

**REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICE AND JUSTICE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

February 8, 2019 9am-11am

HPS MOUNTAIN STATION

400 RYMAL ROAD, Hamilton

ATTENDEES: Cindy Kemp-Wonzo, Jacqueline Strecansky, Jaime Corneil, Jill Pollock, Kelly Falconer, Liane Taylor, Lori Dunne (chair), Peter Ranieri (delegate for Shawn Blaj), Terry McGurk, Tom Archer, Trevor Tymchuk, Sherry Lewis (recorder)

REGRETS: Deborah McGrath, Franklin Lyons, Gwen Piller, Keri Zammit, Veronica Pepper

ABSENT: Carrie Collier, Christy Marshall, Crystal Burning, Dana Vladescu, Kelly Cimek, Laura Walsh, Linda Hunter, Sheri Yake

1) WELCOME

- Lori welcomed everyone and went around the table with introductions

2) ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Risk and Recovery Conference**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Sherry to contact Josie Cosco – St. Joe's – are we good to pay in the new year – after the conference*
 - Sherry has confirmed with Josie that we can pay after the conference using next year's money
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Sherry will send out the link to the Risk & Recovery Conference registration to Regional & Hamilton Local Membership*
 - Sent out Monday to the Regional members and Tuesday to the Hamilton Local members

- HSJCC will be paying only for the 2 day conference – all other expenses will be the responsibility of the attendee
- Registration forms to be sent to Sherry who will accumulate them to be submitted all at once
- **Date and time of future meetings**
 - Meetings will be from 12-2 Mondays at West 5th
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Sherry will find a date that works and will send out a meeting request to all Regional members*
 - Meeting will be on the 2nd Monday of the month every 3 months starting on May 13th (one exception – Nov 11th is a Stat Holiday at St. Joe's, so that meeting will be moved to Nov 18th)
 - **ACTION ITEM:** *Sherry to get Parking passes and room*

3) REVIEW OF MINUTES

- **Approval of Minutes** – Cindy Kemp-Wonzo approved the minutes, Jacqueline Strecansky seconded it

4) UPDATES:

a. Restructuring Plan-Lori

- Lack of engagement at the local level
 - Multiple requests sent out to do a gap analysis and only 2 people have responded
 - Difficult for the chair/co-chair to lead all sub-committees/projects due to time commitments
 - If people want to be at the table, then we need committee to support the work and get involved in projects, i.e. CTO projects, gap analysis, etc.
- Trevor is the Regional rep for the Regional and will attend the Provincial meeting, reporting back to this group
- Sherry is now the admin for HSJCC
 - Setting up meetings, budgets, work plan, etc

- Survey to look at the function of the table, also reviewing the purpose it services to the attached agency
 - Reviewing models across Ontario-have spoken with Provincial and other areas for ideas
- There is funding for this committee and we want to be accountable to that
 - Without engagement, projects are challenging
 - Reviewing if the right people are at each table and the right topics are discussed
- Regional looks at systems level – local looks at specific clients and issues
 - Sometimes clients are being discussed at multiple tables, have multiple services attached and then end up back in Emergency due to the complexity of care that is offered, how do we address this?
 - At next Hamilton Local (Lori to present a PowerPoint)
 - Who are we?
 - What do we do?
 - Structures (Local, Regional, Provincial)
 - Are there struggles at other locals?
 - Cindy and Kelly (chairs) both confirmed that they struggle with similar issues (engagement, people on too many committees and cannot dedicate their time fully)
 - At provincial – had meeting regarding Community Safety & Well-Being Plans and having projects for other situation tables to take on
 - Trevor can provide contact information for the presenters to get them to come out to the locals
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Trevor will send the presentation to Sherry to send out
 - No funding but a lot of official ministry commitment

- All municipalities are required to come up with Community Safety & Well-Being Plans
 - Meant to help avoid escalation of issues

b. Additional Conversation about Structure of the Local Tables

- Cindy – has good attendance at her local meetings but finds it hard to get commitment to get things done
- Kelly – can't get a justice co-chair – at her local meetings there's good attendance and engagement in conversation, a healthy work plan, a lot of engagement in various sub-committees but it usually falls on Kelly
 - Tried to get help but can't get any
 - Situation tables – only one in Port Colborne
 - Don't need one in St Catharine's or Niagara Falls because services are coming in those areas
 - But when Health-links get together there are still gaps and we can help with that
 - HSJCC feels like a full-time job – people are stretched thin – everyone is tapped out for time – creating adhoc committees to resolve decades old issues
- Lori – finding the same issues with Hamilton local
- Frontline often attend the local and they are not always be involved in larger system changes Liane – table flourished when talking about clients
 - Gets engagement with things that relate directly to the front line staff like cases (do we become a case management/situation table?)
- Lack of work done on the patients brought to the table – Sometimes sitting on the table with no plan
 - There is some resistance to close the file even after all the work we did on privacy
- Maybe we should have regional look at system issues and the local be more of a situational table??

- The front line staff do not always have the power to change system issues, but do work with the patients brought to the table
- It's important that we understand what our goals are
 - May be value for sharing common issues at the Regional table instead of having the Locals all try to sort out the same issues they're all facing
- Gap analysis helps with focus at the local but it will take a while because there's a lot to discuss
 - If we can all do the gap analysis at the local level it would be helpful
- Recommitment letter for the Local
 - There are concerns about handing out the commitment letter and then having people back out because of having to sign – afraid of losing people
- Regional committee to provide feedback and information that can be taken back to the local

c. Engagement-Lori

- How do we engage the Locals?
 - We want it to be meaningful and impactful
- We'll be doing a presentation for the local this month and can share with the others
- **ACTION ITEM:** Work Plans need to be in **by March 1, 2019**

d. COAST/MCRRT Standardization updates-Lori

- LHIN & Lori – submitted abstracts to a few conferences (HSJCC, and CMHA)
- OPP looking at Crisis Response units across the province
 - Now collaborative response working group – CMHA Ontario– interested in what our LHIN is doing, but also other models across Ontario
 - OPP do not feel that police should be involved in a secondary model such as COAST but they do like the

MCRRT level - wouldn't be cost effective for OPP to have a COAST model Terry suggested.

- Documentation almost ready for a 2nd review – Jenn Green (LHIN) reformatting and will send to stakeholders to review
- MCRRT and COAST work together – sometimes it's MCRRT first and then COAST follows up
- OPP looking at the provincial model
- Kelly-Standardization has been mammoth – much bigger than anyone expected – need to have the funding to meet the model
- Brant has followed the Hamilton model for COAST – going live April 1st in Brantford – will have support from police but not full-time

e. Update from Provincial HSJCC – Trevor

- Sara Dias is the new co-chair of the P-HSJCC and there is a new Executive Committee
- Provincial committee is providing support to the Traumatic Brain Injury and Criminalized Individuals Research Project
- Want OPP reps on all the local committees – Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk has OPP reps on their committees, if needed OPP HQ would be happy to do that
- Regional Members are encouraged to contact MCSCS's Public Safety Division if they wish to request a presentation in their region on Community Safety and Well-being planning Ontario
- New website – spiffier – had to redesign for technical reasons – much more professional
 - Encouraging regional and local committees to send in the minutes from their meetings, as well as any documents/resources they would like uploaded on the site

- Each region has its own section
- If anyone is interested in Treatment Court – they can get contact information from Trevor
 - Jill following up in Hamilton – hasn't heard anything about it
- Facilitated a Priority Setting Exercise addressing each of the Top 8 Challenges
- Call is out for Abstracts for the 2019 HSJCC conference
- **NOTE:** Please see the minutes from the January 15th Provincial HSJCC meeting for details

5) YOGA and TRAUMATIZATION WORKSHOP-Lori

- 85 signed up and 49 attended
- Many stayed after to speak with the presenter and we had great feedback via email and in the halls about this – how to take care of yourself

6) GAP ANALYSIS – Lori

- Hoping to do again in Hamilton (all other local did this work)

7) BUDGET – ALL

- Got gift cards and will get shoes and socks and underwear for the Detox centres in Hamilton, will purchase some bus tickets/vouchers for clients
- Obtained laptops

8) COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9) LOCAL UPDATES

a. Niagara

- Working groups have been meeting and getting stuff done
- Nothing done yet on mental health core – meeting today to discuss

- Budget – training being offered – for police, staff, who have to interview people who have been sexually assaulted, human trafficking, etc.
- Also need an allotment of transportation funds – more in the winter – seeing if they can prepay Youth Wellness for transportation costs they will encounter

b. Haldimand Norfolk/Brant

Haldimand Norfolk

- Taking Care of You workshop on Feb 21st
- Networking
- Concerned about registration – may spend more than budgeted for – but falling a bit behind

Brant

- Panel of speakers March 22nd for the Indigenous Justice only – not open to public – local – nothing to spend – will be getting gifts for the panellists
- No problem with funding – still have money left over – will move some money from Brant to Haldimand Norfolk
- If committee member at legal aid says they need money for bus fare, etc., it will be up to her discretion to decide if it fits – looking to prepay for taxi services for transportation to and from the courts
- OK to use money for individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system – mental health, addiction, etc., along with criminal justice system – can be someone at risk for becoming involved in the criminal justice system
- This year's budget will be the same as last year

c. Hamilton

- Pays transportation – bus fare, taxi, etc
- TA Patterson is no longer involved in the HSJCC due to restructuring and haven't heard anything about who will fill that gap

- Liane – if individual needed to leave the detention center in the hospital for appointments, they were escorted and brought back. They are no longer doing that.
 - HWDC doesn't want to do this – it's being discussed now in the courts
 - Finally agreed that they would do it for this individual but they won't do any future ones.
 - Once told others are doing it, response was “they're not supposed to be” – argument is that they are not in our custody but that they are in HWDC custody
 - Currently police will take custody until they can transfer to HWDC custody – needs to be decided by a judge to ensure it's included in the correctional services act to be handled properly in future without so much trouble

d. Halton