

ESSEX COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES & JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (HSJCC)
Minutes
Monday June 1, 2015 – 1:30pm – 2:30pm
CMHA – LEMR

Present: Alaina Cockburn, Angela Yakonich, Anna Marie Dodge, Blake Cohoe, Caitlin Cartier, Constable Ken Burt, Dan Topp, Dawn Letourneau, Dike Onuoha, Donna Keegan, Elizabeth Brown, Ivanka Simeunovic, Jarrett Loscher, Jeanie Laforge, Justice Lloyd Dean, Jose Vasquez, Katie Nanson, Lana Strain, Marilyn Weller, Marion Overholt, Marylou Dolan, Maureen St. St. Pierre, Sue Benko

Regrets: Claudette Baumgartner, Maurice Kendan

Recorder: Joanne Brown

1) Call to Order:

Marilyn called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm

2) Welcome and Introductions:

- Introductions were made around the table.
- Welcome to the newest OPP Response Unit

3) Review Minutes of March 2, 2015 and Outstanding Action Items:

CLARIFICATION / CORRECTION TO MARCH 2 NOTES:

Previously recorded as:

Ms. Overholt would be happy to volunteer to support individuals that fall through the gap who do not qualify to attend Mental Health Court.

Clarification:

Community Legal Aid would be happy to provide representation for individuals that fall through the gaps and who do not qualify to attend Mental Health Court.

CLA have now expanded their services into Family Law.

COAST - Omission:

Oversee the form that has been left with COAST-parole takes care of it.

No outstanding Action items from our March 2 meeting.

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

MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN WITH THE ABOVE CORRECTIONS NOTED.

5) Committee Updates:

Judges:

Justice Dean reported that everything is running smoothly in Mental Health Court.

Action: Kaitlyn will forward upcoming 672 Court dates to the committee members.

Crown's Office:

- Alana reported the 672 Subcommittee developed a subcommittee to work on Mental Health Diversion protocols. Anna Marie and Jarrett are working with Liz Brown to develop clear protocols for Mental Health Diversion. Ad hoc protocols and jurisdiction could still apply. The committee has met a few times collecting information from various areas. Updates will be coming June 19 once this project is finalized. Caitlyn Cartier will be attending from the Crown's Office.
- Everything is running smoothly.
- Elizabeth Brown will be back in the summer.

Community Legal Aid:

Handout

Financial Eligibility for Legal Aid Ontario Services

- Please post in your office if permitted/otherwise the handout is for personal use
- Additional monies provided for victims of domestic violence, Hiatus House or the vulnerable.
- Increase in funds comes April 1 of each year. Looking at a 6% increase in April 2016
- Duty counsel test rather than single person test-relates to certificates who have other secondary consequences/with or without mental illness
- Doesn't have to be screened for jail
- Will be tracking secondary factors very important/duty council will still have to do the referral
- No doctor note referrals/self-referral and duty council referrals will be reviewed
- New Duty Council hired for Leamington site full time - Nazdem involved in family and criminal matters for the county
- Abdul will be transferring from Sarnia. He comes with experience.
- Continue to make referrals
- Maryann Stevens is retiring as of September 2015. A notice will be circulated so you can send best wishes.

Crisis:

- Accreditation process along with the Wellness Program candidates for Transitional Stability Centre is currently going on.
- Very busy
- Expansion-Guardianship

Corrections:

- OPP expanded a second unit which was launched out of the Council Building in Leamington. Referral processes remain the same. Either phone number may be used.

Question:

Does COAST or the Mental Health Response Unit respond if there is a situation in the Amherstburg Area?

Reply:

No, the Amherstburg police would respond to any situation within their own jurisdiction. However, they are big supporters of Mental Health programs. They usually send 3-4 of their officers to the Windsor Police CIT Trainings who then act as liaisons when they face mental health issues. They often call and speak with Carol or Ken. Currently there is nothing formal in place. Frontline staff would love to bridge gaps

between jurisdictions. There doesn't seem to be enough demand for a mobile unit in the counties. LaSalle and Amherstburg are very eager to work with OPP/Windsor Police/ COAST etc. to provide support and wellness. LaSalle and Amherstburg have sent 4 more staff to CIT training this past April.

COAST:

- Sharing frontline resources between 2 jurisdictions would be workable
- Summer is here and Windsor will be busy
- Nothing new to report

Youth Justice:

- Nothing to report

OPP:

- CMHA staff will attend court in Leamington
- Jose shared a story of success regarding a client –see attached

Regional Support Associates:

- Southwest opened Mental Health Unit which is currently at capacity. 16 beds, 12 male & 4 female.
- Everything is running smoothly.
- Clients with intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns seem to be presenting in Leamington more often

672 Court:

Adjournments

High number of cases where there is adjournment after adjournment.

Suggestion: 6 weeks adjournments

- No protests, objections or frustration in regards to adjournments.
- Often waiting for documentation from psychiatrists/psychosocial assessments (these reports may take 8-12 weeks). Until reports are provided keep the clients coming back and steady
- We don't want to lose touch with our clients
- Adjournments are expected in 672 Court
- Policing is better. No concern from the judges.

ACT:

- Going through the Accreditation process, otherwise everything is fine.

Welcome Centre:

- Trillium Grant received. Pink Butterfly campaign is doing well.
- Launching Housing First Campaign-Training with City of Windsor. Multiple cities now using this very successful model. Landlords and Developers will be making a formal announcement providing media coverage from the City this month. Access to family service funding will be made available as well. Housing first /case management second.
- Recidivism rates going down in shelters as a result of this program.
- Send emergency family situations to the Welcome Centre who are working more closely with ER, hotels and housing response workers.
- 4 new social workers
- New students

Legal Aid:

- Panel discussion on the Gladue principal that came out of the Supreme Court of Ontario regarding the Aboriginal people. Conditions should be examined in Windsor. A meeting and community announcement will be coming forward June 9th 2015.
- Additional lawyer hired for consumer and employment law. (Concerns regarding employers not paying employees for overtime etc.)

Legal Assistance of Windsor:

- (Issue) - An individual in the Windsor jail who is on an immigration order who cannot be deported due to serious mental health illness. How can we access services when this person is in jail? Person was approached but has declined services. This person has no other charges and is spiraling out of control. Spending blocks of time in hospital then returning back to jail. Committee has made changes for high risk and complex users. Getting the right people around the table to provide support is key. This circumstance falls within the 1% of the system.

Action: Recommend that Marion reach out to community partners involved in the care of this woman. Suggest contacting Dr. Raj Basker who may be able to provide input on the psychiatric stabilization of this person. Jonathon Foster from Windsor Regional Hospital may also be able to assist in arranging from hospital input for the case conference. Discuss capacity and consent. Marion Overholt will arrange the case conference.

CMHA:

- Accreditation process is over. Marilyn extended a big "thank you" to all who assisted us in meetings.
- **HSJCC 2014-15 report** sent out by email May 29, 2015. Marilyn has completed the survey and has tried to capture memberships within the correct ministries. Results need to be submitted back June 5, 2015. If anyone has comments or additions to this document please send Marilyn a quick email by end of day June 1, 2015. **See attached document for your reference.**

Workplan

- Send Marilyn an email if you would like to see anything added or deleted.
- Provide Ideas for 2016

Action

Marilyn to email work plan to the committee.

The commitment from this team is remarkable. Thank you for taking out time from busy schedules to attend.

6) Next Meeting: September 14, 2015

7) Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm