Essex County Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Meeting Minutes Mar 4, 2013 - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm CMHA - LEMR

In Attendance: Anna-Marie Dodge, Byron Hornick, Connie Tatomir, Constable Carol Bender, Constable Scott Nichol, Dr. Raj Basker, Elizabeth Brown, Ivanka Simeunovic, Jeanie Laforge, Joel Furlotte, Ken Harper, Lana Strain, Marion Overholt, Mary-Anne Stevens, Naty Ramirez-Reyes, Sherri Ryan, Sherry Metivier, Stephanie Bula, Sue Benko, Tara Reid,

<u>Regrets:</u> Alan Tetzlaff, Claudette Baumgartner, Fran Chalmers, Justice Lloyd Dean, Marylou Dolan, Kathy McIntosh

1) Welcome and Introductions:

Marilyn Weller introduced herself as our new Manager of Specialized Services and provided a brief description of her work history.

2) Review Minutes of December 3, 2012 and any outstanding action items.

Action Items #1 – Windsor Jail

Diane O'Brien has taken a tour of the new facility and noted construction is progressing nicely. A suggestion was made for the HSJCC Committee to tour the new facility.

Action: Diane will look into this request and announce at a later meeting.

We may be able to arrange a tour in lieu of an upcoming meeting. There was an expression of interest from the committee to see the new facility. It was recommended that the tour take place at the end of construction for safety reasons.

Action Item Remains Open

The Minutes of December 3, 2012 have been approved as written.

New Business:

3) Regional Meeting:

Marilyn attended the Regional Meeting wherein the funding for Food & Beverage service was discussed. It has been decided that funding from the Province will be strictly for educational purposes with no provisions for Food & Beverage service. Marilyn suggested our onsite restaurant Ten Friends Diner for a possible quick lunch.

4) Updates:

Community Legal Aid

Marion announced that effective today the Community Legal Aid will resume work with nondomestic cases. This announcement was received very well by the committee.

Judge / Lawyers:

Justice Dean's e-mail feedback: Mental Health Court is running very well.

Mental Health Professionals:

Kathy McIntosh's e-mail feedback: They are looking into beginning a new Mental Health and Law Clinic at Windsor Western Hospital with Dr. Miller. No start date yet.

5) Regional Report:

The Ministry is pushing for greater involvement and it was felt that they would like to broaden the table with the crown and justice representation. The meetings are held every two months at St. Leonard's. If there is any interested please notify Marilyn.

The Crown noted that they would like to participate in the regional meetings however this will be based on operational demands.

A decision was made not to hold the regional conference because the information gleaned can sometimes become redundant as it mirrors the information from the Provincial Meeting.

There are dollars left in their budget to spend. A question was raised as to whether there was local money available.

6) Miscellaneous:

Dr. Basker our new psychiatrist is presently based at the Windsor Family Health Team.

Next Meeting:

Our next HSJCC meeting is June 3, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.