



Kitchener Cambridge Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11 2015
Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Crown Attorney's Office, 3rd Floor, 85 Frederick St., Kitchener

Present: Linda Elliott, Joslyn Gaston, Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Angela Vanderheyden, Nelly Silva, Marian Best, Pat Singleton, Mark Booker, Joe Bouman, Jennifer Mains, Lori Crew, Cheryl Skirving-Mills

Regrets: Sue Werden, Lauren McNabb, Frank Sinko

Recorder: Jean Defaux

| Item for Discussion | Discussion |
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| 1. Welcome, Introductions and review of minutes of February 23, 2015 | <p>Agenda accepted as presented Minutes of February 23, 2015 accepted as presented. As low attendance at these meetings is a concern an email will go out reminding membership of the reasons why attendance is imperative:</p> <p>Suggestions for additional agencies that could be invited to sit at this table were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grand River Hospital• Lutherwood• Waterloo Regional Police Services• PACE• Addiction services• Salvation Army-Major Helen Mazley-Linda will connect with her• Glynis Burkholder may be able to give names- Joslyn will contact Jennifer Menzies to get further contact names• Probation and Prole from Cambridge and Kitchener• Cambridge Memorial Hospital – Marian and Cheryl will connect with their contacts there <p>If you have contacts names please send to Joslyn at jgaston@cmhawwd.ca</p> |
| 2. Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council Strategic Planning Input | <p>A hardcopy of questions from the WRCPC was circulated and discussed. Responses were captured on flip chart sheet by Linda; the collected information will be sent back to the WRCPC.</p> <p>Side note for HSJCC committee: Should the HSJCC look at discharge planning just like we looked at prisoner belongings?</p> |



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| 3. Extraordinary Needs Program (ENP) | Anne Wright-Gedcke, Manager of the Extraordinary Needs Program, will address this committee in September. Hardcopy of the ENP Referral package provided by Anne was handed out and reviewed with the caveat this is a work in progress therefore there may be further changes. |
| 4. Geriatric In Justice Committee | <p>This committee stopped meeting due to lack of ongoing support. Linda would like to see some form of the committee start up again (in the fall) due to the increase of geriatrics accused in court, 2 in last 4 months or about 4-6 cases a year. Cases usually involve some aspect of dementia or Alzheimer's. Would members of this committee be willing to form a team to problem solve when geriatrics come into court? Marian and Jennifer expressed interest.</p> <p>Other who might be invited to participate are addictions, geriatric groups, Corazon seniors program, and court resource officers. Marian will send contact name from the seniors' advocacy committee to Linda/Joslyn.</p> |
| 5. Mental Health Court - Understanding the process of Community Collaboration | A review to capture the perspective of people directly involved in the MH Court was suggested. Goal would be to strengthen and re-affirm our collaboration, and mark our 10-Year Anniversary (Fall 2015) with recognition and acknowledgement of the many contributions and benefits that have unfolded. There are some HSJCC funds that would allow us to throw a 10-Year Anniversary celebration. The work will be done over the summer. An email will be sent out by Joslyn to explore interest in this project. Once feedback from committee members is received a time line will be set. Joslyn, Linda and Sharon will spearhead the project. |
| 6. Updates on Provincial HSJCC- Sharon | <p>After the dissemination of the <u>Designing Justice Services with Youth and Families Who Experience Mental Health and Addictions</u> paper the following has happened, in great deal due to efforts of Chris Higgins, MOH, Forensic Mental Health Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YCJA-section 34 assessment guide posted on HSJCC website• Pocket guide of the youth justice act-posted on HSJCC website• Guide for forensic assessments for not criminally youth now in final reading, will be on HSJCC website• New youth forensic services running in 5 hospitals, have video services; etc. In April, Heather Lumley, Executive Director of St. Leonard's Community Services, presented a webinar on <u>Gendered Pathways to Crime</u>. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">HSJCC Coordinating Committee conference will be held in Toronto on October 16-18. No word yet on selected abstracts. Registration is \$350. |
| 7. Updates on Mental Health Court | <p>Revised <i>Mental Health Justice System and You</i> books were handed out. The book covers both Guelph and KW services. There is a fold out map at the back of the book with a schematic of the justice system. If you need copies for your staff let Sharon know. It is also posted on the CMHAWWD website http://wwd.cmha.ca/</p> <p>Linda reported on having long and very busy days in Mental Health Court, with every imaginable offence including use of firearms, domestic violence, and group homes cases. Her sense is that cases are getting more complicated. Now screening about 15 cases a week referred to MH Court.</p> <p>Drug treatment court now has 10 participants and a waitlist of 5.</p> <p>At a recent CMHA Ontario conference our staff presented on Drug Treatment court to a packed audience with excellent feedback. A CMHA Ontario program analyst asked if the team would present a webinar on May 25th. Will keep you posted regarding the webinar.</p> <p>The Waterloo Region Drug Treatment Court website: http://www.rwdtc.org/</p> |
| 8. Update from Committee Partners | <p><u>Legal Aid Ontario</u> – Mental Health lawyer A.J. Grant-Nicholson, over the next few months, will be working as duty council one Tuesday a month in MH court.</p> <p><u>Developmental Services</u> - additional self-directed funds called passport funding is now available through DSO. This funding allows individuals community participation, including access to transportation or the purchase of extra supports. Application must be through DSO to get your name on the list. To qualify for DSO services the individual must have major onset before age 16; if diagnosed post 18 not qualified. Must have assessment to show that they qualified for DSO services; would be interesting to see if there could be any grandfathering of those who are now too old to have received the paperwork before age 16.</p> <p><u>The Working Centre</u>: Jennifer Mains raised the question of anonymity in Outreach services. The desire of some to be anonymous is huge. People with addictions feel they are quite different from peers with mental health issues. How should a request to stay anonymous be dealt with? What are the questions raised about anonymity? How do we raise this issue with other agencies? It was</p> |



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| | <p>decided this topic would be on the September agenda. Jennifer sees this as an issue for people with addictions so Self Help will not be invited to the September meeting. She knows of 2 individuals who are interested in exploring this subject: an individual doing their PhD and someone from AA. Jennifer will approach the person doing their PhD to attend. She thinks the positives white washes the darker stuff.</p> <p><u>Bartimaeus:</u> Cheryl Skirving-Mills –The agency offers support in short term; also does functional work and preventive for staff for WSIB purposes. It is fee for service.</p> <p><u>Cambridge Shelter Corporation:</u> Marian Best- huge increase in crystal meth usage resulting in a lot of psychosis which can lead to permanent brain damage. We are seeing a lot more seniors in shelters. Cambridge has lost a lot of beds. Our Trustee program keeps people housed. Many in DOM hostels need help to look after themselves so will be interesting to see how they are rehoused. People in Cambridge do not want to cross the 401.</p> <p><u>Cambridge Food Bank:</u> Pat Singleton- This is their 30th year of operations. Do we celebrate? Thanks to Jennifer and The Working Centre for their Outreach work..</p> <p><u>Developmental Services:</u> Lori Crew-getting lots of referrals from all 3 regions she covers October 19th at court house, 3rd floor</p> |
| 9. New Business | None at this meeting. |