

<p style="text-align: center;">REGIONAL HNH HUMAN SERVICE AND JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE</p>

Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2016:
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Present:

Terry McGurk (COAST, Hamilton) Chair
Jill Pollock (CMHA) Co-Chair
Sandra Rodwell (COAST, Hamilton) Recording Secretary

Karen Valade (CMHA Haldimand Norfolk)
Kirsten Brooks (CMHA Brant)
Kevin Martin (Six Nations, Mental Health)
Kelly Falconer (CMHA Niagara)
Liane Taylor (Forensics, SJH)
Deirdra D. Burke (TA Patterson)
Trevor Tymchuk (Provincial HSJCC)
Chondrena Vieira-Martin (Halton Family Services)
Mike Worster (Hamilton Police Service)

Regrets:

Liz Froese (Southern Network of Care)
Nancy Hall (Fascets Canada)

Absent:

Jayne Mallin

1. Introductions / Welcome New Members, LHIN Representative

- New committee members Chondrena Vieira-Martin and Mike Worster were welcomed.
- Terry informed the group that Sue Kennedy was no longer with the LHIN, and Colleen Lynas was unable to attend today, but we may have a new rep from the LHIN by May. Linkage between the LHIN and the HSJCC has been absent until now, and the MOH is encouraging the HSJCC to connect with LHIN across the Province.

2. Membership – Co-Chair

- Jill Pollock will replace Dennis Di Salvo as Regional Committee Co-Chair.

3. Review and Adoption of Minutes – October 15, 2015

- Minutes were accepted by Kevin Martin, and seconded by Liane Taylor.

4. Review of Agenda:

5. Posting Minutes on Provincial Website – Trevor

- A new Provincial HSJCC website is in the works and should be operational in a few weeks, with a hard launch during Mental Health Week in May.
- The new site will be a repository of information, with an increased focus on HSJCC, and each local will have their own profile page.
- Membership lists will not be posted, but contact info for committee chairs and participating agencies will be included.
- Chairs will receive an email to forward info for posting on the website, and Trevor will be our contact.
- Information to be posted should follow submission guidelines and be vetted through the committee first before being submitted.

6. Letter to the Provincial HSJCC re: *Patient First* Discussion Paper

- In the MOHLTC *Patients First* discussion paper, it was noted that there was no mention of primary care in corrections, and it was suggested our HSJCC consider ways to advocate for this neglected group.
- Fiona Kouyoumdjian and Terry McGurk drafted a letter to Minister Eric Hoskins, which was put forward on behalf of the Regional HSJCC. The letter is receiving support from the Provincial HSJCC as well.

7. Update on David Boulding Conference and Workshops – Terry

- David Boulding Lawyer was in town from B.C. this week, and gave a series of presentations on FASD.
- ***Nancy Hall will do a report on his visit, as this serves as a good deliverable for the Regional HSJCC Work Plan.

8. Update on Risk and Recovery Conference

- This conference takes place April 7 & 8.
- There is still time to register and the HSJCC will sponsor if membership interested in attending – please send your completed registration forms to Sandra ASAP so she can get them in for you.

9. Regional Work Plan for Provincial HSJCC

- In February, the chairs met to review and plan activities for each local in the coming fiscal year and submit the work plans to the province. It was decided to spread the funding as outlined in the Regional work.

10. Update on Budget

- Budget allocations submitted for projects and activities of each local were reviewed.
- While nothing is set in stone, the work plan now has to become a reality, so chairs are asked to report on the progress of identified goals at each meeting. We need to ensure steady progress is made on goals to maintain funding.
- Mike suggested that setting specific monetary goals and target dates would make it easier to measure success, and Sandra offered to oversee this by acting as committee treasurer, and to follow up with each chair through the fiscal year.
- ***Each chair was asked to be ready to discuss their monetary goals at the next meeting.
- Kevin asked if the Regional Committee could offer some funding and support for the annual Aboriginal Persons Court event. The event is a success each year, and added funding would allow them to expand their offerings to a wider audience.
- This would also help to improve linkages with the Aboriginal community, which was identified as a weakness/opportunity on our SWOT analysis.
- ***Kevin is to provide an overview for Terry to review. Terry and the rest of the committee agreed to look at supporting this event.

11. Additions to the Agenda

- Deirdra would like to see some support for developing a drug strategy for the area. Small inroads were made last year, and they were looking at a 4-5 pillar approach including enforcement and corrections.
- This work group is stuck in limbo right now because the Hamilton Police Chief retired right after approving the project, so it has no champion presently to bring people to the table.
- Can it be taken on as a regional project and be developed in individual regions/at local tables? Hamilton is behind the times for development of a drug strategy – Halton has a strategy; Niagara has a charter. Can this be reviewed in local committees for a coordinated effort?
- ***Deirdra to send drug strategy info to Mike & Terry.

12. Local HSJCC Updates

- The Provincial Committee reviewed priorities for local committees as identified in our SWOT analyses, including:
 - Housing
 - Release issues
 - Cross-sector collaboration/Mental Health Court
 - Complex needs
 - Access to Mental Health Services
 - FNIM & racialized populations
 - Issues across the life span (seniors & youth)
 - Staff training, safety and education
- ***Terry to send out copy of the 3-year Work Plan from the Province.
- Karen and Kirsten announced that CMHA Brant and Haldimand Norfolk have now amalgamated. They will still operate two separate HSJCC's and budgets, but the area will now be known as Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk.
- A branding project has taken place, and new local HSJCC logos are coming from the Province

13. Brief MCRRT Updates across the Region

- As we have almost reached the end of the fiscal year, targets for MCRRT have been greatly exceeded
- We are diverting a great deal of people from hospital and detention, with hospitals, police, mobile and crisis staff working together
- OPP has received a Mental Health Strategy from the Province. The document is well done & includes attention to mental health, stigma & employee wellness; covers community, OPP officers and mental health coordinators
- Is a PTSD awareness event coming; support/protocol for 1st responders? Mental Health Commission is developing something for 1st responders now.
- Mike asks if we should put (mandatory) structures in place to support workers?

14. Next Meetings

A call was made to set up regular meetings for the rest of the year. ***Sandra will prepare a Doodle Poll and send it out to gain consensus for future meeting dates.

Next meeting will take place **Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.**

Location: **TBD**