



Durham Regional Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2015
9:15 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Present: Rob Adams, Karly Kirk, Christopher Moore, Shelley Passfield, Debbie Spence, Paul Secord, Natasha Halliday

Regrets: Nicola Crow, Dianna Eastwood, Vickie Jennings, Paul McGary, Jai Mills, Darren Nesbitt, Michael Newell, Sue Pearce, Michele Rampino, Greg O'Driscoll, Paula McLellan, Mark Rice

Recording Secretary: Angie Hirani

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- Everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Review and Approval of December 11, 2014 Minutes

- Minutes were approved

Outstanding Issues & Updates

3.0 Provincial Update

- During the provincial meeting Rob mentioned the concerns of the personal property retrieval. Their response was that yes there is a problem and provincially not an issue. It was agreed that we will look at a local solution.
- The PHSJCC 2015 Conference "Mobilizing Community: Promoting Resiliency, Sustaining Recovery and Restoring Justice" is scheduled for November 16 - 18th, 2015 if anyone would like to attend. Angie will update on website.
- There was talk about dual diagnosis in the courts. There is an undergoing pilot project for better understanding.

4.0 Education Update

- The HSJCC is hosting an "Aboriginal Cultures & Challenges" education event on March 25th, 2015 at the Shriners Hall.
- CE-LHIN has provided funding to add a mental health worker for Aboriginal needs through DMHS and one for Peterborough for front line work as of April 1st.

- Training in the works with North Durham DRPD to provide ½ day training in Beaverton and Sunderland with Brock Health.
- Paul S. mentioned that there is a conference on Scugog Island coming up March 25, he will see about having this date changed as it conflicts with the Aboriginal training. Angie will update website when information becomes available.

6.0 Property Retrieval

- A local solution to property retrieval (wallet/keys/ID) needs to be addressed. The obstacle being property is being kept in Lindsay and the clients have no easy way of getting it back once released.
- Greg mentioned at the previous meeting that there is an agreement on paper 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 – update?
- Debbie indicated that there is ongoing discussion at the Court Committee meetings with regards to property retrieval. A lot of the same members are on both HSJCC & Court Committee. She will bring up at the next Court Committee meeting whether it will be helpful to have a representative from the HSJCC attend their next meeting.
- Arrangements to be made for representative from Salvation Army to attend the next HSJCC meeting to provide their input.

7.0 Other Business

- OPSUE Probation Parole is in contract negotiations and bargaining expired December 31st, they have not reached an agreement. As of now it is “business as usual”
- Karly suggested that the HSJCC should have a representative from Durham Duty Counsel attend the meetings. Everyone agreed.
- Rob reminded everyone that there is a provincial conference coming up in the fall and that if anyone is interested we should register now.
- Members to provide Angie with any updated contact information for the website.
- Crisis Services Review - Planning session will take place February 20th at the Shriners Club Oshawa.
- The Min. of Community Safety & Correctional Services Durham, Area Manager has a new catchment area. Debbie has Oshawa and Whitby and Chris has Ajax/Pickering and North Durham.
- Rob suggested that members check out the ConnexOntario website. – it provides free and confidential health services information for people experiencing problems with alcohol, drugs, mental health or gambling. www.connexontario.ca

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2015 @ 9:15am, at the DMHS office Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas Street Suite 202.