

**HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
CHAMPLAIN REGIONAL MEETING
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

In attendance:

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Gail Steeds	Youth Probation		
Chantal Surgeson	Elizabeth Fry Society		
Dave Wood	Youth Now Intervention		

Regrets:

Lyne Lalonde, Rick McInnes, Helen Ward

1.0 Call to Order, Introductions, Review and Approval of Minutes Sept 11/12

Minutes approved as circulated

2.0 Approval of Agenda & Additions

Agenda approved as circulated, no additions

3.0 Updates from Regional Committees in Champlain District

Renfrew County – Lisa Davis

Annual LEED training took place Oct 2nd & 3rd, 2012. The *Quality of Life Forum* was well attended. Mental Health Court continues once monthly at this stage, will look at it again in the New Year. Special needs offenders that were going to volunteer backed out once they realized it was Pembroke due to transportation issues. The referral process will be ironed out and down road the transportation issue will be looked at. In terms of release from custody, last week there were 6 red bag transfers, Mike Wood at OCDC is their contact, Lisa calls him with the required information and he gets the bag ready. In Renfrew County the needed parties signed off of a protocol. Dave reported that previously in Cornwall the red bag procedure was in place but wasn't working. Lisa reported that although some people were released from remand, she was still able to coordinate with Mike. It's business as usual at their HSJCC. Renfrew County Addiction Services is doing an in-service, as will the legal aid office and in January Probation will

Lanark County – Dave Hart: Not in attendance

Stormont/Dundas/Glengarry/Akwesane – Dave Woods

Dave thanked Joan for advocating on behalf of local committees for funding, which has arrived. Training for frontline workers was held on male sexual victimization by Mr. Larrivier from the Cornwall office. It was well attended and well worth it. Paul McIntyre did some work with family groups in the County. Work continues on attempts to get interest at crown level for MHC in Cornwall, there are human resource issues. A brief was put together and submitted to the Crown.

4.0 Updates

4.1 Youth Sub-Committee:– T. Breton/H. Perkins-McVey

Tania and Heather haven't met yet. Donna is the crown in YMHC and will participate on the youth sub committee.

- Youth Mental Health Court – D. Eastwood

Donna addressed the issues raised in the last minutes. Starting in December 2012, there will be a 2nd CBT session in the month versus one previously, and will expand from 10 to 20 minutes. They are working to get things back on track, after the meeting we will have some outcomes and will provide an update after the follow up meeting in January, and will get feedback from partners.

4.2 Release from Custody Sub-Committee – J. Grenon

Dave Wood provided the update. He stated that the meetings are attended by OCDC and Probation staff only. Why? Perhaps there are no issues to work on right now. They are willing to continue meeting provided the agencies that identified issues initially attend. If you are interested in attending, Jackie Grenon is the contact. Next meeting is Thursday, November 8th.

4.3 Provincial HSJCC – J. Dervin

A meeting was held on Sept. 20th, another one is set for next week. A lot of time was spent going through the Terms of Reference of the new structure. There was a new project request from the inter-ministerial Directors group for the Provincial HSJCC to identify police and ER protocols in the province and create guidelines/brochure for police and hospitals to use to help reduce wait times in ER's. It would be web-based. It would be beneficial if someone from Ottawa Police Service were on the committee due to OPS having developed some innovations which reduce ER wait times.

Intercity health, the community program at ROMHC, CMHA Ottawa and Shepherds received funding for a program to re-route folks that are seen in emergency frequently and are often picked up due to intoxication/substance abuse, there is case management, PSW, and other staff that are now tasked with working with the police to keep these people out of ER. Provincial conference will be held in Nov. 2013. Joan sends updated membership lists to be posted on the HSJCC website. Please send Joan your local committee minutes so they can be posted on website and send any changes in your workplan.

4.4 Mental Health Court Committee – S. Eagles

Meeting was held October 2/12. They are revising the intake form to make it more useful and for flow of information. The next meeting will be the last Tuesday in Nov. A meeting was held with defense lawyers, Dr Howell presented, gave insight into what physicians are trying to do in MHC. Sean is presenting tomorrow at the National Corrections Canada Conference.

Sandy Simpson from CAMH recently did a presentation for the Forensic Program at ROHCG. He asked questions about our MHC, he was very impressed with Ottawa's process.

4.5 Education Sub-Committee – H.Ward & Committee

Sheila provided the update. A meeting was held on October 29th. In Sept/Oct a survey was sent out to committee members to identify what you would be looking for in training. Survey results were reviewed and prioritized, and it was decided to move ahead with lunch and learn, an email went out with the first one scheduled for Dec. 14/12, Helen will present on The Ontario Review Board, it will be available on OTN which seems to be the best venue and use of people's time. The 2nd one is tentatively scheduled for February 2013 which will look at OCDC and Probation, and again will be looked at being coordinated via OTN. A 3rd topic would be community rehabilitation programs including how to get a client accepted, wait list, etc, again a one hour OTN presentation. A ½ day forum on Mental Health Court and Outreach Programs within the Champlain LHIN was discussed. It would be a knowledge exchange and allow people who work in that field to learn from what is happening in Lanark, Renfrew, SD&G and Ottawa outreach programs. Another survey will be done in the fall of 2013.

5.0 **Update: Pamphlet “Mental Health, the Justice System & You” – H.Perkins- McVey/H.Ward**

Heather reported that she and Helen had met and reviewed the pamphlet. A draft will be circulated so people can give their comments. **ACTION: Ann to circulate before next meeting.**

6.0 **Update: Mental Health Summit**

Once the Quality of Life discussion forums are completed, the family summit will be held on February 22, 2013 at the ROMHC. So far forums have taken place in Smith Falls, Cornwall and in Renfrew County (Pembroke). All forums were well attended with a significant number of family members as well as service providers. The feedback from all the sessions has been extremely positive and participants felt it was worthwhile and empowering. The last forum will be held in Ottawa on Nov 9th. The idea at the summit is to address priorities and to provide answers and solutions.

7.0 Pressure Issues – Roundtable & Education – Report from Ottawa Local CommitteeDave Wood - Stormont/Dundas/Glenarry/Akwesane

Nothing more to add to report given earlier in meeting.

Chantal Surgeson – Elizabeth Fry Society Ottawa

E. Fry has been advocating for a woman who gave birth at OCDC. There has been a lot of media awareness and people calling to help. Their Executive Director has a meeting with MCSCC and Madeleine Meilleur.

Donna Eastwood – Youth Mental Health Court

In the minutes from the last meeting it was stated that YMHC is disorganized. As the Crown, Donna would like evidence, and is willing to work on processes, etc to improve flow in the court. As far as cases being adjourned 6-8 months, she would like case examples as she is not aware of this. She does know about one case the defense decided to take to trial which took it out of YMHC. The continuity of Judges is an issue everyone is aware of, it is a resource issue.

Gail Steeds – Youth Probation

Recently there have been some high profile cases of youth with mental health issues that were transferred to Ottawa. The province has initiated a new initiative working with youth in detention, who are not active; there are a lot of youth in and out of detention 3-4 times. Probation will be in a supportive role and assist in discharge planning. If they are released from detention probation will continue to be involved, it is voluntary for youth to participate. Probation officers will be in a supportive role, not acting as a probation officer. If the youth are interested, upon release the plan will be implemented and they will be linked with a probation officer (60/70% don't have one) and helped with resources, family connection, transportation, how to get back to school, etc It's good for youth that are in detention and have long trial dates. Gail will give an update on how things are going at the next meeting.

Lisa Davis – Renfrew County

No further update, reiterated she is pleased the red bag program is working.

Don Billard – Probation – Ottawa Courthouse

Don reported the shelter teams are being expanded to 2 shelters, The Shepherd's and Salvation Army. Anger management is being offered.

Debbie Palmer/Steve Mann – Ottawa Police Service

Their pilot program with officers going live with a resident/psychiatrist is going very well. Other forces have contacted them for information on how to set the system up. There is a follow up component with MOH, get info with regards to hospital information, do home visits with RN or SW. Dr. Boyles has residents, who usually do a 3 month term. Currently the team goes out on live calls Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 6 pm within the city of Ottawa. A live call is when someone calls 911, if there is a sense that there might be a mental health issue, patrol will call their unit. Trying to do form 1 and 2's rather than bring individuals to hospital. Debbie said that they are tracking number of calls/calls physician went out on plus time and type. A number of apprehensions have been avoided due to this process. An evaluation will be done.

Daryl Grant – Probation – Ottawa Centre

No report

Kelly Cardinal – John Howard Society Ottawa

John Howard had their national conference for 4 days which also celebrated their 50th anniversary. Currently they are renovating A Different Street a resident for young males; which has double units and is being renovated into single units, and they are renovating Somerville a residence for young women, 8 units are being added.

Claudine Girault – Federal Crown

No report

Hilary McCormack – Director Crown Operations

No report

Shawn Eagles – Mental Health Court Crown

There is an issue with available judges for #8 court, MHC has been moved into #7. The Judges are good at coming up with alternative planning.

Tania Breton – Youth Service Bureau

A court committee meeting was held last week, goals and outcomes will be moving forward in January. Section 34 orders are lower in Ottawa area. The target is for outside of Ottawa jurisdiction, the clinic is working well, treatment plan being available helps probation etc. YMHC provincial meeting is coming up. In Eastern Ontario a lot of youth are cross directional, all parties are working in partnership to make sure all courts get the required information to divert youth.

Gord Boyd, Youth Service Bureau

The Guns and Gangs forum went well, a report will be forthcoming. It was a real connection for police, residential folks and mental health folks to be talking about the same type of things. Court committee last week was good session.

ACTION: Gord will send report to Ann for distribution

The front line staff in youth justice is being trained in instrumental peer aggression with a view to helping young men, what triggers and what creates their anger, what they can do to manage it, when you start to feel anger and aggression, divert it at the front end using the same language as the kids. Mark your calendars, the Ottawa Youth Justice Network annual conference is March 21st, it's a collaboration and partnership with justice/mental health. A call for proposals will be going out this week. Clinical capacity has been increased with Dr. Mario Capelle, he is contracted on a case by case basis, he does psychotherapy. No one does Section 21's. Probation officers are used as case managers.

ACTION: Gord send info on conference to Ann for distribution.

Sheila Deighton – Schizophrenia Society Ottawa

A conference was held Oct 15th with ROHMC. It was family focused, Shifting Horizons, 185 people registered, turned 30 away, and evaluations indicated a need for more. 55% were family members, 45% mental health professionals that work with families. Steve Walsh presented on his role as an outreach worker and how he interfaces with families. They will meet with Communications people at ROMHC and look at doing another one next year. In conjunction a Mental Health Fair was held with 12 exhibitors.

Cynthia sits on Partners for Mental Health which launched "BS, A Declaration for Change" campaign on Oct 29th. It is a youth focused campaign, to mobilize youth to show support for mental health. Their website is www.callbs.ca. It is organized by youth for youth; they need services/help and are at greatest risk. There is a ½ day workshop at ROMHC for high school students which will include this, letting them know they have a voice.

Joan Dervin - ROMHC

Currently there isn't much of a wait list. Assessment unit has few assessment orders, most beds are filled with NCR and unfit clients and the flow upstairs to rehab is slow. We are in the midst of looking at programming on rehab which will trickle down to the assessment unit and will improve the flow, here has been a number of readmissions this year. Outpatient services are poorly resourced which is not likely to change in foreseeable future, there is no increase in funding, other programs are anticipating lay off's. Section 34's keep rolling in, a meeting with MCYS was held in Sept with the current program supervisor for the East region. It was a very positive meeting, they have set money aside to cover any of our deficit and congratulated the team in FCC for their work and described Greg as a legend.

OPS asked how much info is shared from hospital to hospital. Joan answered it is shared only if the information is requested or volunteered. When we receive a referral, consult or someone is admitted as an inpatient, we receive information CPIC's, and from the referral source (GP, lawyer, probation). Physicians will request information as required. No release is needed if within the circle of care which includes other hospitals. We don't have access to other hospital records automatically. Is that something this committee could look at? Issue of confidentiality could be problematic.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP

A copy of the membership will be sent out, please ensure your information is correct and let Ann know if there are any corrections.

9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Crown's Boardroom.