

**Essex County Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee  
(HSJCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2014 - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
CMHA - LEMR**

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**In Attendance:** Adam Vasey, Dr. Raj Basker, Jan Bedard, Jeanie Laforge, Joel Furlotte, John Martel, Justice Lloyd Dean, Kaitlyn McCabe, Lana Strain, Lisa Defoe, Marilyn Weller, Marion Overholt, Marylou Dolan, Naty Ramirez-Reyes, Patricia Brown, Sue Benko, Ted Kempffer, Tara Reid, Edward Hickey, Joe Karb, Tom Meehan

**Regrets:** Byron Hornick, Diane O'Brien, Fran Chalmers, Sherry Metivier, Skip Graham,

**Recorder:** Cathy Ducharme

**1) Welcome and Introductions:**

- Abdullahi Cisman – Probation and Parole
- Sgt. Frank Providenti – Windsor Police Services
- Renae Hill – Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre
- Adam Vasey – Pathway to Potential

**2) Review Minutes of December 2, 2013 and any outstanding action items:**

The Southwest Detention Centre tour was a huge success. Thank you to Diane O'Brien for organizing this tour for the committee.

**3) Committee Updates:**

**Windsor Essex County Drug Strategy:** Alcohol and Drug Treatment Options – List of Services Pamphlet was circulated to the committee.

**Judges:** The Drug Treatment Court is running very well. There is capacity for four. Systemic changes – one time funding from City of Windsor.

**Southern Network of Specialized Care:** Has published the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Booklet entitled "*Understanding Special Needs of Offenders who have a Dual Diagnoses.*" Copies were made available for the committee.

The last couple years Windsor-Essex FASD Task force received funding to support promotion and education. A workshop will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Serbian Centre. The workshop presented by Nancy Hall of the Southern Network of Specialized Care will focus on how to better identify, understand and effectively accommodate people impacted by FASD. Information packages were made available to the committee.

**Mental Health Connections:** Is currently offering their full schedule of monthly activities. The Youth Group is up and running again. Services will also be starting again in the Leamington area.

**Windsor Police Services:** – Continuing to be very busy.

**ACT:** ACT team is currently at full capacity with a waiting list.

**Inner-City Strategy:** – Is in the final planning stages for a Transitional Stability Centre and is hoping to open mid-spring.

**Pathway to Potential:** Focusing on changing policies and barriers. Living Wage Campaign is coming soon. POP is in phase two of making their program available to assist individuals on Ontario Works.

**CLA – University of Windsor** – Will be holding their Annual General Meeting and Celebration on March 6 at Canterbury College. Special Guest Speaker will be Ryan Fritsch, Policy Counsel Legal Aid Ontario. He will be discussing LAO's Mental Health Strategy and Discussion Paper.

**CMHA–WECB:** - The HSJCC regional meeting is scheduled for April. The report will be shared with the committee at that time. Discussions on Legal Aid of Ontario and strategy on capacity were part of a recent webinar. We are able to compile a list of our concerns. The follow up document was provided to the committee. Some of our recommendations were taken into consideration. We have asked for increased funding for legal aid certifications.

#### **4) NEW BUSINESS:**

- Providing Services to Increasingly High risk Clients:

##### Common Goal:

Discussion regarding developing a Service Plan to address the needs of high risk individual as well as protect the safety of our community support workers.

Issue was raised by the Crown that these meetings are not the appropriate forum to discuss case notes. There is no issue generally however when specific cases are discussed they will not participate. There is an issue of confidentiality. Release of Information needs to be appropriate and in the best interest of the client.

A recommendation was made to create a small multi-level panel to discuss high risk individuals. Meetings could begin on a bi-monthly basis. Representatives from the following partners would be needed:

CMHA, COAST, Probation, Hotel Dieu, Mental Health Connections, Crown's Office, (must discuss with Nat Bernardon) Psychiatrists, Forensics and others may be invited on an ad hoc basis.

COAST calls have double in two years.

Case conferences would allow us to provide a better Safety / Care plan.

Community Treatment Plan must be robust enough to keep the community safe.

**ACTION:** The following agenda item will be recommended for the Regional Meeting to "***Investigate Emergency Practices in other Communities.***"

- Inner-City Strategy:

Inner-City will provide an alternative a free program to address the needs (i.e. housing, financial) of the individuals that present to the emergency department, are treated and released back into the community. The Centre offers a "wrap around" service for adults 16 years or older with a maximum 21 day length of stay involving a nurse assessment and medical treatment. Inner-City will follow up after the individual has been in the community and if necessary they may return to the Centre to avoid HDGH.

In camera discussion regarding High Risk Clients took place.

**7) Next Meeting:**

June 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.