

KW HSJCC Meeting Minutes- Monday, January 21, 2013

Present: Nelly Silva, Tracey Collins, Sue Werden, Jennifer Mains, Shirley Gutenberg, Mark Booker, Fran Elliott, Joslyn Gaston, Lynette Fritzley

1. **Mental Health Court Update:**
 - Linda Elliott will be the new Mental Health Court Crown and sitting on the HSJCC starting in April
 - Lynette will be introducing her to the various community partners, including GRH, Freeport and possibly Waypoint and a meeting at St. John's Kitchen

2. **Drug Treatment Court Update:**
 - There is a very high success rate for the court - many testing clean
 - There will be another graduation this week
 - Justice Allen and Justice Westman will be rotating presiding over the court
 - Community partners have contributed greatly to the success of the court

3. **Youth Mental Health 'Diversion' program Update:**
 - December and January have been very busy
 - Mental health issues have become quite complex
 - A lot of work is also done with the parents
 - Youth with intellectual limitations are also being seen
 - Fran attempts to work with existing supports
 - Suggestion that a Youth Mental Health Court may be a possibility in the future. Fran will keep stats of who is seen, what's being done and the mental health issue being seen

4. **Prisoner Belongings Update:**
 - WRPS have the final draft that will hopefully be signed by the next meeting in February
 - Regular runs are still being done to both Maplehurst and Vanier

5. **Geriatric Committee Update:**
 - Next meeting to be held Monday, January 28, 2013. The focus will be a case run through
 - It's very challenging to find solutions (ie. short-term/respite bed)
 - Jennifer had some ideas for possible short-term beds and will do some investigation of possibilities

6. New Chair for the Kitchener HSJCC:
 - A new Chair or Co-Chair is needed to replace Lynette
 - To be deferred to next meeting

7. KW HSJCC Work Plan for 2013:
 - We need some new updated court booklets
 - Track stats or a possible Youth Mental Health Court
 - Looking for solutions regarding geriatrics in the justice system
 - Continue with the prisoner belongings issue

8. Combining the 2 HSJCCs:
 - Will invite members of the Cambridge HSJCC to the meeting in April to discuss combining groups now that new court house is opening

9. Asking Cambridge HSJCC for funds for booklet re-print:
 - Lynette will be sending a letter to request funds to update and print the court booklets

10. Community Partner Updates:
 - Lutherwood: a new crisis worker (Rob McDonald) has been hired to work with the police as part of a 6 month pilot project. Rob works 12 hour shifts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Referrals come from WRPS.
 - New court house: to open April 1, 2013. The Cambridge court house should be shut down by the end of April.

NEXT MEETING: Monday April 15, 2013
Crown's Office, 85 Frederick St.,
New Courthouse