

Durham Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Whitby Mall, Suite 202, 1615 Dundas Street, West Tower

Present: Rob Adams, Dianna Eastwood, Vickie Jennings, Paula McLennan, Christopher Moore, Michael Newell, Shelley Passfield

Regrets: N.Crow, Tamara Easto, Paul McGary, Jai Mills, Darren Nesbitt, Greg O'Driscoll, Sue Pearce, Michele Rampino, Mark Rice, Paul Secord, Debbie Spence

Recording Secretary: Angie Hirani

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- Rob formerly introduced Angie Hirani as the administration support for the committee looking forward.
- Everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Review and Approval of June 17, 2014 Minutes

Amendments:

- Dianna was to investigate if there was decision regarding Family Groups if they can provide caregiver support to family members.
- Remove "Paul Godfrey to invite a DRPS Officer to speak to committee".
- Minutes were approved with above changes.

Outstanding Issues & Updates

3.0 CE-LHIN Behavioral Supports Ontario (BSO) Project Update

- With respect to Karen Lee-Boulton and Brian Landry's presentation of the BSO there were no particular comments. However, Rob mentioned that other agencies are dovetailing on the issues of abuse in LTC. The concern is how accessible is this program. The CCAC caregivers are not mental health workers, therefore is it possible that the BSO could open abroad to accept other agencies that will benefit seniors with mental health issues?

4.0 Psychiatric Funding Update

- Vickie reported that they have received funding for constant psychiatric care to be available once a month at the courthouse. Youth Diversion works can refer a youth to the Crown Attorney and work with a psychiatrist. There are three appointments each morning for debriefing before and after their court appearance with a psychiatrists and the service provider on how the crown will proceed.
- Looking forward to progress and funding.
- Rob added that DMHS now has three psychiatrists providing sessional support, one specific to the court diversion program.
- Mike said that the Crown was struck by the amount of youth cases that are utilizing this service.

- Vickie mentioned that in 6 months 15 youths have been seen 3 times a day, once a month and the psychiatrist have made a huge impact. She also mentioned there have been a lot of recommendations for Section 34.
- Paula added that Dr. Ledger's services are used frequently and have been extremely helpful.

5.0 Mental Health Court Committee Update

- Shelley had concerns revolving around the inability that assessments could not be done due to the fact that they couldn't find psychiatrists to go in because the fitness clinics would not give up bed space. It was suggested that Richard would discuss this with the Crown.
- With discussions regarding diversion responses the goal was to give a sober second thought straight to the case manager. If they were to receive an odd file they would bring the file to ? and have institutional advice to walk through having a more consistent point of contact.
- There is a tentative pilot project with the DRP and Salvation Army on working together to get back small items such as cell phones wallets, ID etc. from seniors that have been stolen. There is need for practical information to be put in place and support to the clients.

6.0 Education Update

- Rob announced that HSJCC sponsors a one day event once a year and we are looking for topics. There have been a lot of topics that have been covered in the past including seniors, youth, cyber bullying, etc. Topics that are trends and hotspots are the priority.
- Mike suggested, there is a need for collaboration for agencies in the community to act as a whole. That the failure of having different systems makes people (committees) afraid to share personal information, and it would benefit committees if they would work together collaboratively to have the system flow more fluently.
- There is a gateway to the health care sector and all committees/agencies are identified however not being used to potential to find long term solutions.
- Rob's concern was that not all these committees/agencies are CE-LHIN funded. He suggested that instead of a whole day of training the possibility of doing certified programs or half day training.
- Possibly a day of collaboration and training, inter sector planning on how to collaborate, project management between different sectors in the community for example YMCA, CCAC etc. Getting these people to the table and getting to know them, to look at everyone as a whole community not just as small sectors.
- Vickie suggested that Ontario Shores had an idea of how to collaborate more integration having a smaller audience using the Canadian Collaborative Mental Health Initiative.
- Have a day of select audience of people that are not normally invited eg. YMCA, St. Vincent's
- Provide ½ day training for people from Beaverton and Sunderland.
- Rob mentioned that Peterborough is training on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome as an example, this could be a certificate program as a topic.
- Rob also suggested that we could use the funding to provide advanced training for our committee.

Outcome:

- Suggestions for topics, ones that are hotspots and trends are the priority.
- Rob to contact Phil at DRP about setting up meeting with the northern sector.
- Shelley will cancel Tosca Hall and cancel March date.
- Possibly look at Shriners Club in North Oshawa as a location for training.
- Suggestions: Create ways to have agencies work together and form integrations between mental health and court services to connect with other services such as St. Vincent's.
For example Kitchener Soup Kitchen has been using their facility as a HUB for different agencies and committees members to volunteer that provides them with opportunity to connect with a range of community resources.

7.0 Mapping Services Update

- Mike reported that the Centre of Excellent Dementia Care steering committee has a working group and now needs to get moving.
- Rob advised that there is a need to map available services. For example: police->court->court diversion->safe bed->agency->bail.
- It was noted that people with dementia are in need for a mapping service. Non-mental help agencies like CCAC also need mapping services to help with what is available and where to go. For example schools have processes that may be adapted and worth looking at.

8.0 Provincial Update

- Rob indicated that we can now share information across the HSJCC network and beyond as noted in the PHSJCC Annual Report, pg. 50.
- Angie will be keeping the website information up to date, posting minutes etc. If there is anything you would like to add/change, please forward to her via email.
- The HSJCC has asked local and regional committees to identify their top three priorities of concerns in addition to any areas that were not included in the priority options as mentioned on pg. 7.
- Shelley will be helping with the Provincial Conference in November. They are looking for people to form a sub-committee if anyone is interested. They are also looking for topics.
- Rob provided copies and an email was issued to members with regards to the Communications and Knowledge Exchange Committee that is looking for members if anyone is interested.

Outcome:

Item #1 - Release from custody; look more into this and how it can be improved.

Item #6 - Issues affecting Aboriginal communities; the need for representation on the committee.

9.0 Aboriginal Representation Discussion

- Everyone was in agreement that there is a strong need to have Aboriginal representation join the committee. Noting there are so many different nations residing in Durham Region their knowledge would be beneficial.
- Mike mentioned that not particularly in courts however, Baagwating Community Association donations for Durham Region is the largest in the Province, reiterating the benefit of a member as there are differences on how their cases are represented.
- The question was raised if there are different accesses to resources and more opportunities if they are aboriginal.
- Toronto has a lot of services for aboriginal people, while Durham Region has very little.

Outcome:

- Provide education and training for the HSJCC Committee with respect to not only Aboriginals but other cultures as well.
- Paula offered to search for contacts that she knows to come out and speak to the committee. She has contacts at the Youth Justice Network that she can check into.
- Have Aboriginal representation join the committee as a member.

10.0 CE-LHIN Priority Project Update

- Rob addressed the three priorities that the LHIN has identified 1) ACT 2) Crisis Review 3) Vascular Health
- Scarborough, Durham Region and Kawartha Pineridge Peterborough are leading a review of crisis services.

- Rob will use the next HSJCC for a focus group for the Crisis Review

Items for Next Meeting

- Recommend crisis review – how to better engage special population
- Understand how little we know about other cultures – training on how to understand them and their needs.
- Having Aboriginal representation join the committee as a member
- Rob to reach out to South Oshawa Health Centre for training
- Collaboration for training with the North
- Finalize mapping projected date February 28/March 1
- Focus group – Crisis Review

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014 @ 9:00am, at the DMHS office Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas Street Suite 202.