



WW Regional Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee

Minutes

June 9, 2017

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am

Location: 200 Maple Grove Rd., WRPS Headquarters, Boardroom

Chairperson: Meredith Gardiner, Canadian Mental Health Association WW

Co-chair: Joan Nandlal, John Howard Society of Waterloo Wellington

Recorder: Catherine Bassarab

Present: Meredith Gardiner, Don Roth, Janos Botschner, Kristin Eidse, Lindsay Klassen, Kathleen Reed, Mary-Jo Shearer, Toby Harris, Tara Hyatt

Regrets: Joan Nandlal, Craig Ambrose, Angela Vanderheyden, Jim Izzard, Lauren McNabb, Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Sherri Heimpel-Peers, Tina Gaspardy, Karl Reimer, Pam McIntosh, Linda Elliott, Christina Barraco

Guests: Adrienne Crowder, Lindsay Sprague and Sharon Ametepe (MPH student)

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meredith Gardiner

Meredith Gardiner is the new co-chair for CMHA WW, and Joan Nandlal continues as co-chair. Joan sends her regrets to the members, and Don Roth is assisting the transition.

The agenda stands as proposed.

Motion: To accept the revised minutes of March 3, 2017.

Moved by: Toby Harris; Seconded by: Janos Botschner

Round of Introductions

2. **Update on WRIDS and Guelph Wellington Drug Strategy** – Lindsay Sprague and Adrienne Crowder

Handouts: Opioid Overdose Prevention: Know the signs and know what to do. (a user-friendly pamphlet)

WRIDS Opioids, Fentanyl, Overdose and Naloxone: Information Package for Parents, Caregivers, Students; Waterloo Region Overdose Bulletin – Bulletin 1, May 25 2017

Reference: website: <http://www.waterlooregiondrugstrategy.ca/en/home/> information and resources.

Twitter: @DrugStrategyWR

Lindsay Sprague introduced the focus areas of Waterloo Region Integrated Drug Strategy and updated on current projects, including fentanyl alerts, disposal sites in Kitchener, educational resources for service providers, families and youth. WRIDS introduced an Overdose Bulletin in May 2017 for the area, and individuals can connect to self-report usage and incidents. An evaluation of the Regional Impact of the WRIDS regional strategy is planned. The University of Toronto will interview and survey persons and services connected with the WRIDS.

Adrienne Crowder introduced the Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategy. A substance abuse clinic is opening at GCHC with access to a primary care doctor and then transfer to mental health service. A Trillium Grant was received for Harm Reduction services for youth with residential treatment options.

Crystal Meth is challenging for doctors, service providers and community to work, with increased psychotic episodes and brain injury resulting from long-term usage. The Drug Strategies are receiving many training requests. Rather than offering small trainings, the Drug Strategies are asking the WWHSJCC for its support to offer a Crystal Meth education and training event.

Motion: That WWHSJCC regional support the implementation of a half-day Crystal Meth educational event in collaboration with the Waterloo Region and Guelph-Wellington Drug Strategies, offering \$4,000 in financial support.

Moved by: Don Roth; Seconded by: Janos Botschner

Unanimous.

The final budget and allocation to be reviewed in the fall of 2017 with both local and regional HSJCCs.

3. **HSJCC Terms of Reference** – Don Roth

Hand-out: Waterloo Wellington Regional HSJCC Terms of Reference, Feb 10, 2017

Hand-out: Guelph Wellington & Waterloo Region HSJCC Terms of Reference, February 10, 2017

The local Terms of Reference reflects changes put forward by Kitchener HSJCC in April: 1) to clarify the selection of the Chair and Co-Chair, and 2) list Membership by sector, rather than agency name.

A third revision requested by the regional committee is for page 1, third paragraph, pt 2 to read as follows: *Develop a model of shared responsibility and accountability in dealing with people at various points of intersection with the justice system.*

Motion: To approve the Local HSJCC Terms of Reference of Waterloo Region and Guelph Wellington with two changes and the revision as noted above.

Moved by: Lindsay Klassen; Seconded by Mary-Jo Shearer. All in favour

4. **Review of WWHSJCC Work Plan** – Don Roth

Hand-out: Waterloo Wellington HSJCC Work Plan & Budget 2017-2018, revised May 5, 2017

The Local Kitchener-Cambridge Workplan for 2017-18 was edited by Joan Nandlal to reflect updated activity noted at the Kitchener meeting March 27, and the Guelph Wellington Workplan was revised to reflect similar areas. Don reviewed the changes in the revised WWHSJCC Work Plan with the regional committee.

Motion: To accept the revised Waterloo Wellington Regional HSJCC Work Plan & Budget 2017-2018 as presented.

Moved by Kristen Eidse; Seconded by Janos Botschner. Accepted

5. **Update from Committee Partners**

CMHA WW:

Don Roth is Director of Services Waterloo Region, includes treatment services and intensive services in KW4 and Cambridge-North Dumfries; working with planning and integrating services with primary care. Kate Reed is Director of Services Guelph Wellington and is lead agency for Children's Mental Health Services. Meredith Gardiner is Director of Services Regional - central services providing entrance points into the system, includes Here 24/7, Specialized Crisis, Mental Health & Justice, seniors and geriatric services.

Traverse Independence – Toby Harris

Community Withdrawal Training on May 29 is a support to help staff to support and build capacity with treatment.

Maplehurst – Kathleen Reid

The mental health unit has a psychiatrist available 7 days per week now and has doubled mental health nurses to 7 days per week. A proposal for a Special Needs Unit is under consideration and if accepted, the two wings would be at capacity. There is a body scanner for drugs, naloxone training and kits are provided, stored with person's property and taken home. The staff is being trained on naloxone.

Supportive Housing

Debbie is providing medical assistance and dying care, as well as Brain Injury Training for police.

Lutherwood – Mary-Jo Shearer

Support clients with lawyers, the Crown and Youth Crown. Victim Services has funds available for human trafficking. The services are well received.

Community Networks of Specialized Care – Tara Hyatt

Attachment: Videoconference link (90 mins):

Care, Support and Treatment of People with a Developmental Disability and Challenging Behaviours – Consensus Guidelines 29 & 30: Collaboration with First Responders and Hospitals.

Attachment: Learn Online Any Time - Dual Diagnosis: Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Issues.

The networks have been working on a Toolkit to be launch at the Provincial HSJCC Conference on November 22. A videoconference was offered in March, see attachment for link to 90-minute video. The Ministry is doing a lot of work with Human Trafficking and on-line training for Dual Diagnosis.

House of Friendship:

A report on current conditions, such as limited beds, staffing needs, etc., was completed and submitted. Bail Beds request for new funding to augment services to men at treatment and justice systems. Not new beds, but 10 beds of 50 are designated for men. Requires release planning, assessment of the fit with criteria and have a hand-off process.

Conestoga College – Janos Botschner

The college has submitted a proposal to MAESE for a new corrections-focused credential that is the focus of our work at this meeting.

- Conestoga focuses on workforce capacity development and has the capacity to create college certificates for a well-defined curriculum, outcomes and evaluation. Researchers could also be attached to that program, creating an easy interface with workshops such as the drug strategies.

6. Update from Provincial HSJCC

Joan Nandlal attended the Provincial HSJCC meeting in Toronto. The Annual Report is available on the website. Provincial is looking at rolling out *Red Envelope* across the province, and working on Mental Health Court in Kenora and other locations.

7. Annual Budget – Don Roth

The Provincial HSJCC Conference registration is open, and early bird rate is \$400. One Guelph HSJCC member is doing a presentation at the conference. The recommendation was to support eight spots at the conference, starting with those making presentations.

Motion: that we fund eight spots at the *Walking the Path* HSJCC Conference, November 20-22, 2017 for members in need of financial assistance in order to attend the Provincial Conference.

Moved by: Toby Harris; Seconded by: Tara Hyatt. Accepted

Requests are to be emailed to Catherine Bassarab, cc. Meredith Gardiner. Selection is on first-come basis.

Adjournment at

Next Meeting: September 22, 2017 at 10:00am-12:00pm

Police Reporting Centre, 150 Maple Grove Rd. Cambridge