



Durham Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014
9:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Whitby Mall, Suite 202, 1615 Dundas Street, West Tower

Present: Rob Adams, Vickie Jennings, Karly Kirk, Christopher Moore, Greg O'Driscoll, Shelley Passfield, Mark Rice

Regrets: Nicola Crow, Tamara Easto, Dianna Eastwood, Paul McGary, Jai Mills, Darren Nesbitt, Michael Newell, Sue Pearce, Michele Rampino, Paul Secord, Debbie Spence,

Recording Secretary: Angie Hirani

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Guest Speakers

- Nazir Jaffer – Director, Strategic Initiatives Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
- Katherine Warzecha – Project Manager Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences
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3.0 Review and Approval of October 16, 2014 Minutes

Amendments:

- **Psychiatric Funding Update:** Vickie reported that Durham Family Court Clinic, (DFCC) has received funding (2014/2015) to have psychiatrist complete assessments on identified youth before the court. Youth files are reviewed by a designated crown attorney and discussed with the Durham Mental Health Services - Court Support Worker (CSW) – Youth Program. A referral is then initiated for a psychiatric assessment to occur. The psychiatrist is scheduled to meet three youth at the Courthouse in the morning and then he provides recommendations to the CSW following the consultation. The worker then presents these recommendations for consideration at a Section 19 conference on the same day in the afternoon.
- DFCC will be pursuing continued funding for 2014/2015.
- Vickie mentioned that in 6 months 18 youth have been seen and the psychiatrist recommendations have made significant impact to identifying the youth needs and expediting services.
- Mike said that the Crown was struck by the amount of youth cases that are utilizing this service.
- Rob added that DMHS now has three psychiatrists providing sessional support, one specific to the court diversion program.
- Paula added that Dr. Ledger's services are used frequently and have been extremely helpful.
- Minutes were approved with above changes.

Outstanding Issues & Updates

4.0 Education Update

- A decision was made that the HSJCC will sponsor a one day training event, the topic being Aboriginal Culture and how court is required to take into account all reasonable alternatives with particular attention to Aboriginal offenders and how they work with the criminal court system.
- The training will take place in March 26th (back-up date March 25th) possibly at the Shriners Hall or Oshawa Golf & CC (Angie to arrange).
- Karly noted that there is a Gladue report available now that can be considered when sentencing an offender of Aboriginal background.
- Karly has a contact, Jonathan Rudin, Program Director, Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto that she will get in touch with to see if he would be interested in providing training.
- Rob is in contact with the Oshawa Community Health Centre to talk to them about their Aboriginal program and possibly provide training as well.
- Shelley will do some investigating and bring back to the committee to see what other ideas should be focused on.
- Rob suggested that the committee should also go ahead with collaborating North Durham DRPD to provide ½ day training in Beaverton and Sunderland with Brock Health.
- Rob noted that there is a provincial conference coming up in the fall and that if anyone is interested we should prepay for spots now.

5.0 Mapping Services Update

- Debbie and Michelle will be looking at creating a mapping brochure.

6.0 Other Business

- Chris made mention that the OPSUE Probation Parole is in contract negotiations and bargaining expires on December 31st.
- Shelley raised concerns regarding property, looking for suggestions and ways that clients have their property ie. wallet/phones/personal belongings returned to them once they are released. Problem being that their property is being kept in Lindsay and the clients have no easy way of getting it back once released.
- Karly added that there is nothing formal set up. When they are taken to Lindsay and if their things are gone it is too late if they do not request them at the time.
- Greg said that there is an agreement on paper regarding this and they are in the process of rectifying the issues. He will be meeting with the Ontario Court Justice in January and will raise the issue and the importance.

7.0 Guest Speakers

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Katherine Warzecha – Project Manager Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences

- Nazir provided a presentation on the Centre of Excellence for Dementia Care. She would like to schedule a focus group with the HSJCC in January, date TBD. Please see attached power point of her presentation and information for upcoming focus group.
- Katherine held a focus group with regards to the community crisis services in our community. The members answered and commented on the questions that she provided prior to the meeting.

Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015 @ 9:15am, at the DMHS office Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas Street Suite 202.