

**HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
CHAMPLAIN REGIONAL MEETING
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013**

In Attendance:

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Guest: Jenny Robuck (accompanied D. Wood)

Regrets: Sheila Deighton, Joan Dervin, Lise Girard, Claudine Girault, Lyne Lalande, Rick McInnes, Dave Roberts, Helen Ward

1.0 Call to order, introductions, review and approval of minutes: May 7, 2013

Jacqueline Grenon corrected, in bold, the minutes under her report 5.2 Release from Custody Committee and under 10.0 Pressure Issues-Roundtable. With corrections minutes approved.

Welcome to:

- Patti Hancock, CNSC
- Mary Kelleher, TOH Mobile Crisis Team
- Steve Mann for Debbie Palmer, Ottawa Police Services
- Jenny Robuck with Dave Wood
- Emily Knights for Kelly & Tina, John Howard Society

2.0 Approval of agenda & additions: Approved as circulated

3.0 Updates from Regional Committees in Champlain District

Renfrew County – Lisa Davis

Local meetings start next week. Devon Recoskie will cover while she is maternity leave. He will also cover the Release from Custody and Education Committees. OPP has taken over from the Pembroke Police Force. They are hoping to have OPP representatives take part in the youth justice collaboratives. The Robbie Dean family counselling centre in collaboration with West Champlain provides counselling to families in crisis. In October Tania will present and help get them up to speed on the collaboratives. Their workplan includes a bail process for their area and they will be re-establishing the red bag program. Bernadette Renn retires in October; a new director will be coming in. This year they will have to skip their LEAD training, the co-faciliator will be out of the country, they will pick it up and offer it again next October.

Stormont/Dundas/Glengarry/Akwesane/ Prescott -Russell – Dave Woods:

Their local meeting is on Thursday. An Information Workshop is being held by the Hoarding Coalition on Sept 23rd, it is first level training, and registration is through CHMA in Cornwall. If anyone is interested in further information, contact him. LEAD training takes place at end of the month with police and first responders in Cornwall. Their workplan includes Mental Health Court of which informal dialogue has taken place and now looking at an agreement to formalize.

Heather reported that Justice Legault raised the issue of delivery of French services in Prescott – Russell as a significant concern; Dave indicated this is not a problem he is aware of. Dave will bring back to the committee as a gap in service. We should keep this on the radar; it is an important gap.

Lanark County – Taylor Bowes: No report, Taylor was unable to attend.

4.0 Updates

4.1 Youth Sub-Committee – H.Perkins-McVey

Meetings have been held, however the committee is in flux right now. Donna Eastwood was the Youth MH Crown, it will now be Farah Rupert, who currently is involved in a lengthy trial so cannot get involved until late November. Tania has taken on a new role with CAMH Youth Justice Collaborative. This committee will have to re-group and see where they want to go in the future. The pamphlets have been finalized, Gord will send out and will bring some to the next meeting. Terms of Reference has been finalized as well and will be circulated. Youth probation should sit on the committee; Jackie will contact Adam Cameron, the Assistant Manager and invite him to sit on the committee. There are a lot of new initiatives in youth mental health, a conference is planned for Oct 30th, no details yet.

Youth Mental Health Court: no report

4.2 Release from Custody Sub-Committee – J. Grenon

Bryonie chaired the last meeting. The next meeting is Oct 10th. The primary concern is the red bag program, it was working well, in early July OPP called to say that they would no longer be participating (transportation unit) in the program. A meeting was held and they were told that policies were being revised and that they could no longer transport anything. The fact that a protocol was in place, mental health needs, recidivism, all the issues that arise by not having it were discussed, but to no avail. It may need discussion at a higher level. A letter of support from this committee for the red bag program might help. Joan will be asked to write a letter on behalf of the HSJCC.

**ACTION: Heather e-mail Joan to ask for letter
Minutes from meeting will be circulated.**

Bryonie stated that she meets with Deputy Ministers of MCYSS regarding E. Fry issues and release from custody was raised. She will follow up and will send a letter in her capacity. Any other organization that could send a letter of support would be helpful as well.

4.3 Provincial HSJCC – J. Dervin

Joan is at the meeting today. Reminder: the annual conference is in November and financial support is offered. Joan was looking into travel subsidies to some of the agencies. **ACTION: Ann remind Joan**

4.4 Mental Health Court Committee

Heather will ask Dave to set up monthly meetings starting in October. C-54 is cancelled due to prorogation of the government, so no issue now, however if/when it comes back it may look different. An education session around C-54 had been planned but now on hold. We are meeting with Dr. Howell and people from Montfort Renaissance regarding francophone component and further linkages.

A tribunal hearing is taking place in September relating to the disposition of women not found NCR, but post sentence who have significant mental illness, is there gender discrimination...human rights are taking intervener status, it could be precedent setting, Bryonie will keep us posted.

Steve Mann stated that patrol officers have concerns regarding individuals that have mental health issues and how to ensure the crown is aware. Some reports/synopsis has a remarks section where the officer could note “mh issues should be addressed, etc”, highlight on the form both crown and show cause will read it. Court liaison prepares the files, if an officer puts a note liaison would bring it to the crown’s attention. If mh issues are very obvious the officer could ask individual if they have a CMHA worker. A protocol could be developed, incorporate as education piece. There is a template in place, however there needs to be a way to ensure officers complete it properly.

Dr. Boyles ride along program was discussed, he will be asked to present to this committee at our November meeting. Colleen will confirm.

4.5 Education Sub-Committee – H.Ward/Committee

A meeting will be set for October. There will be an update at next meeting.

Colleen and Mary indicated they would be willing to sit on a couple of the sub-committees. Gord/Tania may sit on Youth Mental Health Committee, Sue and Bryonie have someone's name they could put forward.

5.0 **Service Collaboratives – Tania Breton**

Tania described the process and how it came into being. Four Collaboratives were identified, 2 are operational, an adult one in Toronto and the youth justice collaborative in Champlain. Meetings have been taking place engaging community partners, 21 gaps were identified, which was narrowed down to 4 working gaps; Navigation support for youth, understanding youth pathways; case management for child and family; capacity access; early diagnosis and integrated care plan. Youth need to be identified as individuals. Core group is 40 with 125 on the consultation list. Rural partners have been identified. Next meeting will have OTN capability so people can participate without having to drive to Ottawa. The hope is to enter 2nd part of project in October, meetings will be held monthly. October 22nd meeting is hosted by Odowa from 1 to 4pm. There was a question about the Toronto collaborative being for adults, the thought was that all collaboratives were geared toward youth, apparently Toronto is looking at transitioning...age 18 and up captured from an adult lense. Within the next week each collaborative will give out an update, Tania will send both the Champlain and Toronto one to the committee. The time commitment for someone to participate on the collaborates is significant. Monthly meetings will be held until working groups are set up, and then meetings could be more frequent. The project has a timeline of 24 months. It is based on existing resources. Hopefully majority of the gaps can be addressed through the navigation process.

ACTION: Tania to circulate updates from Champlain and Toronto collaborative

Gord commented that he strongly supports the justice collaborative over the general collaborative. It's tough for stakeholders in justice to have a voice and historically our voice has not been strong enough. There was discussion on the entry point for a youth into the justice collaborative, police, pre-charge, prevention, formal process. Tania stated that there is a map, ministry driven (6 of them) still under construction. We need to focus on a juncture, when broken down to the first and second entry as initial contact. The collaborate discussed that crisis may be the initial contact rather than police. The point of collaborate stems from the provincial HSJCC. When the individual is in custody who is responsible in community, who is in charge. The only way the 6 ministries work together is if the police are involved at some point. The first juncture point is the police, which doesn't necessarily mean a charge is involved.

It was decided to keep this as a standing item on the agenda of this committee so we can check back and discussions at this table can be on important issues or advocacy. Joan has asked Tania to sit at this table as a representative so she can keep us updated. The usual membership of this table is targeted to decision makers; however it doesn't stop us from inviting experts for advice. This is being done in partnership with HSJCC and gaps were identified at our April meeting.

ACTION: Ann to put Collaboratives on Agenda as standing item

Jacqueline mentioned the growing group of academic anxiety which universities have pointed out within the age group 18-24. The collaborative has to decide on age range. Discussion about which group is higher risk, adult/youth, rural/urban. It is difficult getting statistics for child/youth. Kingston chose transitioning case management and went out of county for its research information.

6.0 **Workplan – All**

In the spring we spoke about reviewing the plan and bringing back ideas to this meeting. We can have a brainstorm sheet at the next meeting and can start going through work plan item by item. Having Peter Boyles come and present is an item for our work plan.

ACTION: Forward any recommendations/ideas to Ann BEFORE the November meeting.

7.0 Pressure Issues – Roundtable & Education – Report from Ottawa Local CommitteeAudrey Tedford – CMHA

Their 60th Anniversary celebration takes place with the National Conference they are hosting October 16/17/18. Community tours will take place and one will highlight the TRHP program in partnership with ROHMC, CMHA and Salus. Website is updated and access to training will be made available to the public. They completed accreditation and received an exemplary commendation. They are still in collective bargaining. The court team is now up to full capacity and operating. **ACTION: Audrey to send Ann info on Conference for circulation**

Patti Hancock – Community Networks of Specialized Care

She is part of a very small clinical team made up of 3 members. They serve a large catchment area including Champlain region, Barry's Bay, Cornwall, etc. If someone is dually diagnosed and are not treated in hospital they end up in the criminal justice system. The Development Centre is one point of access, every individual goes through that service, urgent cases are sent to her team. She circulated a couple of their training calendars. Access to Neuropsych evaluations was discussed. Patti stated they have a pool of consults they draw from; everything has to go through Developmental Services of Ontario. The process is very time consuming, if you have an issue, you can call her directly, she will help to facilitate. There is no crisis response for families and few housing options.

Susan Morris – Duty Counsel

Another duty counsel has been hired. They've had some concerns about lack of assessment beds; however it's not been bad lately. There is a lack of stable housing. The Mobile Crisis Team is now attending MHC. Mary will be the representative.

Bryonie Baxter – Elizabeth Fry Society Ottawa

There has been a change in the courthouse office personnel due to a maternity leave. New programs now running, healing circle for aboriginal criminalized women or at risk aboriginal women who are survivors of residential schools, it's a 12 week program. It will provide social/emotional/spiritual and help them understand the patterns of behaviour that led to their at risk behaviour. Access is through self-referral or referral from probation/parole or call E.Fry offices. No specific program for youth, they are seen individually. The program is a one year pilot. They have received funding to develop a program for women charged/countercharged in the context of domestic abuse or the impact/stress of being in a relationship which has impacted their criminality. Interviews were done this week; the object is to not duplicate services already offered. Funding for the aboriginal peer support has ended. In partnership with ODAWA there is a proposal to offer in January/February training to anyone in the community who wants to learn how to write effective Gladue reports. It is not being done consistently in outlying areas. Half day mini conference, free (donation to charity), it's open to first come first serve, trainers yet to be determined. AGM is the October 3rd. Ombudsmen office is sending 2 researches on the use of force report, 50% of recommendations are expected to be in place by October. The human rights handbook developed by E.Fry and collaborative outlines rights/responsibilities and protocol established with Ministry and is given out at intake; every female receives it. E.Fry makes annual visits to every provincial institution that has females looking at systemic issues. Two new prisons are being developed in Toronto, there will be a mental health unit and special needs unit, however they will be based on the Vanier model rather than the Brockville model. In terms of legal aide mental health piece, Ryan Fritch has formed a provincial committee, and as President of the Ontario Counsel she will sit on it and she will provide this committee with updates. Funding for the volunteer coordinator position ends in March. This position coordinates over 200 volunteers who provide court support, go to OCDC, JF Norwood House, etc. Without further funding it will be difficult to recruit/train/schedule volunteers without a coordinator.

Lisa Davis – Renfrew

No further report

Jacqueline Grenon – Probation/Parole – seconded to OCDC

Jacqueline reported with her OCDC hat on. A psychologist has been hired; the Chief position is still vacant. There are issues with legal aid, she has been in contact with them, it seems that females have not been getting appearances in a timely manner. The video remand to apply for legal aid is not working. The red bag program is a priority, OCDC is fully on board. The Ministry unveiled a 5 year health action plan came out of the Judy B case. One of the changes is that the Head Nurse will attend a morning OPS meeting.

With her probation hat on: They initiated training with Dr. Jim Bonta, cognitive behaviour therapy. He will be piloting his program with them. A dozen officers attended STICS strategic training.

Gord Boyd – Youth Services Bureau

William Haye has converted a unit back to being a female unit. On the male side numbers are down. Supporting Brookside has downsized their catchment area. E.Fry has a worker that goes out to Wm Hay. Youth gang strategy at the provincial level involves 4 stages across the province. Small focus groups will be set up, looking at kids being involved in gangs, front line staff working with them and what are the resources. There is a 120 page report shaping the inventory/assets mapping across the 4 regions. Electronic survey has been sent out to see if info aligns. Completion target is March 31st, field work to be done by November.

Four in-service training sessions regarding the local gang strategy were held which were open to community partners. Thank you to OPS gang unit and University of Ottawa for support.

Congratulations to Tania on her position with the Service Collaboratives, YSB is sorry to see her go. Crystal will be filling in for Tania.

Daryl Grant – Probation/Parole Ottawa Centre

No report

Colleen MacPhee – TOH Mobile Crisis Team

Colleen introduced Mary Kelleher. Mary will be the liaison working with MHC and CMHA. They will look at best fit for crisis beds and how they differ from other crisis beds. She spoke to Peter Boyles and he has agreed to attend the November meeting of this committee to present on the ride-along program. The logo for the mobile crisis team is getting a new look, new posters will be out during mental health awareness week.

Steve Mann – Ottawa Police Services, Mental Health Unit

The ride-along program is in partnership with residents from UOttawa. Their access to geriatric psychiatrists is coming to an end. The first contact people have is often with police, they used to have training days, agency people would come in with specific topics, doesn't happen anymore. Officers don't know who to call, where to access information. For example for guns/gangs pamphlets are handed out, he suggested some type of cheat sheet be developed to hand out to officers. Committee agreed this was a good idea.

Katie Ratcliffe – Correctional Service Canada

There have been some movement/changes within federal system. Locally some changes in community mental health and social workers. Discharge planning capacity has increased. Her position in Ottawa is reduced to 2 days a week.

Emily Knights – John Howard Society

No update

Dave Wood – Stormont/Glengarry/Dundas/Akwesasne

He concurred that they too are seeing high need mental health clients, they are reinforcing training, doing mental health training with staff. They have been operating in the strength based milieu and the level of violence is much lower.

Daryl Grant is retiring in late fall so this is his last meeting. The committee thanked Daryl for his years of hard work and involvement with the committee.

8.0 Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2013 – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – 4th Floor Crown's Boardroom.