

**REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICES AND JUSTICE
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
February 10, 2020 12pm-2pm
West 5th Hamilton – Room A217 (Seminar Rm1)**

ATTENDEES: Tyson Benn, Satar Wahidi, Cathy Serra, Liane Taylor, Shawn Blaj, Will Mason, Trevor Tymchuk, Sherry Lewis (recorder)

On the phone: Cindy Kemp-Wonzo, Keri Zammit, Veronica Pepper

ABSENT: Jacqueline Strecansky, Jaime Corneil, Kelly Falconer, Carrie Collier, Franklin Lyons, Gwen Piller, Tom Archer, Christy Marshall, Crystal Burning, Dana Vladescu, Kelly Cimek, Laura Walsh, Linda Hunter, Sheri Yake

1. WELCOME

- Tyson & Satar introduced themselves as the Co-chairs of this committee
- Welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves

2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- None

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES

- **Approval Minutes**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved by the group

4. UPDATES:

- **Update from Provincial HSJCC**

- The Secretariat provided a 2019-2020 P-HSJCC Financial Update:
 - The P-HSJCC conference ran a higher deficit than expected, however they were able to cover outstanding costs by their contracted work with CMHA Peel Dufferin to support the development of a police-hospital transition protocol for Peel Region.
 - The P-HSJCC is able to move forward with all remaining workplan items for this fiscal year, including in-person meetings and hosting a Housing and Justice Forum on February 26th, 2020.
- Cathy Halovanic, ABI System Navigator, presented on some of the key issues surrounding ABI populations and the justice system.
 - Members discussed ways of improving existing resources for these unique populations while ensuring consistency of approach across the province. Members are encouraged to connect with Cathy for further consultation.

- Representatives from Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) spoke to some of their recent service changes and consulted with P-HSJCC members on how they can continue to improve services for our client populations.
 - LAO will continue to engage in consultations with the P-HSJCC around these issues.
- Representatives from the Ministry of the Solicitor General Correctional Services Division updated the P-HSJCC on their outreach efforts to connect corrections with Ontario Health Teams (OHTs). The goal is to build strong partnerships between OHTs and correctional services and increase awareness of justice involved individuals in the broader health care system.
 - Regional and Local HSJCCs who have an OHT in their area and have not yet consulted with corrections are encouraged to bring this to their table.
- The Ministry of the Solicitor General Institutional Services branch provided an update on the Discharge from Distant Court Protocol project.
 - The project is not on hold and is no longer being rolled out across the province. Regions are encouraged to move forward with their Red Bag pilots and contact the SolGen if they require any support in getting a pilot off the ground.
 - Bill Chantler has offered to share detailed information on London's Red Bag pilot and connect with any regions looking to develop a framework for their communities.
- The P-HSJCC has decided to strike an Advisory Committee to oversee the development of a Persons with Lived Experience Engagement Strategy.
 - Priority consideration will be given to persons with lived experience and representation from each of our 14 regions. Please contact Tasha Rennie if interested.
- The Secretariat held two Issue Management Sessions:
 - GAINQ3 Assessments in Correctional Institutions: The Ministries of Health and Solicitor General, and CAMH PSSP are working together to explore the issues around implementation of GAINQ3 training in correctional institutions and will report back to the P-HSJCC with any updates.
 - Dual Diagnosis and Justice Clients: The P-HSJCC would like the Secretariat to connect with Developmental Services Ontario and Community Networks of Specialized Care on this issue and provide updates at the March P-HSJCC meeting.
- **Discussion re: including individuals with Lived Experience at the Hamilton Local HSJCC meeting table:**
 - Hamilton is very unique because everyone at the table is there when cases are being discussed.

- It's mostly just a situation table but doesn't necessarily function as a situation table.
 - At a situation table, they are supposed to discuss individuals in dire need within 72 hours.
 - Currently no one with lived experience is on the Hamilton Local committee.
 - If we have someone with lived experience attend the meetings, we want it to be meaningful.
 - The Hamilton Local HSJCC meeting is more of a complex needs type of table.

5. REGIONAL HSJCC MEETINGS

- We are having a bit of an identity issue - systems issues are discussed at the regional level
- Low attendance
- We need to know if people are finding value in attending this meeting
- We don't want to have meetings that have no meaning
- We need to discuss this with individuals not at this meeting

6. VISION SESSION

- Collective responsibility to generate ideas and carry them forward
 - i. Liane – Each area was to bring up an issue that's a big problem in their local area, i.e. individuals who will never get out of the system the way things are – need to coral people in due to all the changes in individuals attending the meetings
 - ii. Cindy – GAPS analyses have been done – Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk & Niagara – can we look at this regionally for similarities or differences we can work on – Cindy will send it today (Feb 10, 2020) to Tyson and Satar
 - iii. Providing funds for students to engage in research activities – will have more money because no provincial HSJCC conference this year
 - iv. Trainings, workshops, things we can engage in throughout the year – bring to group to look at opportunities that come up
 - v. Need to get enough members engaged in order to do things like holding our own workshops, seminars, etc.

7. WORKPLANS

- Responsible as a committee to come up with a workplan
- Due March 1st
- Satar and Tyson will be working on the workplan as the year progresses

8. BUDGET

- CMHA finance is encouraging Tyson to ensure to submit all expenses before year end
- There is expected to be a small surplus ~\$2k
- We need to spend this money
- Not sure what we can do at the regional level to use those funds but at the local level, could use it for things like bus tickets, etc.

9. 14th ANNUAL RISK & RECOVERY CONFERENCE

- We will generate a list of names of everyone interested in attending
- Want to be as fair as possible and have as many people attending as possible
- Registration needs to happen soon
- HSJCC covering conference attendance costs
- Tyson will follow up with Joel as soon as possible to confirm numbers
- Sherry will send out the registration form to each region
- All registrations should be sent to Sherry no later than February 28th

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

- Liane - Correctional beds – acute stabilization beds opening any day now, staff is hired, unit is complete, bringing in one person at a time – 4 beds

11. LOCAL UPDATES

a) Niagara

- Someone from the region is presenting on community safety and wellness plan

b) Haldimand/Norfolk

- Doing family event March 11th at Jarvis Firehall – Trevor can put it on the website
- BHN – at last meeting, set new objectives – youth justice wants to create a subcommittee for individuals involved with the court systems

c) Brantford

- Drug Strategy, Justice and Enforcement Pillars have asked the Local HSJCC to take a lead on the Drug Treatment Court.

d) Hamilton

- No updates

e) Halton

- Not present

f) OTHER DISCUSSIONS

- Cindy – Member asking about the Guide for Older Individuals – are there printed copies?

- Trevor will check and follow up with member
- Cindy – Red Envelope or Red Bag – Wants to confirm the process
 - Deputy minister's office will support the process at the institution
 - Trevor will connect Cindy with some people to give her information about how to set up the program
 - Not across-the-board roll out
 - Up to someone/anyone to initiate it
 - If someone at the local table wants to initiate it, they are welcome to do it
 - Touch base with the institution in order to get it started
 - Shawn will look into how we can make sure that the Red Bag gets to where it's supposed to be to keep the integrity of the program
 - Starts at regional detachments

12. NEXT MEETING

- **May 11, 2020 – 12-2pm**
- **Hamilton Police Service, 400 Rymal Rd E, Hamilton**
- **Lincoln Alexander Room**