

Minutes: HSJCC Meeting

September 16, 2013, Boardroom CMHA

Present: Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Joslyn Gaston, Linda Elliott, Mark Booker, Jennifer Bechtel, Pat Singleton, Sue Werden

After Introductions around the table, and approval of the Minutes from the last meeting,

Partner Updates:

Jennifer Bechtel, Manager, Coordinated intake, access and Transitions, CMHA, Waterloo Wellington Dufferin, presented the draft plan to Coordinated Access to Community Based Addictions and Mental Health Services. A flyer is attached to the Minutes. The plan is still in the development stage, with a goal to launch in April 2014. One significant change that the plan envelops would be the move to a common wait list for all services, channelled through the Coordinated Access program. The single point access is the benefit that is anticipated, as all services would be available through one phone number. It is hoped that the program would include 40 staff.

Mark Booker provided a summary of the services available through Waterloo Regional Homes, no significant changes to report at this time.

Sue Werden reported that volume of clients passing through Lutherwood is significantly increased. There is a Lunch and Learn planned for October 10th, 2013 at the Courthouse, 85 Frederick Street, Kitchener. Please contact Sue or Joslyn if there are questions about the Lunch and Learn.

Pat Singleton reported that the Cambridge Food Bank continues to be extremely busy, and noted that they are limited to only one street outreach worker for the entire Cambridge area.

Linda Elliott reported that the Drug Treatment Court continues to run at capacity, with 10 current participants. There are currently 3 on the Wait List. Justice Allen has replaced Justice Westman, with Justice Westman sitting in when Justice Allen is unavailable.

Joslyn Gaston reported that the Mental Health Court has been busier in September than the summer months. The Referrals are up, coming from defence bar, duty counsel, families of accused persons, and community agencies. Police are also making direct reference in the briefs that certain accused persons should be considered for Mental Health Court. This can be very helpful in giving a heads up that an accused has Mental Health issues that can be considered for streaming through the Mental Health Court process.

Sharon Deally-Grzybowski reported that the Prisoner Belongings protocol that was developed in this jurisdiction is now being considered on a province wide basis, and an advisory committee has been established to consider expanding the protocol into a wider application. Sharon has been asked to sit on the advisory committee and will provide updates as the process continues.

Sharon also provided an update on the Police-ER Protocol. The Provincial HSJCC is looking at a provincial protocol that would reduce wait times in the Emergency Department. Six regions have been identified as areas where the ER protocol appears to be working and further information will be sought by way of interviews with the Police. Those areas are: Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton, Arnprior, Rainy River, Prescott and Russell District and Cornwall Community.

Sharon also presented on the Relationship between the Justice Collaboratives and the HSJCCs. (Handout is attached.) The Justice Collaboratives began in 2013, as part of the implementation of Ontario's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. There are 4 collaborative established in 4 regions of Ontario. The Handout is fairly self-explanatory.

Finally, a reminder that our Workplan will need revision and review to reflect the ending of the 2013 year and the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year.

Next Meeting:

**January 13th, 2014 from 1-3 pm,
Crown Attorney's Office
85 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario**