

**ESSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES & JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (HSJCC)**

**Minutes**

**Monday March 2, 2015 – 1:00pm – 2:30pm**

**CMHA – LEMR**

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**Present:** Alycia Sennema (for Adam Vasey), Angela Yakonich, Alaina Cockburn, Colleen Higgins, Constable Ken Burt, Dan Topp, Dawn Letourneau, Diane O'Brien, Erin Flannery, Ilana Mizel, Ivanka Simeunovic, Jarrett Loscher, Jeanie Laforge, Jillian Rogan, (for Marion Overholt), Jose Vasquez, Katie Nanson, Marilyn Weller, Skip Graham, Stephanie Bula, Sue Benko, Theresa Ouellette-Klein, Dan Topp, Whitney Kitchen, Marilyn Weller, Jeanie LaForge, Theresa Ouellette-Klein

**Regrets:** Abdullahi Cisman, Claudette Baumgartner, Dr. Raj Basker, Elizabeth Brown, Janice Vandervooren (out of office), Justice Lloyd Dean, Lana Strain, Marylou Dolan, Tara Reid, Karen Kicksee (from Diane)

**Recorder:** Cathy Ducharme

**1) Call to Order:**

Marilyn called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

**2) Welcome and Introductions:**

- New committee member Colleen Higgins was welcomed - Drug Strategy Court replacing Joel Furlotte.
- Alycia Sennema attended for Adam Vasey
- Jillian Rogan attending for Marion Overholt
- Introductions were made around the table.

**3) Review Minutes of December 1, 2014 and Outstanding Action Items:**

- ✓ Action Item #1:

Adam will send contact information for the Homeless Coalition to Marilyn for an invitation to attend HSJCC.

**Action Item Closed**

**4) Previous Outstanding Action Items:**

- ✓ Action Item #1: Professional Visitation to SWDC:
- Diane to report out at our next meeting
  - Marilyn to extend an invitation to Carol Duchene & Karen Baxter (SWDC) to attend our next 672 Subcommittee Meeting.

**Action Item Remains Open**

- ✓ Action Item #2 – COAST

- It was reported that there is no longer a Morality Unit at WPS. COAST receives notification of forms submitted to Windsor Police.
- Constable Ken Burt reported that when forms are faxed in they are immediately sent to the staff sergeant and entered in a tracking log. That platoon will be assigned to a patrol unit and they will make attempts to apprehend the individual to get them to the care facility. This is

now exclusively handled by Windsor Police. The Narrative is included in the package that goes to the hospital.

- Execution of the form has been left with COAST.
- Efficiency is very much improved and provision of care is so much better. COAST is pleased with how quick individuals are receiving care.

## **MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

### **5) Committee Updates:**

#### **Judges:**

Justice Dean (via email)

The Court continues to run well from the Judges perspective. – No concerns

#### **Crown's Office:**

- Ilana reported on behalf of Liz Brown that the Mental Health Court Panel Discussion held on February 12th was a huge success. Presenters included Justice Dean, Assistant Crown Attorney Elizabeth Brown, Defense Counsel Daniel Topp, Constable Carol Bender, CMHA Court Support Worker Dawn Letourneau, and Dual Diagnosis Case Manager Anne-Marie Dodge.
- Courtroom #1 was completely full to capacity. This was a great opportunity for everyone to learn and ask questions about Mental Health Court.
- It was felt that with the number of people that attended this demonstrated a need for educating the community on how the Mental Health Court works. It was suggested that perhaps we could offer sessions on an annual basis because many people that attended new nothing about Mental Health Court.
- No other significant updates – Court is running very well.

#### **Community Legal Aid:**

- Ms. Overholt would be happy to volunteer to support individuals that fall through the gap who do not qualify to attend Mental Health Court.
- They now have full time counsel, a part time social worker and a social work student doing placement; therefore they can now accept clients (custody and access, child and spousal support and restraining orders only).

#### **Corrections:**

- Diane reported SWDC now has 3 social workers, 2 new mental health nurses (3 full-time and 2 part-time). The Mental Health Unit will be opening soon and will have 8 beds opening.
- The Interview Rooms are being used by CMHA staff and this is working out well.
- SWDC is working on allowing CMHA staff to enter their facility without an escort.
- Diane notes that Tanis Bukowski the Deputy Superintendent of Programs will be attending our next meeting.

#### **COAST:**

- Windsor Police is hosting the 4th Crisis Intervention Training in April to assist in navigating the mental health system and how to respond in a crisis situation.
- Feedback from Panel Discussion was fantastic.
- The Transitional Stability Centre will assist individuals with acute mental illness and substance abuse. This will be a good addition to our existing services once it opens and will have an immediate impact on patrol and hospital.
- A suggestion was made to invite a representative from Transitional Stability Centre to one of our upcoming meetings. Contact Jan Bedard for information.

#### **Mental Health Connections:**

- March Program Schedule of Activity is very busy.
- Ongoing education programs being offered.

- Intakes have been higher than usual over the last month and half.
- Seem to be getting a lot of people from the Justice System.
- Collaborating with Transitional Stability Centre and looking forward to the opening of their facility.

**Pathway to Potential:**

Living Wage – March 10<sup>th</sup> – Caboto Club

**Victim Witness Assistance Program:**

Has officially launch Relapse Service Violence Prevention (RSVP) Program the end of January.

- John Howard society will be providing service during the day.
- CCC is after hours and weekend service.
- Salvation Army is on board for housing.
- St. Leonard's is partnering.
- Street Health is available for counselling and support.

**Welcome Centre:**

- Has received a 5 year grant to supporting building relationships.
- Change drop in times: 12:00 to 3:00 Tuesdays.

**CMHA:**

- Regional Conference Call will be held on March 24.
- The High Risk Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and is making good progress on many cases. More defining of the committee and how we operate under the circle of care continues to be discussed. Accreditations interested in attending a future meeting.
- Constable Burt advised the committee to make them aware if someone uses information gleaned from these meetings against a client.
- A reminder to complete the Survey Monkey from CMHA in order to assist us in evaluating the quality of our services.

**6) Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm**

**7) Next meeting: June 1, 2015**