

**Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee**  
**Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.**  
**Canadian Mental Health Association**  
**329-A Pitt Street, Cornwall**  
**480 McGill Street, Suite 104, Hawkesbury (next door to usual location)**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. **Present:**

Angel Quesnel	Addiction and Mental Health Services
Johanne Renaud	Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA – Champlain East)
Raquel Beauvais-Godard	CMHA
Sabrina Peacock	Fetal Alcohol Resource Program
Mario Gratton	Ontario Provincial Police, Prescott-Russell
Lynn Bradley	Legal Aid Ontario
Jérémy O'Grady	Prescott-Russell Victim Services
Martine Sabourin	Probation and Parole Services
Cynthia Savard	Ontario Provincial Police
Mélissa Bouchard	Ontario Provincial Police
Jade Roy	Ontario Works
Sandra Langevin	Secretary
Kate Baker	The Royal
Suzie Robinson	Valoris
Marie-Eve Poulin	Valoris
Sheila Tallon ( <b>Chair</b> )	Victim Witness Assistance Program, S.D. & G.

**Regrets:**

Jenna David	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas	CMHA
Lucie Charbonneau	CMHA
Benoit St. Jean	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Kelsey Benoit/Mallory Oullette	Laurencrest
Cathy Legault	Legal Aid Ontario
Cheryl Bass	Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre
Alanna Wall	Youth Now Intervention Services

**Absent:**

Kelsey McDaniel	Autism Ontario
George Knezevic	Cornwall Community Police Service
Angela Dasssa	John Howard Society
Robert Hawkins	Ministry of Children and Youth Services
Jim Blanchette / Mike Mulhearn	Ontario Provincial Police, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated. Adopted by Raquel Beauvais-Godard, seconded by Martine Sabourin. Carried.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held Thursday, May 2, 2019 were approved as circulated. Adopted by Suzie Robinson, seconded by Raquel Beauvais-Godard. Carried.

## 5. **HSJCC Budget**

### 5.1 **2019-2020 proposed budget**

The 2019-2020 Proposed Budget was prepared to be in line with our Workplan expenses. At the last meeting, the expenses were discussed and the budget was created. We get \$7,000 annually from the Regional HSJCC. If we want more money, we need to ask. The budget was reviewed at this meeting. It was sent to members prior to the meeting. It will be attached to the minutes as well.

**MOTION:** To accept the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget at this meeting. Moved by Suzie Robinson, seconded by Raquel Beauvais-Godard. Unanimous, none Opposed. Carried.

## 6. **Champlain Regional HSJCC**

### 6.1 **Champlain Regional HSJCC meeting update (Johanne Renaud)**

Report from May 28 meeting in Ottawa from Johanne local HSJCC Rep at the regional level:

- Johanne presented on local initiatives, the pre-charge diversion programs and protocols.
- Johanne brought up the missing documents on the Regional HSJCC on the provincial website. Natasha will have the information updated.
- A webinar on older adults and the justice system is coming soon from the Provincial HSJCC.
- The committee now has representation of a person with lived experience at committee. This representative is also part of the Advisory Counsel. Name is Sanjaz.
- The HSJCC conference is coming in November and request for funds/ sponsorship to attend will be allocated to ones that are selected to present at the conference and then members that are interested depending on funds available. Joan Garrow, the Chair of the Regional asked Johanne who from our local HSJCC were going. I stated that I was selected to present Poster presentations on Release from Custody program and also for the Pre-Charge diversion protocols and program and that I was going. I stated that I would also let her know if others are planning to attend.

#### **Priorities at the regional level are:**

- Sub-committee to work on getting therapy dogs at the Drug treatment court and a project for respite care for animals while clients are in treatment or custody. According to Justice Perkins McVey the therapy dogs are really appreciated at the Ottawa Court House as much for Court staff as individuals attending court matters.
- Sub-committee is working on welcoming package for new members.
- Thank you very much Johanne for all your hard work and presence at this committee!
- Raquel shared that there will be a fundraiser on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alebye golf course in Morrisburg. Proceeds are going to mental health promotion, awareness, work on the prevention of suicide. It's not subsidized by the LHIN. One person in five live in mental health situations.

- Martine Sabourin shared that several years ago, probation and parole services had a court liaison officer. Since the new courthouse, we have not been able to have a “CLO” as there was no space and ability to connect to the network. We have now been able to secure a space that will be used a few times of week with the proper connection. This will allow for good communication with the court justice partners and allow facilitation with the upcoming mental health court. The details of when and who will be providing this service has not yet been confirmed but this will be worked out with the court administration as we want to ensure that probation and parole officer is available on the dates that are most beneficial to court.

## 7. **SDG-PR Workplan 2019-2020**

### 7.1 **HSJCC Activities and update from Chairs of the sub-committees**

- This is a workplan that consists of 5 items, including various activities, outputs, outcomes, pillars, timelines and budgets. Some are carry-overs from the previous years. Members sign up to sit on the sub-committees that are of interest to them. There is also a Lead for each sub-committee; there are 5. For new members, if you are interested in joining some, please do so and let us know. We encourage you to sign-up for one that you work for and would be beneficial for your agency.
- The Co-Chairs get together six months in, midterm, at the end of the term to create a report that must be sent to the Regional HSJCC.
- The Workplan Activities and Sub-committee list was sent to everyone a few months ago to see who sits on what committee and if you are still interested in sitting on that committee and or joining one. It was also reviewed at this meeting. Sandra L. updated the list and it will be sent to the sub-committee Leads who will then contact members and coordinate a meeting.
- The SDG and the PR area working groups can work separately but discuss what is being done.
- Role of Sub-Committee Leads:
  - Set meeting date and time with members in between Steering Committee meetings
  - Review the 2019 - 2020 Workplan and establish objectives / action plan to meet the outputs and outcomes
  - Identify a Sub-Committee secretary that would be on a rotation basis at each meeting (shared committee member responsibility)
  - Present meeting minutes / activities to the Steering committee
- Sub-Committees 3 & 5 will be combined as there are parallel objectives to be achieved.
- **#1 Collaboration and collaborative care**
  - SDG members: Mark Arnold, Robert Hawkins and Sabrina Peacock.
  - PR members: Lucie Charbonneau (Lead), Lynne Bradley and Benoit St. Jean.

- **#2 Direct Services**
  - SDG members: Sheila Tallon (Lead), Angel Quesnel, Mark Arnold, Raquel Beauvais-Godard, Mallory Ouellette, Robert Hawkins, Jim Blanchet and Kelsey Benoit.
  - PR members: no one.
- **#3 Training and professional development as identified by the HSJCC members**
  - SDG members: Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas (Lead), Angel Quesnel, Sheila Tallon, Kate Baker, Jim Blanchette, Mark Arnold, Mallory Ouellette, Jenna David, Kelsey Benoit, Jenny McDonald and Sabrina Peacock.
  - PR members: Benoit St. Jean.
- **#4: Services and system performance, monitoring and evaluation**
  - SDG members: Raquel Beauvais-Godard (Lead) and Angel Quesnel.
  - PR members: No one.
- **#5: Knowledge translation and exchange**
  - SDG members: Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas (Lead), Jim Blanchette and Jenny McDonald.
  - PR members: no one.

7.1.1 Joanne LM sent out a meeting invite for the HSJCC **Training and professional development** and **Knowledge translation and exchange** working groups. There will be an update from these workgroups at the November HSJCC meeting.

7.2 **Cornwall Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Court Committee Update (Raquel)**

Raquel and Farhana Meghji are Co-chairs. A committee meeting was held a few months ago. Farhana approached our local MPP to solicit their office's political support in obtaining one-time funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) for the retrofitting of the cell where the accused would be assessed via OTN by a forensic psychiatrist from The Royal. We are awaiting the Ministry's response.

Angel shared that the Cornwall Community Hospital is not in a position at this time to allocate a MHCT nurse to do assessments at the court. In addition, the MHCT consists of Social Workers and nurses.

Registered Nurses who do risk assessments, mental health status assessments- which is the equivalent of the form that was developed by the committee - which any trained and qualified worker can fill out (ie: CMHA and CSS of SDG court support leads). The MHCT staff are not trained in conducting psychiatric assessments; a Forensic Psychiatrist would be required to complete this kind of specialized assessment or a trained Psychiatric nurse.

Johanne R. stated that we've been working on this for close to six years. Our committee could send a letter to have a joint meeting and ask if there's any way we could ask of moving this forward. Johanne R. relayed a message from the Regional level that Justice Perkins-McVey would be on board with a joint meeting (Cornwall Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Court committee and the Ottawa Mental Health Court committee).

Kate Baker spoke of a document called “Nowhere to Turn”, Investigation into the Ministry of Community and Social Services’ response to situations of crisis involving adults with developmental disabilities. It would be a good idea to bring this at the meeting. She will send it to members.

### 7.3 **Situation Table:**

#### 7.3.1 **SDG&A Situation Table (Raquel BG)**

- Raquel shared that there’s been success in this collaborative initiative. There are numerous partners around the table. There has been great progress over the last year which is reflected in the statistical monthly reports.
- Training is scheduled for the SDG Table, hosted at the Children’s Aid Society of SDG. It is a refresher along with new resources.

#### 7.3.2 **PR Situation Table Initiative (Mario Gratton)**

- Mario shared that they only had two meetings during the summer period, but that as of September 4, they have gone back to meetings every two weeks. He Co-Chairs the meetings with Geneviève Arturi. Everything is going well, referrals are coming in, but mostly from the Ontario Provincial Police. It appears to be the same across the province. Agencies are present and are participating. Mostly M.H.A. situations, people living alone with mental health issues.

### 7.4 **Hoarding**

#### 7.4.1 **PR Hoarding Response Committee**

- Johanne R. shared that no meeting has occurred in the past year. Will try to set one up in the fall.
- Training is coming up on November 4 & 5, 2019 at the Ramada Hotel in Cornwall. You are welcome to sign up and register. It was sent to members on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- She is sharing the 10-step hoarding prevention flyer when she meets with agencies.
- Johanne attended a training in Boston, she learned a lot, she thanks us for allowing her to attend. Now we’re trained to offer to community partners specialized support to address hoarding situations. The next step is to offer consultations with specialists in Boston. We need to do a follow-up telephone calls with clients. Then we’ll be specialized to train others, like police, social community, agencies, etc.

#### 7.4.2 **SDG Hoarding Response Committee (Raquel BG)**

- Training is coming up on November 4 & 5, 2019 at the Ramada Inn (Cornwall). All members are welcome to register. The invitation poster was sent to members on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We’re offering the Buried in Treasures Workshop, which takes place over twelve weeks, with a weekly workshop session. The most recent workshop began September 26, 2019 (10am-12pm) at CHMA in Cornwall. The feedback from participants is positive.
- Our committee is affiliated with Dr. Frost in the United States. He’s looking at trends in North America. We’re one of the few in Canada who participate in this longitudinal study on hoarding.

## 8. **2019 Provincial HSJCC Conference: November 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### 8.1 **Call for Proposals**

Sheila asked if anyone was registered or interested in going? Johanne R. is doing two poster presentations, the Release from Custody Red Property Bag and the Pre-Charge Diversion of SDG&A. She is asking if Lucie C. could go as well and do one presentation, to help her out. Johanne R. is looking at having the cost covered by the Regional HSJCC and the rest by this committee. The Regional could cover the cost of the registration and the train and we could cover the cost of the hotel and the diners. Breakfasts and lunches are covered. Sheila has submitted a proposal and it was accepted but unfortunately, she had to decline because a court matter has now been set for court. Sheila will look to make sure that we have the money in the budget.

## 9. **New Business**

### 9.1 **Co-chair position available**

Sheila had agreed to Co-Chair this past year. Would anyone be interested in Co-Chairing for a year? Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas has agreed to stay on. Some of the duties include, share the role with the other Co-Chair, review agendas and minutes, doing mid-term and end of year report. The advantage of having two Co-chairs is that you do the work together, you're not alone, you have someone to share the work with, and you can bounce ideas off each other. You can go to the annual conference, it's really informative. The committee meets five teams per year.

## 10. **Links to HSJCC Website**

### 10.1 **For the Public**

<http://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>

### 10.2 **Documents from Committees**

<https://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/committee-business/>

### 10.3 **Minutes for the Hoarding Coalition**

<https://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/stormont-dundas-glengarry-hoarding-response-coalition/>

## 11. **Contract renewal for secretarial services with Sandra Langevin for this fiscal year**

We renewed Sandra's contract for this fiscal year, March 2019 – March 2020.

## 12. **Information Sharing**

- **Sheila Tallon – Victim Witness Assistance Program, S.D. & G.**

- Sheila shared that they have a new Administrative person, Bonnie Brissard, who worked for 19 years at the local Crown Attorney's Office.
- Karla Ojeda Delagdo, a graduating student in the SSW at SLC will be doing her fall placement with us.
- The courts are really busy.

- **Sabrina Peacock – Fetal Alcohol Resource Program**

- Sabrina shared a leaflet of the FASD Worker Program. It will be sent to members.
- Shared a poster for their third annual FASD Symposium on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ottawa. It will be sent to members.

- **Angel Quesnel – Addiction and Mental Health Services**
  - Request by Johanne R. to invite the VSMART (Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team) to the next meeting to learn more about the program. Angel reported that a proposal for base funding was submitted to the LHIN's back in early 2019, however the program was not accepted to receive base funding. Currently the program is operating based on proceed of crime grants and CCH funding. Grant money runs out in March 2020. Despite this financial shortfall, the Manager of MHCT services will apply strategic options to remain operational. Program outcomes show positive results in both apprehension rates and decrease Emergency Department visits.
- **Johanne Renaud – Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA – Champlain East)**
  - Had issues with people being released from court who are far away from where they live. Then they're stuck where nobody can provide them transportation. The Release from Custody at Court Protocol, and the red envelope that follows the individual through the process, have been greatly helpful to those involved. Discussion ensued. Johanne will reach out to agencies such as E-Fry and John Howard. She recommends creating a sub-committee to address the issue. Angel stated that the Mental Health Crisis Team might have been able to help with respect to transportation (from border of catchment area).
  - There will be a Mental Health Illness Walk in Cornwall, Hawkesbury and Casselman. The poster will be sent to members and can be found on the CMHA-Champlain East website.
  - CMHA offers Buried in Treasures in Cornwall as well as offering a group by videoconference in Hawkesbury and Casselman offices, with the possibility of providing these sessions in clients' homes when mobility or transportation are barriers.
- **Suzie Robinson – Valoris**
  - Hawkesbury General Hospital new program, Violence Against the Elderly, is hosting a breakfast, Petit déjeuner-causerie will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Legion in Hawkesbury. The poster will be sent to members.
  - Marie-Eve Poulin will be replacing Suzie.
- **Cynthia Savard – Ontario Provincial Police**
  - Cynthia's role as the East Region Community Service Coordinator is to assist and help our local Community Service Officer such as PC Mario Gratton (Hawkesbury OPP), PC Melissa Bouchard (Russell County OPP), PC Eric Ranger, Tylor Copeland and Jim Blanchette (SD&G OPP). She is wearing the hat of Mental Health Coordinator and Coordinator for Community Mobilisation.
  - She is continuing the work she had already started to develop the Transfer of Care protocol and Collaborative Modal for Prescott and Russell in collaboration with Inspector Duval Russell County OPP) and Campisi (Hawkesbury OPP).

### 13. **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 12:15 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, 329 Pitt Street. Videoconferencing is available in Hawkesbury. It can also be held in other areas as well according to members' needs.
- Sandwiches and drinks will be served.
- If you cannot attend this meeting but have something you would like to share, please send it by email to Sandra Langevin.

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Adopted by Johanne Renaud, seconded by Lynne Bradley. Carried.