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Hamilton Local Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, November 28, 2019, 12:15 p.m. (Lunch)
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Meeting)

CMHA Office Building, 131 John St. S, Third Floor Board Room

Present:

Tyson Benn, Director of Mental Health, CMHA	Craig Fraser, Crown Attorney
Karen McLeod, ACTT2	Lina Caruso, Probation & Parole
Sandra Kurdziel, Social Navigation Program	Keri Zammit, HWDC
Liane Taylor, SJHH Forensic Services	Ben Millard, CTO Coordinator
Angela Ethelston	Martha Harvie, DSO
Lisa Gajewicz, John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area	Gene Uchida, Acquired Brain Injury Program
Clara Menegaldo, Recording Secretary	

Regrets:

Satar Wahidi, COAST Program Manager	Emily Smith, Notre Dame House
Lenore Lukasik-Foss, Barrett Center	Barb Benedict, Forensic Psychiatry Program
Jennifer Johnston, HWDC	Angela DiMarco, HWDC
Fiona Kouyoumdijan, GP, HWDC	Ruth Greenspan, John Howard Society
Kristen Emery, DSO	Salomeh Mohajer, HWDC
Ian Lockett	Michelle Semonovitch, Mental Health Outreach Program

Absent:

Alison Hibbett, Bethesda Services (Mat Leave)	Angela Isok
Donna de Jong, John Howard Society	Carrie Collier
Danielle Newton, Contact Hamilton	Lisa Whittingham
	Kimberley McCallum, GP
Michal Siekierski, Schizophrenia Service	Todd Norman, Crown Attorney
Peter Wiesner, Hamilton Police Service	Sue Phipps, CMHA
Heather Saunders, SJH Community Schizophrenia Integration Services	Jennifer Sansalone, SJH Community Schizophrenia Integration Services
Helen Harris, HealthLinks	Jessica Montana, Aboriginal Court Worker
Katryna McKenna, Dual Diagnosis Justice	Jillian Easton, PPO
Sarah Fuller, RAAM Clinic	Susan Boyd, Manager ADGS

• Welcome and Introductions

- Tyson introduced himself as the Co-chair. Tyson is the Director of Mental Health Court Support Services at CMHA.
- Welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.
- Tyson welcomed Hailey, a medical student.

- **Review and Adoption of Minutes from October 24, 2019**

The minutes were reviewed and no changes were brought forward. Sandra Kurdziel approved the minutes and Lina Caruso seconded the minutes.

- **Announcements**

- Craig Fraser, Crown Attorney will be retiring at the end of 2019.
 - Craig was called to the bar in 1989. After working in private practice for a number of years, he became an assistant Crown attorney in 2000. Craig Fraser is the Senior Mental Health Crown in Hamilton. As a member of both the Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee and the Hamilton Forensic Network Committee, he has worked to raise awareness of mental health issues. His experience and expertise has been invaluable to the committee.
 - Thank you for all the time and effort you put into helping the Local HSJCC Committee.
 - Andrew McLean will be taking over in the New Year.
- Lisa Gajewicz announced the following event. She will forward the information via email to everyone. Flyer is attached.
 - The Long Road to Peace
Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton
December 2, 2019 – Admission by Donation
Guest Speaker is Siyabulela (Madiba) Mandela
(Great-grandson of Nelson Mandela)

- **Additions to the Agenda**

- New Resource Pamphlet – HDS and HAMHC Community Resource Guide (Link below) – Sandra Kurdziel

HDS and HAMHC Community Resource Guide

- Available for download tomorrow (Tues Nov 18) ~at
 - The pamphlet can be accessed on the partner page (scroll down to resources, it's the first resource):<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/hamilton-drug-strategy-partner-information>
 - Or directly for download here:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/media/browser/2019-11-20/hamilton-drug-strategy-resources-pamphlet.pdf>

- **Membership Engagement**
 - If you have any ideas or requests for future presentations, please feel free to contact Tyson or Satar with your suggestions.
 - If you would like to invite someone to the table, please feel free to contact Tyson or Satar.

- **Any Program Updates**
 - Social Navigator Program is having their
7th Annual Winter Coat Giveaway
@ HWCDSB Building (Former St. Patrick elementary school)
20 East Avenue South
December 5 & 12 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm

 - St. Joe's – Forensic Department
 - HWDC/St. Joe's Correctional Beds – 6 beds in total. They will open 1 bed in January on a trial basis. Staffing has been hired.
 - St. Joes will help individuals from HWDC receive the proper mental health care they need and then they will be returned back to corrections. Individuals are treated under the Mental Health Act as opposed to Court ordered assessments.

 - CMHA
 - Mental Health Support:
 - Mental Health Diversion: Program is being reformed to consider each case on an individual basis.
 - Intake case management decided to move the point of intake in seeing individuals. Individuals who may not have had access to CMHA in the past will now be able to receive access due to this change.

- **HSJCC Conference**
 - Coloring Outside the Lines Regional HSJCC Conference November 4 – 6, 2019.
 - Tyson found the Conference to be very well done and well organized. Presentations were well done.
 - There was a higher attendance at the Conference than usual. They gave away free attendance as well.
 - Due to the lack of government support, the next conference may be delayed by one year. (Instead of 2yrs, could be 3yrs.)

- Considering doing symposiums in the fall as a result.
 - Recruitment of person(s) with lived experience was discussed at the Regional HSJCC meeting on November 18, 2019.
 - Inviting someone with lived experience to the Local HSJCC meetings may be challenging due to confidentiality reasons when discussions are held regarding clients.
 - Inviting someone with lived experience may be more appropriate for the Regional HSJCC meeting where clients are not discussed.
 - The presentations and keynote panels are on the HSJCC website.
 - Recommended presentation to watch from the Regional HSJCC conference is "Crazy Wise" which is a documentary on cultural perspectives on psychosis.
- **14th Annual Risk & Recovery Forensic Conference**
 - April 15, 2020 – eHARM Pre-Conference Workshop
 - April 16 & 17, 2020 – Conference
 - The Local HSJCC will be able to cover the cost for members to attend the conference. If the Local HSJCC did not cover the cost, many of the members would not be able to attend.
 - Tyson will email the Local & Regional committee to inquire how many people are interested in attending. The cost will be lower because it is local.
- **Other Discussions:**
 - The following items were discussed
 - How the Local HSJCC Committee originated.
 - The purpose of the Committee.
 - Privacy changes.
 - Member attendance.
 - Referral Form
- **Review of Cases**
 - 9 cases were discussed
 - 0 new cases were opened
 - 1 case was closed
- **Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2019**