

# Halton Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC) Meeting

## MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
**Place:** Milton Courthouse, boardroom, 491 Steeles Avenue East, Milton  
**Present:** Jocelyn Dietrich, Jason Barr, Patrick Walko, Andy Shepherd, Iain Leithead, Sapna Butany-Goyal, Dave McCartney, Stephen Collinson, Charon Kerr, Megan McNeil, Anna Gulbinski, Gemma Napoli  
**Regrets:** Rhonda Frank, Cheryl Gustafson, Mary Lou McDougall, Susan Coker, Candace Blundell, Gerry Watson, Kimberly Cato, Jill Singleton, Dave Fredericks, Angie Kays-Burden, David Hatt, Chris Higgins, Gary Calverley, Geoff Currie, Janet Gauthier, Janet Moss, Kecia Richardson, Lorna Mitchell, Mark Parisotto, Trevor Lumb, Wendy Roberts,  
**Guest:**  
**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Milton Courthouse, Court Boardroom, 491 Steeles Avenue East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Milton

Item #	AGENDA ITEM & DISCUSSION	Decision/ Action	Time line	Person Resp.
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b>            Jason Barr, Director of Client Services and Program Development, welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Membership update:            Marie Hoy is no longer with CMHA-HRB</p> <p>Kimberly Cato, Case Management Team Lead (CMHA-HRB) will be stepping in as Chair of the committee</p>			
2.	<p><b>HSJCC Minutes of Oct 9, 2013 and Business Arising</b>            The minutes of the Oct 9, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved by the committee with no changes required.</p> <p>There was no new business arising.</p>			
3.	<p><b>Sub Committee Updates:</b>  <b>FASD</b>            Cheryl Gustafson, Chair of the Halton FASD Leadership Group sent regrets.</p> <p>Updates on her behalf provided by Dave McCartney, Halton Regional Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We received grant approval from Trillium for \$143,300 over 36 months to support the work of committed parents, caregivers and service providers to increase awareness and reduce the stigma associated with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (Fasd) by hiring a part time project coordinator and providing program supports to create integrated education, assessment and prevention FASD strategies</li> <li>• ROCK is the lead agency and will be preparing an</li> </ul>			

	<p>announcement about the funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working groups have established leads and each group has met at least once</li> <li>All working groups have established regular meetings with a focus on the deliverables in the Trillium grant</li> <li>Parent support group continues to increase its membership, now with 38 participants</li> <li>Over 40 Halton Psychologists, neuropsychologists and psychological associates attended a half day training event with Dr. Louise Scott (Pediatric Neuropsychologist) on FASD assessment and treatment recommendations November 26<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the remainder of knowledge translation dollars. The event was very successful and evaluation feedback was positive.</li> </ul>			
4.	<p><b>Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Youth Justice Partnership Committee of Halton update</b> Iain Leithead, Youth Justice Committee Program, reported that the program is not proving to be successful. Two committee members have retired as well as the ministry restructuring has resulted in limited meetings. They are struggling with maintaining agenda items and topics of discussion, therefore have not held a meeting since summer 2013 and no new meetings have yet been arranged.</p> <p><b>Community Treatment Court (CTC)</b></p> <p>Charon Kerr, Assistance Crown Attorney, reported that CTC is occurring every other Friday and that the population is ever growing resulting in it now running into the afternoon.</p> <p>Anecdotal analysis found that 80% of participants exceed both their own and the Crowns expectations; 10% pass but do not gain from the program; 10% fall out of the program.</p> <p>Feedback from participants is that the program is “life changing”, “the approach of the court has changed their life”.</p> <p>Charon Kerr also commented on the efforts and work of CMHA's Case Managers and that approximately 10-15% of participants have been youth. The program has seen its first FASD client. It was also noted to the committee that the CTC is not closed to those with federal charges and clarified that this is open with the correct formal report.</p> <p>Megan McNeil, CMHA-HRB Case Manager, reported that clients going through CTC have found having access to the Crown and being able to have conversation and/or ask questions directly has played a huge role in their success and greatly improved the process.</p> <p><b>Drug Treatment Court (DTC )</b></p> <p>Gemma Napoli, Elizabeth Fry Society Society of Peel-Halton, reports that the program has now been running since April 1, 2013 with their first participant being in August of 2013. They have had about 5 participants since, which they have capped due to the clients having high needs.</p> <p>Currently in the program are two male and two female clients and they are all also in the methadone program. Two are doing weekly drug screens and all are going through ADAPT Case Management. All participants are meeting program requirements, attending all</p>	Iain has suggested that this be removed from the agenda's regular reporting for the time being.		

	<p>appointments and court dates and progressing well.</p> <p>Client #1: Current in school and attending all appointments. Substance free since August 2013.</p> <p>Client #2: Attending OTMH and DTC counselling and has been substance free since September 2013.</p> <p>Client #3: Has driver's license, completed a school course and is currently working full time. Has been substance free since September 2013.</p> <p>Client #4: Is currently working part time, and is also substance free with one slip in November 2013.</p> <p>Stephen Collinson, Crown Attorney, commented that client #4 is showing to be having significant problems in the program. Also commented that Client #3 has seen a significant positive change physically, personally and societally. The program could possibly be ready to extend to 6-8 spots in the program.</p> <p>Gemma Napoli, Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton, put forth proposal to committee for funds to continue/expand DTC Program. Funds intended to cover staffing, travel and client needs and expected to last 6 months.</p> <p>Iain Leithead, John Howard Society Halton-Peel-Dufferin, commented that budget funds are not intended for sustaining operational costs and should be directed towards start up initiatives and then alternative funding sought.</p> <p>Gemma Napoli, Elizabeth Fry Society Peel-Halton, replied that alternative/more sustainable has been sought and will continue to be.</p> <p>Megan McNeil, CMHA-HRB Case Manager, also brought forth a request for funds for Release From Custody clients to attend programs. Funds would cover cost of transportation and program costs where applicable.</p> <p><b>Halton Crisis Plan Project</b> Jason Barr, Director of Client Services and Program Development, reported that about 8 clients are currently on board. There has been a very slow uptake with this project. The pilot will be up on March 31, 2014.</p>	<p>Iain Leithead, John Howard Society Halton-Peel-Dufferin, motioned that CMHA-HRB receive \$3000.00 and DTC receive the remainder of the 2013 budget (approximately \$7000.00). Seconded by Sapna Butany-Goyal. Motion carried.</p>		
5.	<p><b>Halton Drug Strategy</b> Rhonda, Ministry of Community Safety &amp; Correctional Services, sent regrets. No updates.</p>			
6.	<p><b>Administrative Tasks</b> Jason Barr, Director of Client Services and Program Development, put out a call for a new co-chair to join Kimberly Cato, CMHA-HRB Case Management Team Lead.</p>			
7.	<p><b>Provincial HSJCC Update</b> No updates.</p>			
8.	<p><b>Budget</b> Discussed in DTC Updates.</p>			

9.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Jason Barr, Director of Client Services and Program Development, on behalf of Kimberly Cato, Case Management Team Lead requested that the meetings be held on either the second or fourth Wednesday of the month, as opposed to the third.</p>	Committee members decided the second Wednesday of the month would be best.		
10.	<p><b>Member Updates</b></p> <p>Megan McNeil, Case Manager, reported on the re-launch of the formerly named Release from Custody program. It is now named “Forensic and Justice Services” and will be primarily focuses on discharge planning for clients prior to their release as well as partnering with Halton Probation.</p> <p>Anna Gulbinski, Superintendent, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, reported on two projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mental Health Screening Tool to be done at Admission and Discharge. Staff will be attending a three day training on Mental Health. This is a newly developed tool being uses and there will be separate tools for the men and the women. This will begin at the end of January 2014.</li> <li>2. Re-Integration Project: Discharge planning will begin at admission by giving clients questionnaire pamphlet and a checklist will be gone through with the classifications officer. This will be done to provide flags for Vanier staff. With these completed, Social Workers will then be able to begin discharge planning based on the outcomes. Vanier staff are also in the process of getting training for this as well. A second part to this project will entail releases intended to be on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday can be arranged to be released prior to discharge (TAP) without having to return in order to allow for immediate connections to be made with Social Workers and other community services upon release. Final details on this aspect to come and start date is not yet determined.</li> </ol> <p>Anna Gulbinski also reported that she has met with the Minister of Correctional Services and it was noted that Women/Wome’s Mental Health are on her agenda, and has encourages Anna to make a three pronged proposal. This will entail 1. Building a new facility 2. Taking over another institution or 3. Construction/Remodelling.</p>			
11.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the boardroom at the Milton Courthouse.</p> <p>Any funding proposals should be sent to <a href="mailto:AHall@cmhahrb.ca">AHall@cmhahrb.ca</a> by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>			