

**Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee**  
**Thursday, November 7, 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
Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas <b>(Co-Chair)</b>	CMHA – Champlain East
Johanne Renaud	CMHA – Champlain East
Raquel Beauvais-Godard	CMHA – Champlain East
Lucie Charbonneau	CMHA – Champlain East
George Knezevic	Cornwall Community Police Service
Sabrina Peacock	Fetal Alcohol Resource Program
Benoit St. Jean	Hawkesbury General Hospital
Lynn Bradley	Legal Aid Ontario
Jade Roy	Ontario Works
Martine Sabourin	Probation and Parole Services
Sandra Langevin	Secretary
Don Depratto	VSMART/MHCT
Sherri Cameron	VSMART/CPS
Trevor Farsey	VSMART/MHCT

**Regrets:**

Mélissa Bouchard	Ontario Provincial Police, Prescott-Russell
Cheryl Bass/Kristal Hennigar	Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre
Jérémy O’Grady	Prescott-Russell Victim Services
Kate Baker	The Royal
Chantal Prieur	Victim Services of S.D.G.&A.
Sheila Tallon	Victim Witness Assistance Program, S.D. & G.
Marissa Moher	Youturn

**Absent:**

Jenna David/Erin Seymour	Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Kelsey McDaniel	Autism Ontario
Angela Dasssa	John Howard Society
Kelsey Benoit/Mallory Oullette	Laurencrest
Chantal Finn-Losier	Legal Aid Ontario
Robert Hawkins	Ministry of Children and Youth Services
Mario Gratton	Ontario Provincial Police, Prescott-Russell
Jim Blanchette / Mike Mulhearn	Ontario Provincial Police, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry
Marie-Eve Poulin	Valoris
Alanna Wall/Kim Hayward	Youth Now Intervention Services

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated with the following additions:

6.2 Change to Legal Aid Ontario

10.1 Guests from VSMART

10.2 Pet support while in custody

Adopted by Martine Sabourin, seconded by Johanne Renaud. Carried.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held Thursday, September 5, 2019 were approved as circulated. Adopted by Raquel Beauvais-Godard, seconded by Angel Quesnel. Carried.

5. **HSJCC Budget**

5.1 **2019-2020 Budget**

Joanne LM presented the year to date budget ending September 30, 2019. The budget will be attached to the minutes.

6. **Champlain Regional HSJCC**

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

Report from the Regional Meeting held on September 24, 2019 in Ottawa from Johanne Renaud, local HSJCC Representative at the Regional level:

- Johanne updated the local on the priorities from our local HSJCC. She brought the issue of no transportation for court appearance and upon release at a distant court but no one had solutions.
- At the last meeting, there was a presentation on what supports exist in the area and elsewhere to care for pets while individuals are incarcerated or hospitalized. A workgroup is working on a project for the Ottawa area.
- The Regional is offering financial support to 10 members to attend the HSJCC conference. This included train and Conference fees for local members. Johanne Renaud and Lucie Charbonneau have been selected for poster presentations on Pre-Charge diversion protocols and Release from custody at distant court.
- Poster will be shared with members once finalized.
- The Release from custody at a distant court program document templates created by the Provincial workgroup will be shared at the conference via a link in our resources section at <https://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>
- Feel free to share the information with others if needed so the initiative does not lose momentum.
- Next year some training opportunities will be planned to use some funds as it's a non-conference year. A subcommittee has been created to plan this.
- Johanne wishes to follow-up with email sent at the end of September on the changes around legal aid and the impact it has on our vulnerable population
- Next meeting for the regional HSJCC will be November 26, 2019.

6.2 **Change to Legal Aid Ontario (Johanne Renaud)**

A letter was shared with the membership on October 8<sup>th</sup> that was brought forward at the HSJCC Provincial and Regional levels. We are convinced that these changes will impact our most vulnerable members of the community attending court or dealing with legal issues. Below was the discussion that was brought forward:

**Discussion Questions:**

- How can Local and Regional HSJCCs ensure the changes to LAO funding do not negatively impact clients?
- What next steps can the Provincial HSJCC take to ensure our clients receive adequate legal representation?

Johanne R. is suggesting that our Court partners and our local HSJCC members send her by email any information and examples of situations pertaining to the negative impact for our community of these changes locally. She will gladly forward them on our behalf to Joan Garrow, our Provincial Representative, so that she can then bring the information at the HSJCC Provincial level. Your support in regard to this request will possibly result in positive changes... at least we are hoping it might. Please feel free to share with any others that might be interested in providing feedback.

## 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 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.
  - Lucie asked who is in charge of the HSJCC website and updating it? If you have any documents to be uploaded on the website, please send them to Sandra L. She will send them to Trevor Tymchuk, who uploads the documents to the website.
  - Lucie commented that we need to find someone to represent the LGBTQ community.
- **#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.
  - Will defer as Sheila is not here today.

- **#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.
  - Joanne LM attempted to set up a meeting but it didn't work out.
  
- **#4: Services and system performance, monitoring and evaluation**
  - SDG members: Raquel Beauvais-Godard (Lead) and Angel Quesnel.
  - PR members: No one.
  - Raquel said that the group met. They had an idea to coordinate a Meet and Greet event in a centralized area, ex. Casselman, Embrun, Moose Creek, Hawkesbury, for an opportunity for everyone to meet in person and do some networking; to meet members on a more personal level or formal level – with a presentation, for example. If it's a more formal meeting, we may want to reserve a room at a restaurant and have a speaker. Angel and Raquel will explore the feasibility and determine whether participants will travel.
  - Options were explored in today's session. Johanne R. proposed coordinating a meeting in person to socialize and network. Perhaps once a year, including an online survey. It's a challenge to communicate sometimes by just having virtual meetings (OTN).
  - Members agreed that they would prefer to have a central, in-person gathering once annually.
  - We could review and re-evaluate/revise the structure, mission, goals, submissions, terms of reference, complete planning activities for the next fiscal year. This could be an opportunity for networking and capacity building (ie: soliciting new members). Members could showcase specific programs and initiatives (local and regional).
  
- **#5: Knowledge translation and exchange**
  - SDG members: Joanne Ledoux-Moshonas (Lead), Jim Blanchette and Jenny McDonald.
  - PR members: no one.
  - Joanne LM attempted to set up a meeting but it didn't work out.

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

Raquel and Farhana Meghji are Co-chairs. There's been work going on in the background. They reached out to court staff for the cost for the retrofitting of the cell in the courthouse where the accused would be assessed via OTN by a forensic psychiatrist from The Royal. The finance decisions are under the purview of the Facility Management Bureau with Ministry of the Attorney General. All members are providing in-kind services and the delay lies with funding the retrofit. In the meantime, the current functioning is one of a formalized Diversion Court.

Johanne R. shared that Dr. Ahmed is doing that in Brockville. IT seems everyone has their mental health court except us. Wondering why it's dragging... it's been years. We need a decision from the court sector... it keeps going back and forth.

### 7.3 **Situation Table:**

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

Training occurred October 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted at the Cornwall Civic Complex. It was a refresher along with new resources. Dr. Chad Nilson presented on Risk Detection. 85% responded to the post-presentation survey, revealing a high satisfaction rate. Raquel will share the document/statistics with the committee members. Raquel participates on the Steering Committee for the SDG&C Situation Table. Membership is growing. There is a plan underway for training in the spring. There are 105 risk factors and the top risk factor is mental health. Since 2017, there have been 78 cases and 80% of the cases resulted in a reduction of the originally identified elevated risks. With respect to sustainability, the Steering Committee is preparing a proposal for funding to cover costs of the materials (ie: posters, signage) and the Coordinator's salary.

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

- Johanne Renaud said that the OPP are working on getting funds for a coordinator.
- Benoit was asking if Raquel could share the training information for the Prescott Russel Situation Table.
- Raquel will reach out to the members of the PR Situation Table Advisory Committee to invite them to the upcoming SDG&C training.

### 7.4 **Hoarding**

#### 7.4.1 **PR Hoarding Response Committee (Johanne Renaud)**

- Johanne R. shared that no meeting has occurred in the past year. Johanne and Raquel are going to attend a meeting at the United Counties of PR to present what is currently being offered in SDG as far as hoarding response services hoping to replicate the program and get funds for cleaning. Hope to get this initiative available in Prescott-Russell.

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

Training was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn (Cornwall). Community partners' collaborative roles were highlighted through a panel of professional. (ie: bylaws, rights and legalities). A person with lived-experience provided a heart-warming and powerful testimonial. The Fire Marshall spoke as well.

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

Johanne R. and Lucie C. did two poster presentations, the Release from Custody Red Property Envelope and the Pre-Charge Diversion Program of SDG&A. The posters will be sent to the members. We also promoted our committee and other initiatives we've brought forward and accomplished. Thank you very much for representing us Johanne and Lucie!!

### 9. **Business Arising**

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

Sheila T and Joanne LM agreed to Co-Chair for this coming year and are soliciting interest from other members to co-chair for the following year.

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 and responsibilities with, and you can bounce ideas off each other.

## 10. **New Business**

### 10.1 **Guests from VSMART**

We have privileged guests from the Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team (VSMART) today with us, Sherri Cameron, Don Depratto and Trevor Forsey. Members spoke about the program and its positive outcomes and good work; Apprehension has decreased by 50%. The wait time in the hospital has decreased from 2.45 hours to 1.40 hours. Angel Quesnel shared that further investment by the government or grant funds will be required to sustain the program overtime. An application was made to the Ministry to secure future funding however the proposal was not granted this fiscal year. There will be further discussion with Cornwall Police to apply for a subsequent grant, as the current funding through "Proceeds of Crime" runs out March 2020. Despite continued funding for the co-response service, the police officer's role is permanent and will continue as the Vulnerable Sector Police Officer in the Cornwall community. The Chair of the Cornwall HSJCC offered out support by acknowledging the great work being done by this program and offered to support by means of a letter to acknowledge this wonderful partnership. Angel Quesnel, Manager of the Crisis Team is hoping to partner with other Police Services such as the OPP to duplicate and expand these services in other areas of the community. The slides of the Mental Health Co-Response Program presentation today will be sent to the members.

### 10.2 **Pet support while in custody**

Johanne R. shared that there are a lot of people who will not go to the hospital if no one is able to care for their pet; or not having anyone to care for their pet if they are to be incarcerated. Often people do not know ahead of time if they will be incarcerated or not. We need resources to take care of these pets. Different models do exist on this subject that were presented at the HSJCC conference. Lucie Charbonneau is willing to take the lead to see what we can put together in a plan. Lucie will connect with a group from Ottawa that deals with this.

George shared that PAWS (Provincial Animal Welfare Services) will be a new enforcement model which has been tabled by the provincial government and are hoping to be in effect in the new year. The Cornwall OSPCA would have to be approached if they are willing to take an animal in for short the term, but I don't think they would be too open to the idea.

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

- 10.1 The link is a provincial portal to the HSJCC website where contact information such as Terms References, LEAD Protocol, Goals and Objectives, Agendas, Minutes, Workplan, logo, etc. can be accessed. It's a great way of sharing information and sending to new members as well.
- <http://hsjcc.on.ca/stormont-dundas-glengarry-prescott-russell-akwesasne-local-hsjcc/>

## 12. **Information Sharing**

- **Sabrina Peacock – Fetal Alcohol Resource Program**
  - February 24<sup>th</sup>, FASD awareness day at Queens Park. Details to follow at next meeting.

- **Martine Sabourin – Probation and Parole Services**
  - Right now, the court liaison officer is on a trial basis and will start with 1 year assignment but could potentially run for longer 2 to 3 year period.
- **Angel Quesnel – Addiction and Mental Health Services (Manager, Mental Health Crisis Team)**
  - This winter, the Mental Health Crisis Team is looking at an integrated model of service to expand risk assessment to children and youth under the age of 16. This will expand the capacity of resources to address suicide risk among children and youth. The program expansion will have a soft launch in Dec/Jan. after the completion of mandatory training for staff. Partners will be notified once it begins.

13. **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020 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.
- 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 1:45 p.m. Adopted by Sabrina Peacock, seconded by Jade Roy. Carried.