

MINUTES OF COMBINED KITCHENER-CAMBRIDGE HSJCC MEETING

APRIL 15, 2013

1. Present: Fran Elliott, Shirley Gutenberg, Angela Vanderheyden, Hugh Miller, Joslyn Gaston, Cheryl McDonald, Darryl Goetz, Linda Elliott, Nelly Silva
2. Sharon Deally-Grzybowski sent regrets, and so there was no update at this meeting on the Provincial HSJCC Budget and projects. This item will be added to our next agenda
3. Moving forward with the Combined HSJCCs was difficult to address given the absence of members from the Cambridge HSJCC. There was discussion around perhaps the new centralized Courthouse and the difficulties and confusion around getting here and finding parking may have contributed to the lower numbers today.
4. Mental Health Court Update: it is anticipated that this Court may experience an increase in numbers once this site is combined with the Cambridge clients. In anticipation of this increase, the screening of potential files into this Court will need to be strict and comply with our Mental Health Court guidelines.
5. Drug Treatment Court Update: This court has now increased the available number of participants to 10, up 2 from 8. Nurse Practitioner Tracey Collins will be away on a sabbatical until September 2014, and is being replaced by RN Jane Kenyon, who is a registered Nurse working out of the Psychiatric Outreach Project. Gary Nyp, from Community Justice Initiatives, is also now on board and will be assisting as our third community support worker, in addition to Sandra Ball and Rob Davis. On April 24th DTC celebrated it's 7th Graduation, this participant A.M. graduated after being in the program for almost one year and maintaining his sobriety in the community for 45 consecutive weeks.
6. Partner Updates:
 - Angela Vanderheyden reported on a number of changes from LAO. They are maintaining the specialized panels of Duty Counsel and there are two full-time Duty Counsel present on the main level of the courthouse, in offices across from Courtroom # 102. She noted the difficulty for counsel caused by the absence of phone lines in the cell block area, and lack of cell phone reception in the lower level of the building.
 - Joslyn Gaston reported that Trellis and CMHA have amalgamated into one organization. There is an office now in the new Courthouse which is extremely helpful both for their staff and for their partners. There have been some staff relocations as a result of the re organization, it is still a work in progress.
 - Inspector Gates reported on a new project designed to connect with the sex trade workers, specifically the human trafficking aspect; he also reported that the police

are seeing an increase in the targeting of youth in group homes in the Waterloo area.

- Fran Elliott reported that Lutherwood now has an office in the Courthouse, this makes her more available to the Courts, she is here now every day.
 - Hugh Miller reported that YCL has seen an increase in their Bail Supervision numbers by 20%.
7. Prisoner Belongings Update: Joslyn Gaston reported on the Prisoner Property Transfer Protocol, and provided a copy of the Working Copy. A Direction and Release is required to be signed by the prisoner which then allows for the WRPS to turn over the property to the Working Centre. The prisoner is responsible to arrange for the collection of their property from the Working Centre within 90 days of the signing of the Release.

See copy of documentation attached

8. Geriatric Committee Update: next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013 at 1 pm, Crown's Office.
9. The Mental Health Court booklet has been reprinted and is available either thru Joslyn Gaston or Linda Elliott, or just ask at the Crown's office front desk.
10. Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 16th, 1 pm**, at a location to be announced.