

HSJCC Meeting

MINUTES

- Date:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012
- Place:** Milton Courthouse, Boardroom, 491 Steeles Avenue East, Milton
- Present:** Rhonda Frank (Chair), Lloyd Bowers, Chantelle Arcand, Liz Hopkins, Cheryl Gustafson, Iain Leithead, Andy Shepherd, Caroline Jemmott, Lorna Mitchell, Paul Wood, Gemma Napoli, Irene Zivko, Jackie Gordon, Marie Hoy, Donna Sverdrup, Gerry Watson, Stephanie McCann (minutes)
- Regrets:** Laurie Jago, Mike Conry, Jill Singleton, Angie Kays-Burden, Trevor Lumb, Gary Calverley
- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Milton Courthouse Boardroom, 491 Steeles Avenue, Milton. Lunch will be served at 12:45pm.

Item #	AGENDA ITEM & DISCUSSION	Decision/ Action	Timeline	Person Resp
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions Rhonda welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. Rhonda extended apologies for being unavailable for the last meeting, at the last minute.</p> <p>Rhonda reported that her portfolio has changed and she is now the Deputy of Programs at Maplehurst and is no longer directly involved with the programming department at Vanier Centre for Women.</p> <p>The meeting started at 1:00pm.</p>			
2	<p>HSJCC Minutes of November 9, 2011 Lloyd Bowers moved and Iain Leithead seconded that the minutes of November 9, 2011 be approved with the following changes:</p> <p>Under Member updates: Replace Youth Justice Partnership Committee with child and youth services in Lorna Mitchell's update. Add 'to date' at the end of the first sentence of Iain Leithead's update. Remove 'both pre charge' at the end of the first sentence of Gemma Napoli's update. Change the last sentence of Liz Hopkin's update to read The Milton (North Halton) office 'is busy'.</p>			
3.	<p>Business Arising Prisoner Belonging Project (Discharge Planning Committee) Rhonda reported that the discussion paper created by Steven Potje from the Canadian Mental Health Association, Grand River Branch called 'The Issue of Prisoner Belongings – "A Recipe for Re-Offending"' was circulated to the Committee in May 2011.</p> <p>The Committee discussed that this is an ongoing issue and each community is trying to develop a system that works for them. It was mentioned that the hours of operation at the institutions for picking up belongings can be an issue. Rhonda stated that</p>			

	<p>alternative arrangements may be negotiated with the institution in special circumstances involving special needs offenders.</p> <p>Rhonda added the following to the agenda: Budget \$2500.00 for FASD Someone to attend the Provincial HSJCC meeting on Monday</p>			
4.	<p>Sub Committee Reports and Workplans: Data Collection Project</p> <p>Rhonda reported that Valerie Johnston was hired as a consultant but the focus of the group keeps changing from identifying gaps, then evaluation of data, and now collecting statistics to validate having a mental health court.</p> <p>Rhonda reported that she looked at the number of individuals in custody with an admission from Halton Region with a mental health issue or special needs during December 1 – 23, 2011. The numbers were very low (approximately nine) compared to the other 12 catchment areas (sometimes six-seven times higher).</p> <p>Lloyd looked at the CMHA-HRB stats too and the process for collecting the data needs to be addressed in a different way rather than with the survey created by Valerie. Jackie Gordon, Rhonda Frank, Jackie Gordon and Caroline Jemmott are members of the Data Collection Sub-Committee.</p> <p>A Steering Committee is being struck to look at having a community treatment court/possibly to include a drug court in Halton and the first meeting is being held in Oakville on January 27th. Lloyd, Rhonda and Donna are attending. Justice Brown initiated the meeting.</p> <p>Iain reported that AYSP has received funding to coordinate services to remove individuals with a mental health issue out of the justice system.</p> <p>The Halton HSJCC needs to decide if it recommends having a mental health court in Halton or not. The Committee agreed to have Valerie do research on other mental health courts in the province i.e. how they determined the need, how they provide service etc.</p> <p>Lloyd and Rhonda will have a teleconference with Valerie to determine how many hours of work have been prepaid and to determine next steps.</p> <p>Gemma reported that the Canadian Association of Court Professionals is hosting a conference on specialized courts i.e. drug, mental health etc. in Toronto on February 29 – March 2, 2012. Gemma is attending and will report on the findings at the next meeting.</p> <p>Halton HSJCC Terms of Reference</p> <p>There was a long discussion on what was the role of the Halton HSJCC, why people come to the meetings and what do they gain from sitting around the table.</p> <p>The Halton HSJCC has accomplished a lot in Halton but there is frustration regarding what our current purpose is. The provincial committee is also struggling with this as well.</p>	<p>Decision</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Lloyd & Rhonda</p>

	<p>It was decided that everyone should come to the next meeting prepared to discuss their goals and objectives for participation in HSJCC and their ideas about the committee's purpose. The Committee agreed that in order for everyone around the table to know exactly what programs and services each agency provides each organization will have opportunity to provide a 15-20 minute presentation at the beginning of each Halton HJSJCC meeting on a rotating basis.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference updated and approved in May 2010 will be circulated to everyone.</p> <p>FASD is the current issue that the committee is working on.</p> <p>FASD Jackie reported that the planning day to create a strategy for FASD in Halton will be held on February 17th in the Oakville Police Station.</p> <p>A consultant (Joan Nelson) has been hired to facilitate the day. An invite will be sent out via Stephanie for everyone to identify who should be attending or you can email Jackie directly at Jackie.gordon@haltonpolice.ca.</p> <p>The invoice for the consultant will be sent to Stephanie to pay and then Jackie will be reimbursed directly for the food.</p> <p>There should be some funding coming available in September for prevention and someone will need to be hired to implement the strategy going forward.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Next Mtg</p> <p>ASAP</p>	<p>Everyone</p> <p>Stephanie</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Youth Justice Partnership Committee of Halton Update</p> <p>Iain reported that at the Youth Justice Partnership Committee of Halton meeting in December they decided to form four working groups i.e. data on youth, centralized intake, education and marketing and FASD.</p> <p>Working groups and workplans will be worked on at the next meeting which will be on February 8th, 2012.</p>			
<p>6</p>	<p>Funding Proposal Review/Budget</p> <p>The Funding Proposal submitted by Iain Leithead and Lorna Mitchell from the John Howard Society Peel-Halton-Dufferin was circulated and reviewed.</p> <p>An article 'From murder city to murder-free; Police credit remarkable turnaround in Abbotsford, B.C. to community outreach campaign aimed at nipping gang problem in the bud' was circulated to the committee.</p> <p>Iain and Lorna confirmed that they will provide a mid-term report and if anyone has any suggestions or contributions to the project to please let Iain know.</p> <p>Rhonda reported that there is currently just over \$10,000 after the \$2,500 which has already been committed to FASD.</p>			

	<p>Donna Sverdrup moved and Gemma Napoli seconded that the John Howard Society Peel-Halton-Dufferin receive \$8,000 to organize and hold 16 free community forums in selected Halton elementary schools.</p> <p>Iain Leithead moved and Andy Shepherd seconded that the FASD Sub-Committee receive an additional \$2,000.00 to continue creating and implementing a FASD strategy in Halton.</p>	Decision		
7	<p>New Business Provincial HSJCC meeting on Monday. Lloyd offered to attend the provincial HSJCC meeting on Monday, January 16th.</p> <p>Donna reported that she is the co-chair of a full day workshop on Wednesday, January 25th called 'Security Threats – Organize and Prevent'. The second afternoon session is open to the community to attend. Everyone was encouraged to attend.</p>			
8	<p>Members' Updates</p> <p>Chantelle Arcand, Summit Housing & Outreach Program, Justice Program reported that Mary Lou McDougall is their new Director of Operations and they have a wait list for programs.</p> <p>Irene Zivko, Summit Housing & Outreach Program, ACT Team reported that they are not at capacity and have no wait list.</p> <p>Gemma Napoli, Elizabeth Fry Society, Peel-Halton thanked everyone for sponsoring her to attend the Provincial HSJCC conference. The presentation by Julian Falconer was very inspirational. One of the breakout sessions was on pre charge diversion with no funding in a community. If anyone has any specific questions, please ask her. No program update at this time.</p> <p>Marie Hoy, CMHA-HRB stated that she was visiting to see what the group was about and had no update.</p> <p>Lloyd Bowers, CMHA-HRB reported that CCDP has a wait list but that Justice Services does not. He is now responsible for Justice Services since Mary Lou has now left the organization.</p> <p>Gerry Watson, Kinark Child & Family Services reported that Syl Apps Youth Centre is hiring a clinical director within the next week. In 2009 Syl Apps became the provincial facility for youth justice in the province and they are currently going through restructuring the program to meet the mandate.</p> <p>Andy Shepherd, Youth Justice Services reported that the funding received by AYSP is for a Mental Health Court Worker to work out of the Milton court. The announcement was made in mid December. He had no other updates.</p> <p>Lorna Mitchell, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin thanked everyone for their support of the project and had no other update.</p> <p>Donna Sverdrup, Halton Probation & Parole and Paul Wood, The Salvation Army had nothing to report.</p>			

	<p>Iain Leithead, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin reported that the youth justice committee is going through a program review so electronic surveys are going out to clients and families. There are regional meetings next week to look at the program at the provincial level and there is concern of what the future will look like.</p> <p>Jackie Gordon, Halton Regional Police Service reported that she submitted a budget to separate her unit. As of the end of January there will be two units: courts and community policing. Jackie will be staying with the court side and will no longer be supervising the COAST program.</p> <p>Cheryl Gustafson, Halton Healthcare reported that they have received funding from the LHIN for two new programs: early intervention and psychosis and transitional aged youth.</p> <p>Caroline Jemmott, Support & Housing Halton reported that the Light house in Acton has three vacancies. The house is for 16 and up and has five bedrooms. There is also a Youth Outreach Worker on site.</p> <p>Rhonda Frank, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services reported that the new Superintendent at Maplehurst is Mark Parisotto as Mr. Dalgleish retired in December. Janet Gauthier is the new Deputy Superintendent of Administration and they are currently hiring a Manager of Social Work for Maplehurst and Vanier.</p> <p>Liz Hopkins, Reach Out Centre for Kids reported that they are a children's mental health agency and provide outpatient services to 0-18 year olds. They are exceptional busy and the North Halton office is getting busier and busier. They have 15-23 families every week at the Wednesday walk in and have a wait list of 77 families. They offer 2-3 sessions then if more services are needed then they go on a wait list.</p>			
9	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the boardroom at the Milton Courthouse, if it's available. Lunch will be served at 12:45pm.</p> <p>Gemma volunteered to do a presentation on her agency at the April meeting. A laptop and projector will be arranged for her presentation.</p> <p>The June meeting will be held at Syl Apps so that the Committee members can tour the facility.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.</p>			