army Executive Director*), Elizabeth Renfrew (*Legal Aid Ontario*), Bailey Steward (*T.A. Petterson*), Tom Gill (*Guelph Police Services*), Mary Hanlon, John Westrup (*Homewood*),

**Present:** Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Tom Gill, Kerry Manthenga, John Wenstrup, Rachel Doyle, Adrienne Crowder, Rhonda Frank, Mary Hanlon

**Regrets:** Jan Wyman, Chris Gilroy, Cheryl Skirving-Mills, Ian Sykes, Paul Wood, Mary Lou Schmidt

**Guests:** Andrea Kendel (MSW intern with Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategy)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon welcomed everyone with a round of introductions.

#### Acceptance of Agenda of September 17, 2015

Agenda was accepted by consensus.

#### Acceptance of Minutes

If there are any edits, please send them to Sharon; once finalized the minutes will be posted on the provincial HJSCC website.

### 2. Methamphetamine Risk and Harm Reduction

Kerry gave a presentation on the drug methamphetamine that was part of a training offered to front-line workers.

Sharon shared that there is currently a Steering Committee planning a full day conference on meth use in the region, to take place in the fall. More information to come.

### 3. Drug Treatment Court Update

John shared that Homewood recently took over the Drug Treatment Court in Guelph-Wellington. In terms of capacity issues, it is currently being well managed. Workers are interested in visiting the Kitchener DTC to identify ways for enhancing the service. The next piece is ensuring that long-term support and services are available, if needed, for people who have successfully completed DTC.

### 4. Improving Discharge Planning Re: Release from Custody

Adrienne sought the committee's thoughts and ideas on improved discharge planning for individuals being released from custody. She had heard of a few situations where people were released end of day Friday, or on the weekend, without access to the appropriate supports (Or lacking identification or required medication/prescriptions) or follow-up care. Rhonda explained that if an individual is being released directly from court their property has been left at the institution of care where they were receiving service. Sharon shared that in Kitchener the police and The Working Centre have an agreement whereby TWC holds an individual's property when they have gone into custody. It could be beneficial to invite staff from Here 24/7 or Specialized Outreach Services, both 24 hour services, to brainstorm possible solutions. Sharon and Mary will pull some names together from The Working Centre, from within CMHA and the local pharmaceutical community to further pursue this.

## 5. PHSJCC Updates

Sharon shared the recent communique that was sent from the PHSJCC. They are developing a three-year workplan; to be informed by priorities identified by regional HSJCC's and to direct the ongoing work of the PHSJCC. We have been asked to review their priority list and feedback questions. What are our top three issues? This will be on the agenda for the December Guelph HSJCC meeting. The PHSJCC is also seeking a more structured reporting system from the regional HSJCC's.

The MOU between CMHA and the PHSJCC is currently being reviewed and updated.

The collaborative in Niagara region has developed a three-tier ticket system for youth 6 to 12 years old. There is a coordination component between the police, the care organization and the parents.

Michael Dunn is the new co-chair for the PHSJCC. He is the Director of Research at CMHA Barrie.

Don Roth and Mary-Jo Shearer completed a report, *Engaging Youth in the Justice System*, on the gaps in service for the youth in the mental health and justice system. Sharon will circulate to the committee a manual that explains the process in mental health and justice for youth.

Sharon will circulate a presentation from [REDACTED] that explores the impact of mental health and addictions issues in Ontario.

## 6. 2015-2016 Budget and Work Plan

Sharon explained that the budget for 2015-2016 remains at \$2,000. The work plan was circulated and Sharon will also circulate the criteria for dispensing funds.

Last year Mary had organized a lunch and learn that was well received. She will be organizing another one to take place on Friday November 20 at the Drop-In Centre with Judge Douglas as the speaker. It was requested of, and agreed that, the HSJCC to cover the food cost. If you have ideas for additional speakers (or topics) please be in contact with Mary Hanlon. Stonehenge could also present on their withdrawal management program.

The HSJCC has agreed to set aside \$500 annually to the DTC for funds to purchase incentive gift cards.

The Kitchener-Cambridge local HSJCC and the PHSJCC have agreed to assist with registration fees for attendees to the provincial conference, *Mobilizing Community*, in November. If you would like to subsidize anyone from this committee who is interested in attending please be in contact with Sharon Deally-Grzybowski.

## 7. Agencies/Court updates

- Kerry shared that Rachel will soon be up and running at Drug Treatment Court. Charges must be directly or indirectly related to drugs. More information to come.
- Rhonda shared that correctional institutions are implementing a new mental health strategy. There was a recent Human Rights case that contained numerous recommendations; one of which required screening for all new admissions to correctional facilities. Anyone who screens 'positive' will receive a follow-up jail screening and assessment which is a more comprehensive tool. Every individual who requires it will receive an interdisciplinary and documented individualized care plan.

## 8. New Business

- No new business

**Next Meeting Date: December 10, 2015 (Location: Stonehenge)**