



Kitchener Cambridge Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2016

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Location: Crown Attorney's Office, 3rd Floor, 85 Frederick St., Kitchener

Present: Linda Elliott, Joslyn Gaston, Sue Werden, Melanie Smid, Pat Singleton, Cheryl Skirving-Mills, Rob Davis, Carolyn Albreicht, Frank Sinko, Nelly Silva, Shirley Gutenberg, Tammy Mercer

Regrets: Bobby Goldenberg, Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Jennifer Mains, Tom Poray, Marian Best, Chris Goss, Mark Booker, Joe Bauman, Bonnie Barnard

Recorder: Sarah Schindler

Item for Discussion	Discussion
1. Welcome, introductions and review of minutes of October 19, 2015	Agenda accepted as presented Minutes of October 19, 2015 accepted as presented.
2. Presentation: Dual Diagnosis Justice Coordinator, Central West Specialized Development Services	Deferred to next meeting.
3. Presentation: Shelter Services in Waterloo Region	<p>Carolyn Albreicht presented about Woman's Crisis Services Waterloo Region, who work with women fleeing violence and their children. They run two shelters in the region – Haven House (45 beds) and Anselma House (45 beds). They receive funding for only 30 and 28 beds, respectively with additional operating funds being raised through donation. They also manage a 24-hour crisis line and provide outreach services for women not in shelter. Outreach workers also operate through the Family Violence Project (referrals via police services), housed at Carizon. Outreach workers assist women with safety planning and risk assessment.</p> <p>At shelter they offer programs for women (including food and nutrition), and links to further services including housing, income assistance, employment and advocacy. Counselling educates women about the cycle of abuse and its long-term impacts. Length of stay</p>



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	<p>differs depending upon the situation and resources available.</p> <p>They are currently in the process of relocating Haven House to a newer build with more space and privacy for women and their families.</p> <p>They have a Child and Family Therapist as well as Child and Youth Workers. Also in-house; a Family and Children's services worker, a one-day-per-week Psychologist, and a Nurse Practitioner from KDCHC. There is a partnership with KW Multi-Cultural Centre when translation services are required.</p>
4. HSJCC Workplan	<p>Linda and Joslyn outlined their proposals for the committee workplan, including inviting more speakers to present to the committee. If you have further thoughts or suggestions please be in contact with Linda and Joslyn.</p> <p>Frank had seen a presentation at the PHSJCC Conference in November around Suicide Prevention. It would be great to be able to offer this to high school students throughout the region. There could be potential to partner with the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council.</p>
5. Updates from the PHSJCC	<p>Joslyn reported that there is a meeting scheduled between PHSJCC, CMHA, and the MOHLTC to standardize the local HSJCC reporting process around the province.</p>
6. Updates on Mental Health Court/Drug Treatment Court	<p>Linda reported that the Mental Health Court is busy, with at least 25 to 30 people on the docket every Tuesday. Cases are complex and made more so due to the additional mental health considerations. A Mental Health Diversion could last anywhere from six months to one year.</p> <p>Drug Treatment Court continues to be busy with 10 people in process and several on the waitlist. There have not been any recent graduations.</p>
7. Update from Committee Partners	<p><u>Cambridge:</u> The step home is looking at increasing outreach.</p> <p><u>Lutherwood:</u> Beginning in January 2016 they have been accepted as an appropriate referral service for youth to attend Portage. An intake screening process would follow. The task now is preparing youth to be able to make that commitment to a treatment</p>



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	<p>program. Funding has been approved for a pilot project around Community Mental Health Workers with a focus on youth housing. Workers are partnering with both hospital and schools.</p> <p><u>MCYS:</u> Attends youth court every Monday with students and volunteers to assist with intake. Tuesday through Friday is for cases dealing with youth on bail. They are seeing lower numbers lately which may be a credit to the success of diversion programs. There has been difficulty serving adults between ages 18 to 22.</p> <p><u>WRPS:</u> They are responsible for building and individual security within the courthouse.</p> <p><u>Bartimaeus:</u> They have partnered with an organization in Nova Scotia to open a new residential facility.</p> <p><u>Youth in Conflict with the Law:</u> There could be more done with people on bail to assist them with accessing services, particularly in the area of addiction. There could be potential to partner with MCYS.</p> <p><u>Housing:</u> There has been progress this fall/winter that addresses the harder to house/serve population.</p> <p><u>Developmental Services:</u> Many new referrals. There are ten full-time coordinators working in Kitchener-Waterloo.</p> <p><u>CMHA:</u> There is now a FACT Team that will be operating out of Kitchener.</p>
<p>8. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for new members • Suggestions for guest speakers 	

Next meeting: Monday May 16 2016, 1:00-3:00pm