

## **Kitchener Cambridge HSJCC Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 2014**

### **Attended By:**

Fran Elliott  
Paul Lobsinger  
Mark Booker  
Shirley Gutenberg  
Sue Werden  
Sharon Deally-Grzybowski  
Marian Best  
Sherri Heimpel-Peers  
Jennifer Mains  
Joslyn Gaston  
Linda Elliott

### **Provincial HSJCC Meeting Updates:**

- ✚ Sharon provided updates regarding the Provincial HSJCC Conference, Bill C-14, and the template for the province-wide booklet which is based on **Mental Health and You** book produced in Waterloo Region. The Provincial HSJCC needs assistance with website updates and the future role of the HSJCC recommendations regarding bail. Sharon has additional information on the above mentioned if it is requested.

### **Budget Review:**

- ✚ Money from the Provincial HSJCC is held by CMHAWWD
- ✚ Cambridge and Kitchener HSJCC Committees receive a combined \$4000 per fiscal year. We still need to use \$3500. Therefore, there is a plan to host a lunch and learn on March 31, 2014.
- ✚ Drug Treatment Court will receive \$500 to purchase gift cards as rewards for court participants.
- ✚ Please consider ideas to use the money from the 2014/2015 budget

### **Committee Workplan:**

- ✚ Consider asking guest speakers to attend some meetings. Please send any requests or suggestions to Joslyn or Linda
- ✚ Review of the 2013 Workplan led to a discussion of the Geriatrics Committee and Youth Mental Health Court.
- ✚ A small group from this region went to London to observe their Youth Therapeutic Court. Fran and Sue will keep track of the number of youths they believe would benefit from the specialized court.

### **Prisoner Belongings:**

- ✚ Prisoners with the option of leaving their belongings at court also includes detained youth. Unfortunately, there is no plan for anyone to attend youth facilities to retrieve belongings.
- ✚ Update regarding the HSJCC sponsored webinar on the topic.

### **Drug Treatment Court Update:**

- ✚ Number of participants has gone from 8 to 10. There are currently people on the waiting list
- ✚ Vacancies are not frequent
- ✚ Graduations will be happening in the upcoming weeks. This will be the graduation total to 9.
- ✚ There has been an issue with urine screens. The process has changed and this caused some challenges for the court.
- ✚ Now have Justice Allen as the main judge for the court. A strong bond has formed between the participants
- ✚ Some Police Officers have attended in order to observe the court

### **Mental Health Court Update:**

- ✚ Continues to be very busy.
- ✚ Referrals coming from many community partners
- ✚ Appreciate the community partners who attend the court as support to participants

### **Youth Court Support:**

- ✚ The numbers have been steadily increasing since last year. There are currently 30 youth participating in Diversion and 7 are being assessed.
- ✚ Increasing contact with schools, counselling, word-of-mouth and bail court

### **The Working Centre:**

- ✚ The Specialized Medical Outreach Team is in place. The name will likely change. This team is an expanded form of the Psychiatric Outreach Team. The new team includes nurses, an MSW and addiction outreach
- ✚ Crystal meth has changed the landscape for all ages that come to the Kitchen

### **Grand River Hospital:**

- ✚ The inpatient unit has a concurrent disorder specialist that sees patients in the Extended Assessment Unit
- ✚ Sherri is trying to pull people together regarding treating addictions and the stigma associated with that
- ✚ Looking at the rounds process and improving the discharge planning process

**Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health:**

- ✚ The agency will be effected by Coordinated Access

**Lutherwood:**

- ✚ Rob MacDonald is the Specialized Crisis Team Youth Worker. Referrals come from WRPS, Wednesday to Friday, 11-11. Crisis support and community follow-up is provided. Funding is not guaranteed after March 31, 2014. 153 people are supported with the goal being diversion from the Criminal Justice System/hospital.

**CMHAWWD:**

- ✚ The Specialized Crisis Team has been quite successful in the last year which has reduced police wait time at the hospitals. This team is being promoted heavily by WRPS. It is a 7 day/week team, but not 24 hours.
- ✚ Comprehensive DBT will be coming soon.
- ✚ Coordinated Access/Here 24/7 will start April 1, 2014