

MINUTES

Human Service and Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, May 26, 2016

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Chair: Terry McGurk

Co-Chair: Jill Pollock

Recording Secretary: Sandra Rodwell

Fraya Mortensen
Sandra Kurdziel
Marilyn Jewell
Deb McGrath
Jon Alsbergas
Gene Uchida

Jenn Sansalone
Heather Saunders
Jennifer Johnston
Barbara Benedict
Robert Cosby
Liane Taylor

Kim McCallum
Wil vanDokkumburg
Allison Hibbett
Leeanne Fewkes
Olenka Allison
Fiona Kouyoumdjian

Regrets:

Ranaye Seymour
Lisa Whittingham
Kristen Emery

John Monetta
Antonio Stanissa
John Whyte

Tom Archer
Tina Kiefer
Todd Norman

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes for April 28, 2016 were approved by Fraya Mortensen, and seconded by Wil vanDokkumburg

3. Agenda:

- **Provincial Updates**
 - A Provincial Survey of HSJCC Activities & Accomplishments was conducted recently and included areas such as:
 - HSJ education
 - Police
 - Court
 - Corrections
 - Local problem-solving
 - Other areas not mentioned above

- 31 HSJCCs indicated that they had sub-committees
- 67% of HSJCCs hosted conferences and/or workshops
- 53% developed and/or distributed educational & resource materials
- 68% played a role in delivering training sessions
- 53% looked at protocol development between police, hospital & community
- 59% helped develop problem-solving courts
- 31% worked with bail support programs
- 25% contributed to restorative justice programs
- 35% are involved with release from custody kits/Red Envelope Program initiatives
- Top three priority issues identified for HSJCCs:
 1. Release from custody issues
 2. Justice & Human Services concerns for complex populations
 3. Court support issues
- New logos and stationery have been developed for use by HSJCCs for a more branded, standardized look; Provincial HSJCC website has been improved and will be launching soon
- As part of the new website project, all Local and Regional Committees are being asked to contribute content i.e. events, personal stories, etc. to populate the site. Meeting minutes are also to be posted

➤ If you have a privacy concern surrounding inclusion of your name in the posting of meeting minutes on the Provincial website, **please let Terry know ASAP before June 13, 2016!**

- **Improving Police & Hospital Transitions**

- A working group has been formed with representatives from the Provincial HSJCC, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services & CMHA to study improving police/hospital transitions, and to improve outcomes for those apprehended under the Mental Health Act who are taken to hospital emergency departments for care
- Forums will be held to educate & develop a framework for programs and tools
- The Minister of Health is to disseminate information to hospital CEOs, and the Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services will disseminate information to police chiefs. Standardizing steps, tools and protocols should be discussed by mid-summer, and forums will follow in the fall

- Hamilton Police Services are looking at creation of a situation table/community hub, which has been identified as a “Provincial Best Practice”. They have been very effective in other communities and provide a proactive community hub to connect PIC to services quickly. 60-75% of these individuals are identified by police, but police are not currently set up to address issues
 - Terry indicated that if the chief wants to go forward with this project, it will need police commitment to lead the program & designate a leader
 - Funding is not matching needed services right now; wait lists for critically ill a problem and people are falling through the cracks while band-aid solutions are employed – especially with kids. Early intervention could provide better outcomes
 - CTO initiative a success in the area, but police have to drive a situation table; someone with authority to make decisions needs to be at the table; Hamilton should get on board and make it work; time requirements to operate could be a barrier
 - It could change the Local HSJCC> could address more systems issues rather than clients
- **Should we have a rep from McMaster Children’s Hospital on the committee to speak to services for children?**
 - Is funding/volunteers possible from other groups (i.e. Rotary) to subsidize youth programs?
- ***Mortality Over 12 Years of Follow-up in People Admitted to Provincial Custody in Ontario: A Retrospective Cohort Study***
 - Fiona Kouyoumdjian has recently published her study that aimed to define rates and causes of death between 2000 and 2012, in custody and after release, in people admitted to provincial custody in Ontario, and to compare these data with data for the general population
 - It was found that those who had experienced incarceration were four times more likely to die than the rest of the population; life expectancy was 4.2 years less for men and 10.6 years less for women
 - Efforts should be made to reduce this gap in mortality; this is a sick population and time in custody could offer an opportunity to intervene to decrease this risk; next steps> share info and affect change, i.e. overdose prevention, initiate treatment in custody
 - The public does not have much sympathy for this population, which after release, experiences 56 times the death rate of the general population

- **HSJCC Annual Report**
 - Local and Regional HSJCC Annual Reports outlining accomplishments are due June 1. Reports go to the Provincial HSJCC who collapse the information in a report that is sent to the MOH and copy to the 14 LHIN's. More structure and accountability in reporting is coming in future

- **Review of Old Cases**
 - 5 existing clients were discussed, and one client has been transferred out of the area and will be removed from the list for future discussion

- **New Cases**
 - 2 new clients were added for discussion

- **Additions to the Agenda**
 - There were no additions to the agenda

4. Dates of Next Meetings: Thursday, June 23, 2016

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Thursday, December 22, 2016