

Human Services & Justice Co-ordinating Committee Niagara Region Zoom Meeting Agenda Wednesday, Sept 22, 2021 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Agenda Items	Discussion/ ACTIONS and DECISIONS

Chair: Trevor Tymchuk, Person With Lived Experience

Attendance: Heather Gillespie (CMHA); Trevor Tymchuk; Jeffery Sinclair (NR Homelessness); Pauline Irving (Probation Officer; Youth); Sam Messier (John Howard); Christine Clark Lafleur (Port Cares); Debbie Alder (CMHA Niagara); Kelly Stack (intake coordinator, BICR) Jon Braithwaite (Hope Centre); Karen Hodgson (Bethesda; will be taking over justice portfolio); Marla Banning (CAMH- provincial role); Lee-Ann Standish (Pathstone Youth Court); Laurel Mills (NH PERT/SADV); Jen Butera (NR Seniors Outreach);

Regrets: P Niesink (CASON); Shawn Dowd (NRPS); Katryna McKenna (Bethesda; covering mat leave); Katrina Paradise (Niagara Detention Centre; SW); Lisa Ridsdill (Niagara Community Legal Clinic); Natonia Paul (Niagara Region Indigenous Friendship Centre);

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1.0	Welcome	Trevor welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged introductions.
2.0	Introductions	Group took time to introduce themselves; suggestion to invite Amber Hodak, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre to future meetings. Noted NRPS Sean Dowd sent regrets to today's meeting and Virginia Moir not yet in her new position.
3.0	Adoption of Agenda	Agenda was adopted as circulated.
4.0	Approval of Minutes	Minutes of July 28, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.
5.0	Presentation	Niagara Region Community Safety & Well Being Plan by Michelle Johnston, Project Lead, Corporate Strategy & Innovation
		 Michelle shared information about the historical context of the development and legislation related to the development of this Regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan 2021-2025 which has been formally adopted by Regional Report is on Niagara Region Website
		Advisory committee is multi-sector; 22 leaders including NRPS, NR, NR Public HealthFACS, NH, CMHA, School Boards, Brock U, Niagara College, The Raft, Gillian's Place
		Slide deck will be provided with the minutes along with membership of the Advisory committee.
		• Four Areas of Focus 1. Mental Health and Addictions 2. Housing and Homelessness 3. Poverty and Income 4. Systemic Discrimination
		 Action 1: Streamlining calls to First Responders related to mental health and addictions and homelessness Working on a dispatch triaging system in partnership with NRPS; EMS; CMHA
		 Also linked with Mental Health and Addictions Working Group (MHA-WG)a subcommittee of the Niagara- Ontario Health Team and the Niagara Assertive Street Outreach (NASO) team
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5.0	Niagara Region Homelessness Services Update	 Working Group Update Jeff Sinclair, Homelessness Action Plan Advisor JS went to Built for Zero committee and their recommendation was that a Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) working group be set up with membership from this group and the homelessness group for members who may be interested. Lee Ann, Kelly Stack, Trevor, and one individual from YWCA also interested. Start with those who are at table and then reach out to others as agenda. ACTION: HG to send email out to N HSJCC membership re interest. JS will send out doodle poll once interested individuals have been identified.
6.0	Presentation	 Brain Injury Community Re-entry (Niagara) Inc.; Kelly Stack, Intake Coordinator Kelly provided an informative overview of services available through BICR. ACTION: Heather will send out PowerPoint slides with the minutes. ACTION: Lee Ann Standish-Pathstone EIP will present in November
7.0	Terms of Reference	 Review and Revised Suggested that local committee adopt wording from Provincial HSJCC Terms of Reference regarding individuals with complex needs; "individuals with complex human services needs, which may include, but are not limited to those living with mental health issues, substance use concerns and/or behavioural dependencies, or neurodevelopmental and neurocognitive disabilities including developmental disabilities and dual diagnosis." And who are involved with or at risk of becoming involved with the Justice system. Bi-monthly meetings 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; 4th Wed of the month No longer include associate memberships ACTION: HG to make recommended changes and will distribute with minutes for approval at next meeting
8.0	Co-chair role	 This role is described in our Terms of Reference as a 3 year term Trevor noted that he stepped into Chair role to avoid their being a void in this key role ACTION: Members encouraged to consider their interest in this role moving forward. Will be discussed at next meeting. Noted that CMHA has filled the Chair role for many years; well beyond the term identified in the Terms of Reference and we are hopeful that someone from another agency will step up for this role in support of committee

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		 CMHA will continue to provide administrative support (booking meetings; taking minutes) Tanya J with Min of Solicitor General shared that given the conflict of interest she is not able to fill this role Note that the ToR should be reviewed annually
9.0	Coordinated Care Planning Education	No update. Deferred to next meeting.
10.0	Updates Provincial and Regional HSJCC	Regional committee recently met after a hiatus due to turnover in staffing resources; discussions continue about the role of the regional committee and how it differs from the local and provincial committee
11.0	Provincial HSJCC Conference	 Nov 16 – 17 2021 Virtual https://hsiccconference.ca/ \$50 per person for members and cost will be covered by this committee; registrants may attend some sessions and not others as schedule allows; There is an ability to network through the conference platform People with lived experience (e.g. clients or advisory committee members); can register on website with discount code Must be able to access conference via computer as it won't accommodate mobile devices Trevor co-chair of conference planning committee; feedback been very positive this year re the quality of concurrent sessions Will this be virtual ongoing or will future conferences revert back to in person format? Next conference due in 2 years; Factors for consideration will be technology reliability/access; attendance; cost over all; transportation/accommodation costs; Noted the importance of face to face interaction and networking ACTION: Heather will distribute link to registration form with minutes ACTION: Members to submit registration to shlewis@stjosham.on.ca by October 26th
10.0	Future Meeting Dates	Next meeting Wed Nov 24 1-3 p.m; Beginning in January 2022 group will meet every other month on 4 th Wed from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. ACTION: HG will send out a recurring meeting invite.