

Regional HSJCC Updates – November 2017

Nov 2017 -Champlain Regional HSJCC Updates:

- Howard Sapers lead on Independent Review of Ontario Corrections will be attending our regional Meeting March 6th to give an update and summary of his report.
- Discussion and update of the Ottawa Release from Court Program occurred, including local update on Red Envelop Program.
- This year, the Ottawa Mental Health Court celebrates 10 years of helping people in the justice system address the issues that brought them into contact with the law and find solutions to help them avoid reoffending. Meet the team behind the 2017 Justice Program Award at this year's Community Safety Awards. #CPOAwards youtu.be/frRSaqsK-nl
- The Mental Health Court Planning Committee invited you to attend and participate in an Agency Fair to be held on Thursday, November 23, 2017 from 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Atrium at the Ottawa Courthouse. The Agency Fair is part of a Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Mental Health Court. This is an opportunity for community supports and services to be showcased and recognized for their contribution to the ongoing support of individuals, in their communities, who are impacted by mental health.
- The Youth Mental Health Court Group was able to put together an Ottawa HSJCC Team. The representatives are- the YMHC Worker, a Youth Probation Officer, and a Representative from the Crowns office who regularly sit in YMHC. This team will attend NYCSI training in London on November 16th. This was made possible by the support through CAMH.
- The Provincial Membership Engagement Project was highlighted during the last meeting, and the group looks forward to working with the HSJCC Secretariat. Although we have a healthy membership group it will be helpful to look at more effective ways to engage our members.
- The memberships spoke about the Provincial HSJCC Provincial Conference this month and look forward for some of our regional folks to participate.

Hamilton/Niagara/Brant/Haldimand/Norfolk Regional HSJCC Updates:

Co-Chairs: Terry McGurk/Jill Pollock

Crisis Workers Society Conference (CWS): Held in June 2017. The Regional HSJCC supported 11 members across the Region to attend the CWS Conference held in Hamilton. The theme was PTSD and sharing of personal testimonies from first responders in regard to vicarious trauma. Two members of the Hamilton Local HSJCC presented in a breakout session on CTOs with high attendance. The focus of

the CTO session and the benefits of clients who are conferenced at the Local table and the benefits HSJCC members see in this population.

CTO Regional Presentation:

The Regional HSJCC Committee and all Local and associated subgroups of the HSJCC have been invited to attend an educational session for all HSJCC members the morning of Nov.30/17 on Community Treatment Orders as it related to the Criminal Justice System. This educational session will be sponsored by the Regional Committee. We are fortunate to have Janice Blackburn, Health and Administrative Lawyer and Dr. Michal Siekierski Psychiatrist from St. Joseph's Healthcare. Janice has written a book on A Practical Guide to Mental Health Capacity and Consent Law of Ontario with a chapter on CTO's. Dr. Siekierski utilizes Community Treatment Orders frequently in his practice and sits on the Hamilton HSJCC.

Hamilton HSJCC Report (meets monthly) Co-Chairs Terry McGurk/Jill Pollock

Referrals: Hamilton continues to have referrals to the Local HSJCC Committee to review hard to service individuals who continually come into conflict with the law and who are at considerable risk to hurt others in the community. Averages of 10 clients are reviewed each month for the purpose of putting together a safety plan. Clients are reviewed each month until stable and connected then discharged while accepting new clients into the committee.

ABI Corrections HSJCC Sub Committee:

This committee is chaired by the LHIN ABI Coordinator and COAST Manager. This committee received referrals from the Hamilton Detention Center after the client has been identified as having a possible ABI using the "HELPS" Screening tool when admitted to the Special Needs Unit at the Detention Center. The committee stopped for the summer months and restarted again in September. As of September, the ABI committee started a pilot project to expand the number of screenings in the Detention Center. The pilot will run for 6 months while the team monitors workload issues. Often Brain Injury Service and CMHA Hamilton will connect with clients in the detention center once the person has agreed to receive services before being released from Detention.

Moderate – Severe ABI Clinical Guidelines/ONF: ONF think there might be something they can do to provide funding for the ABO Corrections committee and the data the committee is collecting. The Chair (Veronica Pepper) is coordinating meetings with the group and Dr. Angelo Colantonio.

Transitional Youth Table:

Banyan Services and COAST have partnered to Chair this new table. Banyan Services will take the lead. TOR references have been finalized and will use the HSJCC model of reviewing clients referred to the table for discussion. Age range is 16-20 and invitations have been sent out to appropriate stakeholders and the table has met in September. The group will meet monthly. Many of the youth service providers in health and justice who sit on the Local HSJCC will move to this table. The table will begin taking referrals in November.

Ontario Drug Strategy:

This item has been talked about over the past few months at the Local Committee. Hamilton applied for funding for a city-wide drug strategy. But regardless of the grant application result, Hamilton will begin to consider a drug strategy. The Addiction Services in Hamilton are looking to put together a group that share common themes with the 4-pillar approach. The Hamilton addiction community put a draft paper together, Public Health is putting together the TOR and Governance structure and hoping to secure and Coordinator. An email regarding an expression of interest for any organization wishing to be part of the Drug Strategy has been forwarded to the Local HSJCC.

CTO Project:

This project will focus on CTO's and clients who are involved in the criminal justice system- specifically, how can CTO's be used to support individuals who are ending up the justice system rather than the hospital system? A literature review has been completed; there is not identified research on CTO's and the criminal justice system in particular. There is great controversy about the CTO process in terms of Bia's, rights etc. In the next few months, the group will be sending a survey out to partners to see what the role of CTOs is, what's role of capacity. Janice Blackburn will join the HSJCC to talk about how capacity is being assessed, and is this barrier to accessing CTOs, from a legal perspective etc. The group will be completing qualitative research as part of the final paper, and will be looking to describe what the experience of CTOs is within the Hamilton community. The research project is presently going through the ethic approval process.

Provincial Conference: 10 members are being supported to attend the Provincial HSJCC Conference.

Haldimand Norfolk Report: (Meets quarterly) Chair Karen Valade

Educational workshop to highlight Compassion Fatigue scheduled for late Feb. 2018. Vouchers are being used for release from custody clients (as H/N has no custody facility within H/N) There continues to be a high interest in the Red Envelope project when it rolls out.

A Bail program has been initiated in Norfolk County and the Crown Attorney is sitting on Local H/N Committee and as updates are given on each meeting.

CMHA continues to attend the HUB Crisis Table meeting twice monthly. Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team is updated on a regular basis at meeting by the Executive Director of Community Addiction and Mental Health Services of H/N.

H/N HSJCC Chair will be retiring at the end of the month. A new Chair will be assigned to the Local.

Provincial Conference: One Committee member is being supported to attend the Provincial HSJCC Conference in November.

Brantford Report: (Meets quarterly) Chair Cindy Kemp-Wonzo

The Brantford Local may also opt to join the HN Committee for the Compassion Fatigue workshop in Feb. 2018. Brantford is planning to develop a Sub Committee to work on Indigenous Culture Training. A few of the committee members attend the meeting of Indigenous Person's in Court and report back to the Local. Closing of the Brant Jail is imminent so conversations around that topic are always on the agenda as this will be a significant change – as there will be access to accused clients. The Red Envelope project will be especially welcome in these 3 Counties where releases from Court often happen and inmates arrive without belongings, apartment keys etc. Vouchers are purchased and supported by the Local HSJCC each year as well as fees paid for clients requiring ID (birth certificates). At a recent court-liaison meeting, a couple committee members inquired about interest in having a MH training provided to council and the judiciary. There was interest in having a speaker attend, but so far, no training date is set. The Brantford committee plan to use the same consultant used to offer training to lodging homes in the winter/spring.

Provincial Conference: The Brant Local Committee will be sending 4 CHMA staff, 2 Release from Custody staff from St. Leonard's and a Probation Officer to the Provincial Conference.

Niagara Report: (Meets quarterly) Chair Kelly Falkner

Last meeting was September 18th, 2017, next meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2018. Niagara Committee have a very ambitious Work Plan for 2017-2018. The Committee is broken up into smaller Working Groups who continue to work on the objectives between our regular meetings. HSJCC objectives include: Improvement to Housing Options, Increasing Mental Health Diversion, Funding for Release from Custody support, NDC Staff Fair, Mental Health Court, Improvements in service for Transitional Aged Youth, Red Envelope Program, Implementation of Youth Court in Welland, System Case Review, Review of Dementia Protocol, Accessing Primary Care following Release from Custody, Education and Information Sharing.

Niagara have recently broken down the membership into active and associate members. The associate members do not attend meetings, but receive information sent out to members. The Niagara HSJCC have acquired a couple of new Active members including one from Niagara Health St. Catharines Hospital Site which has been a gap in our membership for some time. Niagara also has a new active Niagara Regional Police Representative who will be regularly attending meetings. And, finally, the committee now have an active member from the Crown Attorney's Office.

Provincial Committee: Niagara HSJCC is sponsoring 7 members to attend the Provincial HSJCC Conference this year.

Simcoe-Muskoka Regional HSJCC Updates:

- Completed another regional CIT course for police and P&P in October
- Preparing for educational sessions for 2018
- Mary Martin is the new Regional HSJCC co-chair to start the position after Dec 20 th/17 when Judy Alton retires.....
- Muskoka CMHA would like to form a local HSJCC in Bracebridge
- Regarding the four HSJCC local committees; the main updates are:
 1. Presenters invited to do presentations to local HSJCC committees.
 2. Local committees currently working on local projects for this year.

North West Regional HSJCC/COR Updates:

Thunder Bay Situation Table On-Boarding

SEPTEMBER 2017: An exciting development with the Thunder Bay Situation Table that occurred was becoming on-boarded to the Provincial Risk-Driven Tracking (RTD) Database! The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services provides three licenses for this database, in-person training, and ongoing technical support.

The RTD training took place on Thursday, September 28th 2017 at CMHA. Claudia Tenuta and Natalie Brull from MCSCS provided thorough training about how to use the database to data collectors and a few of our community partners (from Lakehead University and Thunder Bay Police Service).

This data base will capture critical elements of our Situation Table discussions. All elements captured by the RTD are provincially standardized, so regions in Ontario can be provincially comparative. The Kenora RISK (Rapid Intervention Services Kenora) was on-boarded in early September. The database has the ability to generate several reports and dashboards that I will be sharing with Northwest COR members. This will help evaluate the Situation Table process, highlight trends occurring at the local level, and inform strategic planning that occurs at the Northwest COR and other Community Tables.

Introducing the Regional Community Mobilizer

OCTOBER 2017: Funding received from the Proceeds of Crime Grant was used to create a position of a Regional Community Mobilizer. Steffanie Petroni commenced her position on October 23rd.

She will be responsible for delivering educational sessions in the Northwest region, mobilizing Situation Tables, and expanding our COR membership so it reflects the diversity of the Northwest region.

Outreach & Engagement

NOVEMBER 2017: Altogether, 365 people have received an educational session presentation since March 2017.

Steffanie was invited to Kenora's RISK Table Forum. This event will feature speakers from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and members from Situation Tables in Red Lake, Sioux Lookout and Dryden. Steffanie has been asked to present on our Northwest Centre of Responsibility.

Since Sharon's update to the Provincial HSJCC in September and presentation to the Sudbury HSJCC, there has been conversations and interest about our HSJCC transition. The Provincial HSJCC Secretariat has asked if we would be interesting in doing a future webinar about our Network.

Community Partner Support Update & New Membership NOVEMBER 2017: Altogether, a total of 26 North West Community Mobilization Network Letters of Agreement have been received. A total of \$21,995 is committed in monetary contributions from community partners for a 3-year period. In-kind contributions have been made for data collector support, supplies for Start-Up kits, printing, meeting rooms, lunches for training days, admin support, and Consumer/Survivor Advisory Committee honorariums. Since July 2017, there have been 10 new members who have joined the North West COR. Welcome!

New Members:

Tracey Stevenson – North West LHIN

Terri Zoccole – Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre

Stephen Wright – Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

Juanita Lawson – NorWest Community Health Centres

Anita Jean – NorWest Community Health Centres

Rob Barrett- YES Employment Services

Joy Wakefield – Legal Aid Ontario

Christine LeBert – Centre for Addictions and Mental Health

Jennifer Lible – Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board

Mirella Fata – Catholic District School Board

2017 LHIN Leadership Award Update

NOVEMBER 2017: In recognition of the efforts and accomplishments of the NWR-HSJCC (now known as the North West COR), members were nominated for the 2017 North West LHIN Leadership Award for their commendable approach to partnership and collaboration. Over the last 12 months and beyond, partnership and collaboration among members has helped to restructure our regional and local HSJCCs to incorporate principles of a Situation Table model. At the local level, these efforts will better

coordinate services for people with complex needs and at the regional level, advance health system transformation.

All COR members have been invited to the 2017 North West LHIN Open House where recipients of the 2017 Leadership Awards will be recognized. The North West LHIN recognizes the good work we are doing collectively in partnership.

Top 5 Takeaways from the COR Meeting

NOVEMBER 2017: A Northwest COR (formerly known as NWR-HSJCC) meeting took place on Thursday, November 9th 2017. Altogether 35 people attended. Thank you to NorWest Community Health Centres for hosting and providing coffee and tea for members in attendance.

Here are the top 5 takeaways:

1. Maureen Parkes, FASD Coordinator at NorWest Community Health Centres gave an informative presentation on FASD and the Justice System. She shared a clipping from this video with COR members: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzxEqC2L_4I
2. A motion was approved to accept the Consumer/Survivor Task Force recommendations. These include: 1. C/S Group members will attend Northwest COR meetings and contribute to Task Forces/Working Group/Think Tanks of interest to them; 2. C/S Group Members will form a Task Force to assemble Start-Up Kits; 3. C/S Group Members will advise Situation Table members, on an as needed basis
3. A consultation with COR members to inform the Network Evaluation Plan took place. This was facilitated by Dr. Deb Scharf from Lakehead University. The purpose of this activity is to help inform evaluation priorities for the Network. The findings from this activity will be reviewed by the Evaluation Task Force and inform next steps. The Task Force will bring recommendations back to the COR in January.
4. Two Issues that emerged within the KRRD-HSJCC were tabled for discussion. A Task Force was assembled to address the issue they raised pertaining to an individual's ability to obtain a capacity assessment.
5. Regional Community Mobilizer, Steffanie Petroni will be working with a Task Force to develop a strategy to formulate a mobilization plan within the Northwest region. If you are interested in contributing to this, please contact Steffanie directly.

Official Launch of the Thunder Bay Situation Table!

NOVEMBER 2017: A news conference to officially announce the Thunder Bay Situation Table took place on November 7th. We are very fortunate to have received excellent media coverage. Several community partners also helped to spread the word by sharing or posting to their website and/or social

media. Jeff Upton did a great interview with CBC for their afternoon program, “Up North” and Mariah was invited on Lisa Laco’s Superior Morning Radio Show.

There have been 10 referrals made to the Thunder Bay Situation Table. Our “report backs” indicate that 15 people have been helped.

Joe Kim and his Communications Team from CMHA Ontario played a large role in helping make the event a success. They prepared the toolkits and all news conference materials in consultation with the Communications Task Force members. Joe made the trip to Thunder Bay for the event and provided excellent guidance.

Thank you to all who attended, our spokespeople: A/Deputy Chief Don Lewis, Jeff Upton, and emcee, Sharon Pitawanakwat and Communications Task Force members.

Also, thank you to our community partners who made in-kind contributions towards this event:

CMHA Thunder Bay – Communications Support from CMHA Ontario
Centr’Elles – Meeting Space
Thunder Bay Counselling – Poster Printing
Lutheran Community Care Centre – Brochure Printing

In Case You Missed It...

News

CBC News: The right services at the right time: Community groups in Thunder Bay partner on 'Situation Table'

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/thunder-bay-situation-table-1.4391911>

TBNewsWatch: Situation Table to Help At-Risk Individuals

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/situation-table-to-help-at-risk-individuals-760454>

TBNewsWatch: New Project Being Launched to Help At-Risk People in Thunder Bay

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/new-project-being-launched-to-help-at-risk-people-in-thunder-bay-757095>

Chronicle Journal: Situation Table Helps At-Risk People

http://www.chroniclejournal.com/news/local/situation-table-helps-at-risk-people/article_3974f4co-c444-11e7-8652-c74af8059bae.html

CMHA Thunder Bay: Thunder Bay Situation Table Aims to Help Community's At-Risk Individuals

<http://thunderbay.cmha.ca/news/5231-2/>

Thunder Bay Police: Thunder Bay Situation Table Officially Launched

<http://www.thunderbaypolice.ca/news/thunder-bay-situation-table-officially-launched>

Lakehead Public Schools: Thunder Bay Situation Table Launched to Help Vulnerable Individuals

<https://www.lakeheadschoools.ca/thunder-bay-situation-table-launched-to-help-vulnerable-individuals/>

Audio

CBC News – Superior Morning: Thunder Bay Situation Table

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1091416643568>

CBC News – Up North: Finding Help at the Thunder Bay Situation Table

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1090628163957>

Video

Tbnewswatch -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ya43Z_yfmx8