

Huron Perth Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee

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PREAMBLE:

The legislation and operational policies relating to the management of persons with addictions and mental illness, by Police Services, Addictions and Mental Health Service Providers, continues to change and necessitates increasing cooperation between the sectors. The policy guidelines established by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Policing Services Brand directs all police services to work in partnership with addiction and mental health providers. Likewise the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care sets out an Operational framework which emphasizes partnerships with inter-ministry service providers who have a role in providing services for person with addictions and mental illness.

<http://www.pmhl.ca/webpages/reports/best-practices.pdf>

PURPOSE:

To provide a forum to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern between justice, police services and community support services within Huron and Perth.

MEMBERSHIP:

CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services

CMHA Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services

Victim Services Huron

Victim Services Perth Grey Bruce

Huron and Perth OPP

Huron Perth Health Alliance

Alexandra Marine and General Hospital

Huron Perth Center for Children and Youth

Victim / Witness Assistance Program

Community Living

Huron Perth Public Health

Stratford Police Services

Probation and Parole

Crown Attorney

Salvation Army

DECISION MAKING:

Consensus

QUORUM:

A quorum will be a majority of members present for any meeting

ACCOUNTABILITY:

This Huron Perth HSJCC is a voluntary body committed to collaboration between the Huron and Perth Police Services and Addiction/Mental Health sectors to ensure that the management of persons with addictions and mental health issues is done collectively. Minutes of these meeting may be used by all service provider participants to demonstrate the existence of this partnership and accountability to Regional HSJCC South West Sector.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

Meetings shall be held bi-monthly (September, November, January, March and May), at mutually agreeable dates and times. There will be no summer meetings. Location of each meeting will be determined by the committee. OTN and Teleconference technology will be made available to committee members.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The committee will provide advice and recommendation on;

- Standards, policies and procedures that affect addiction and mental health issues in the community, hospitals and within police and justice services in the Huron Perth area
- Training and education for members that will provide awareness of addiction and mental health issues and changing legislation. Such training is to be timely, relevant to all member's job function and respectful of all sectors
- Identifying and share training resources
- Ensuring that an ongoing partnership is fostered and maintained with local police, addiction and mental health service providers and their consumers, that is consistent with current social policy

LEADER:

Co-Chairs shall be appointed and include a member from the justice and mental health sectors. Rotate every two years between one of the member police services, addiction and mental health providers.

TENURE:

Service Provider members will remain on the committee for an unrestricted amount of time