



## WW Regional Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date: Friday September 16, 2016*

**Time: 9:00 – 11:00am**

**Location: 200 Maple Grove Rd., WRPS Headquarters  
Meeting Room #1**

**Present:** Douglas Sheppard, Janos Botschner, Don Roth, Tara Hyatt, Kristin Eidse, Joan Nandlal, Linda Elliott, Christina Barraco, Kathleen Reed, Karl Reimer

**Guests:** Tricia Murray (Director of Patient Services, WWCCAC), Andrew Abra (Community Resource Officer, WRPS)

**Regrets:** Angela Vanderheyden, Mary-Jo Shearer, Tom Gill, Toby Harris, Lindsay Sprague, Kerry Manthenga, Sarah James, Heather Kerr

**Recorder:** Sarah Schindler

Item for Discussion		Discussion
1. Welcome, Introductions	Don Roth	Agenda accepted as presented Minutes of June 3, 2016 accepted by consensus.
2. Update on Substance Use Planning Committee	Don Roth	Earlier this year, in response to the growing Crystal Meth concern within the region, the HSJCC and both drug strategies (WGDS and WRIDS) created a working group to plan the Crystal Meth forum which was held in March 2016. A debrief followed and the group reconvened to determine what further work or projects to support – the group came to the understanding that at this time there is not a clear issue or project on which to focus our combined energies. The group agreed to reconvene in the event that such an item arises.
3. Police invitation to Mental Health Round Table discussion	Doug Sheppard, Andrew Abra	Doug introduced Andrew Abra who has come with some issues from North Division in Waterloo. There are some concerns regarding individuals who have repeatedly been in contact with the police due to some recurring behaviour involving mental health and addictions. Officer Abra presented some sample cases to illustrate the many interventions and issues with addictions. The number of individuals being apprehended due to these issues continues to increase, and multiple occurrences with the same person are



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		<p>happening frequently. If any members of the WWHSJCC feel they could assist with some solutions or suggestions to improve these interactions – this is an invitation to participate in further conversations. In mid-October Andrew will be meeting with GRH to discuss further. Sarah will circulate an email with further details if you would like to attend.</p>
4. Update on Patients First Act and local transformation with CCAC	Don Roth	<p>Guest Speaker: Tricia Murray, Director of Patient Services, WWCCAC</p> <p>To make referrals for care anyone can contact 310-CCAC</p>
5. HSJCC Survey	Joan Nandlal, Don Roth	<p>A survey has been developed for all regional and local HSJCC members. Its purpose is to explore the impact and structure of the committee. The survey will be circulated to all HSJCC member distribution lists via survey monkey this fall. Results to be reviewed at the December meeting.</p>
6. Update from Committee Partners		<p><u>CWSDS</u>: Tara shared that going forward the majority of their work may center on individuals and building partnerships for coordinated care.</p> <p><u>WRPS</u>: Doug had attended International Association of Forensic Mental Health conference in New York City and presented on the Specialized Crisis Team. WRPS continue to work on developing the electronic mental health screening hospital admissions form. There are some technological issues to resolve between systems/services. This will improve the ability to share information to the benefit of the individual's experience with justice, hospital and mental health care.</p> <p><u>John Howard</u>: Adult and Youth Justice programs continue to see an increase of individuals with complex needs.</p> <p><u>OPP</u>: They continue to see an increase of individuals with complex needs.</p> <p><u>Drug Treatment Court</u>: They recently had a successful graduation of an individual facing federal</p>



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charges on drug trafficking. Struggles continue with addressing issues around individuals with dementia who have been charged with a criminal offence.

Maplehurst: They are about one year into their mental health initiative where every new admission is being screened for mental health concerns. They are doubling the number of mental health nurses (from two to four) and the number of social workers (from five to ten). All positions should be fully in place by the end of October.

Probation and Parole: Continued challenges managing the many cases of individuals with complex mental health and addiction issues.

Stonehenge: They are in the final stages of developing a community withdrawal service. More information to come at the December meeting.

CMHA: Currently in the process of finalizing a name change due to the divestment of services provided in Dufferin County that have been transferred to CMHA Peel. New name will be CMHA Waterloo-Wellington. CMHA also currently undergoing an organizational review and potential structural re-design. CMHA has been able to add a Support Coordinator position to assist with improving transitions from Maplehurst for residents of Waterloo-Wellington, one day per week. The position liaises with other relevant organizations in the region to prepare a discharge plan for individuals being released from custody.

Grand River Hospital: They continue to experience concerns re: how patients are slipping through the justice and mental health system. There are patients that require mental health care, but because of their violence they are unsafe to be managing on general psychiatric unit. As an example; a nurse was assaulted on Monday from a patient that had already assaulted two patients a few months ago. This patient has had lots of involvement with the justice system. These patients deserve care, but they require a much more specialized unit.



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<p>7. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	<p>HSJCC budget: Revisions to the Budget Policy first drafted in 2014-2015 when there were three local committees. Kitchener and Cambridge have since been combined into one Committee. As a result, there has been a change to the expenses available to each committee, now \$2,500 annually for local and \$5,000 for regional.</p> <p>Motion THAT WWHSJCC committee members approve the revisions to the revised Budget Policy document (April 1 – March 31).</p> <p>Moved by Linda Elliott/Seconded by Karl Reimer</p> <p>Carried</p>
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**Next meeting:** Friday December 2, 9:30am – 11:30am  
Police Services Boardroom, 200 Maple Grove Rd, WRPS Headquarters