

**Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/ Haldimand/Norfolk**  
**Central South**  
**Regional HUMAN SERVICE AND JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (HSJCC)**  
Minutes of March 3, 2014

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Terry McGurk (COAST, Hamilton) Chair  
Dennis DeSalvo (CMHA Hamilton)

**Recording Secretary:**

Helen Selsek

Liz Froese (SNSC)  
Kevin Martin (for Crystal Burning-Six Nations)  
Kirsten Brooks (CMHA Brant)  
Trevor Tymchuk.  
Karen Valade (CMHA Haldimand Norfolk)

**Regrets:**

Joe Kovacich (SJHH)  
Jamie Anderson (Hamilton Wentworth Police)  
Regan Anderson (Wayside House, Hamilton)  
Bob Barkman (CMHA Niagara)

**1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting began after lunch 1310 hrs.

**2.0 AGENDA – ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Approval of minutes - motioned by Karen Valade and seconded by Liz Froese.

Presentation on Bartimaeus from Nelson Mota Service Coordinator from Bartimaeus along with his Manager

- 2.0 CIT Conference in Barry Ont.:** Terry gave feedback about the CIT Conference in Barry. Just less than 100 police and mental health professionals attended the Conference. Our Regional HSJCC sponsored Dr. Lori Triano-Antidormi as the Keynote Speaker for the conference. Dr. Triano-Antidormi is the mother of a 2 yr. old boy who was murdered by a psychotic woman in the late 90's. She is not supportive of reform of NCR legislation as she feels this continues to stigmatize the mentally ill and what really needs improvement is better police officer response/training and mental health services. Regional HSJCC also sponsored a number of police officers to attend the conference from around our Region.
- 3.0 Bartimaeus Presentation by Nelson Mota:** Nelson and his manager gave presentation today on Bartimaeus a private Health and Hospital Support Service. Highlighted that the service brings a wide range of skills development from years of experience working with high need individuals and their families. CCAC and Developmental Service utilize this service on a regular basis. A folder was distributed to committee members for further information on services. Consideration should be given in local committees if there is ability to use this service in the future.
- 4.0 Risk and Recovery Conference:** This is taking place on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2014. Members of the HSJCC are encouraged to complete registration forms and hand them into Helen Selsek so she can notify the conference on how many will be attending. Regional HSJCC sponsors individuals to attend this conference. The Conference organizers are aware the HSJCC cannot forward the funding for this sponsorship until after March 31/14. The Conference committee have agreed to give us the Early Bird rate as long as we submit registrations on whom and how many are attending.
- 5.0 Trevor's Role:** Regional HSJCC welcome Trevor to our committee. Trevor brings with him a great deal of experience working in Local HSJCC in Northern Ontario and has been a consistent member of the Provincial HSJCC. He also does great work on the Provincial HSJCC website. He has agreed to attend our Regional Committee on a regular basis and will seek out membership on the Niagara Local HSJCC. He has agreed to support our need to better utilize the Provincial Website and will update our membership and post information on the website from our Regional and Local initiatives. Local Chairs should keep Trevor informed on any information that

should be posted. There is also a section on the Website to post minutes of Local and Regional Chairs; possibly we can forward minutes to Trevor as well. Trevor is to let the Provincial Committee

**6.0 AIS/HARM feedback:** Joe Kovacich had to send regrets due to Court work. This item will be deferred to the next meeting. Joe will continue with AIS/HARM feedback from the recent Workshop and connecting with Local Committees about moving forward on AIS/HARM initiatives.

**7.0 Provincial HSJCC:**

**7.1 Webinar on Special Populations:** Jenna Hitchcox from Provincial HSJCC sent an email that the committee is looking for individuals who work with developmental disabilities, ABI, drug and alcohol addiction, and FASD to participate in a Webinar they are planning for March sometime. I forwarded to two names, Nancy Hall for FASD and Veronica Pepper ABI Navigator for our region. Both are willing to participate and will contact Jenna.

**7.2 Legal Aid Ontario Mental Health Strategy Consultation Paper:** The committee was given an update that a letter was sent to Ryan Fritsch at Legal Aid Ontario, by the Provincial HSJCC that the committee would like to share their ideas on how LOA can better serve clients these committees are supporting. Three major recommendations were made. A copy of the report is available, contact the Chair if you want a copy of the letter.

**8.0 Hamilton ABI Working Group.** The committee continues to work with the Hamilton Detention Centre 3A Unit about utilizing the "HELPS" ABI Screening Tool. The Detention Centre has agreed to begin using the tool. Wil Maurer RN and Evans Adjei-Nframah SW have been using the tool and have identified 3 ABI clients already that would not ordinarily have been identified as having an ABI. These clients will not be referred to ABI services. The committee is also considering an ABI Resource Guide such as what is used in Waterloo. Veronica Pepper and Jan Narduzzi will take this to the ABI Network for consideration. Possibly an electronic version of this guide can be developed to better inform families and service providers of what is available in the community. Complex ABI clients who have come into conflict with the law can be referred to this committee.

**9.0 Budget:** The Regional Budget was reviewed today. If there are any outstanding invoices they should be sent to Helen Farkas at CMHA Hamilton. The budget has been re formatted to be clear about what is attributed to Regional expensed, Local expenses, Research Costs, Conference Costs, Training and Administration Costs. The goal is to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year. Terry will meet with Helen Farkas the last week of March to review the positive cost variance and will be in touch with Local Committees to review the final balance. Local committees and Regional Committee needs were reviewed and the committee agreed on committing funding to these needs.

**10.0 Updates from Local HSJCC Committees: Terry encouraged Local Committee's to keep updating the work plans and that he requires feedback on Work Plans by March 14/14 so he can submit a Regional Report to the Provincial Committee.**

Haldimand Norfolk – Karen

Local Committee met in February. Bail Program does not exist in Haldimand Norfolk. This committee is interested in prisoner's belongings as this is a huge issue when clients are sent back from detention to the Haldimand, Norfolk community. There is not transportation from Hamilton Detention back to the Haldimand Community which can be a precipitating factor to clients not receiving the support they require and re-offending. Karen was asked to begin collecting stats on how frequent does this happen. Concern is that this will be more frequent once the Brantford jail closes.

Niagara – No feedback from Niagara as Bob Barkman sent regrets. Terry will contact Local Niagara HSJCC to submit a report by March 14/14.

Brant – Kirsten Brooks

Has not been decided who will be attending Regional HSJCC on a regular basis from Brantford. The biggest issue in Brantford is the closure of the Brantford Jail. There are meeting being set up with Maple Hurst and CMHA Halton to discuss discharge planning. This will provide the service providers a chance to discuss concerns. Probation will attend as well. All these issue should be identified in the work plan so they can be submitted to the Provincial HSJCC.

Six Nations – Keven Martin

Kevin identified the Connections Project, Meth/Pain Management Survey that is happening in the community. 103 participating in the questionnaire, they will be rolling out the findings. Still need to look more at detox and addiction issues. Kevin circulated the flyer Circle of Courage Conference being held at Six Nations Community Hall on March 17 and 18, 2014. If anyone needs further information contact Kevin who will send out the flyer? Response has been positive in the past.

Hamilton – Terry/Dennis

ABI Corrections Working Group update as noted earlier in the minutes. Hamilton continues to do case identification and planning in the Local Committee, many CTO's have been initiated as a result of work done in the committee.

**6.0 Regional Work plan**

Review of all local work plans and Regional goals will be submitted to Provincial Committee before the next Provincial meeting being held March 18/14

- Terry to forward to the Provincial HSJCC.

**7.0 NEXT MEETING - Monday, May 5th, 2014**  
**12:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Lunch will be served**  
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550 Fennell Ave, Hamilton