

Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee SW Region (HSJCC) Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 4, 2014	Chair: Heather Lumley	Minutes: Sandra Miles
Attending: Trish Dowling-Wells (Lamb-Kent); Mike McMahon (Oxford); Claude Anderson (GB); John MacKay (MCYS); Heather DeBryun (Elgin); Judy Alton (OPP); John Robertson (HP); Marion Overholt (Windsor); Patty Chapman (LHIN); Vonnie Burke (Lamb-Kent); Penny Cardno (HP)		
Regrets: Marilyn Weller (W-E); Liz Froese (SNSC); Anne Coombe (RSA);		

Topic of Discussion	Follow up
<i>Review and Approval of Minutes March 20, 2014</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved no changes
<p><i>Provincial Updates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website and Updates – every region is to send in their own updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each local region is responsible to update their membership list as they change on the HSJCC website ://www.hsjcc.on.ca as well as uploading meeting minutes and input any information regarding your own local. • We now have a membership of over 1,800 people • Communication Knowledge Transfer Team (CKT) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the work being done around the website. We will be taking a look at our particular areas the region as well as the London Local and will be putting up the matrix and the proposal so you will be able to access those forms right on the website. • Webinars – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been many frustrated people due to the fact that when the webinar information is received the seats are full. We are encouraging people do is if there are 5 different agencies in the area wanting to attend then one agency would host it and have everyone else come to that location to watch it, instead of 5 different agencies taking up 5 seats. The issue is that the EEnet has a limited number of registrants, at this time it is limited to 150. The in-kind service from the EEnet is a bit restrictive so we are trying to strategize other ways to get the information out to everyone. Aside from the last EEnet that was done all of the other webinars have been recorded and will be hosted on the EEnet and you will be able to get the information. <i>All webinars are still available on the EEnet website</i> the link to the EEnet is: .eenet.ca • If anyone has any ideas for Webinars please send to Heather L. to forward that information on to the Provincial table. 	

- **Conference Planning Committee** - The next conference will be in 2015. If anyone is interested in participating on the conference committee please let Heather L. know and she will connect you with the right people. At this time they do not yet have a theme designed so stay tuned. Members of staff teams on this committee or local committees are more than welcome to join this planning committee.
- **Legal Aid Pilot Project** - The team will be looking at completing a lit review and a review of tools that are currently being used for screening individuals dealing with mental health and addiction issues prior to attending court. The screener is going to be developed to be disseminated in the fall. Basically this will be used by a legal individual and will need to be a non clinical screening tool. The advisory committee has not yet been formed.
- **Service Collaboratives** supported by CAMH. That project is finished implementation and is moving into to just delivery.
- **The 4 Justice Collaboratives** are in varying stages of implementation. They are doing things in isolation. There is no communication as they are focused on their own community and not reaching out to the entire province. One of the challenges brought to the table is that there are 18 collaboratives and working in isolation they are not going to disseminate the information. There are 4 justice and mental health collaboratives: three for Youth (Champlain, Kenora, and Niagara). There is one adult justice mental health in Toronto. The remaining 14 collaboratives are mental health only. The one in Champlain is moving forward. Niagara and Kenora are still in the development stages but closer to finishing that phase and working towards implementation.
- **Service Collaboratives Newsletter:** If anyone is interested in receiving the newsletter about the please email Heather L. and she will forward it on
- **Bail Implementation Plan** - The provincial table has developed this plan. Ottawa, Newmarket and Brampton are the three courts that will be piloting this and are now at the implementation stage.
- There was one issue brought to the HSJCC table. There was a client who was involved in the Waterloo area in justice and 2 years after a completed incarceration then died. The mother has constructed a PowerPoint and would like to present most of the information about the particular case and the flaws in the justice system. At this time they are going through a process where they will engage in the local area and the provincial table is trying to figure out where we go with those types of stories. There is some negative information for some service providers, but a lot of information in terms of systemic change as well. If there is ever anyone who approaches the locals or any of you individually about that type of a forum for the HSJCC, Heather L. is supposed to take this information back to the steering committee. They just want to contain some of the media that could occur and what that could look like and what is our mission and what is our mandate. If there are any questions about that please contact Heather L. It is not about controlling but having some

<p>boundaries around what the HSJCC is involved with in terms of personal stories and personal sharing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provincial table will not be meeting again until the end of September. Sandra will be sending out reminders that Heather L. will need local updates the week before the provincial meetings so that they can be compiled and sent in. They could change the plan and put it in one of the documents like they did for the annual report. If it changes we will let you know. We will send out a reminder and ask that we do get an update from all the locals so that Heather L. can share that information at the larger table. • Court Support Services Project - The Provincial table is putting together a document of information to raise awareness and knowledge of specialized courts delivered to clients. It is a complex document with layers. They will be looking at adults and not youth and certain ministry funded programs. It will be a bit controlled as they will be looking at where the new youth workers were placed as well as existing. Will be looking at diversionary programs like the Adult Therapeutic Court. There will be a time where we will want to be sending in all the services from our areas, so if everyone can do that we will be highly represented on the document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra to send out reminder for local updates to be received 1 week prior to the Provincial Meetings
<p>Regional Updates</p> <p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started a new fiscal year. There are a few proposals heading in to this year. Just a reminder of the process and the matrix. The proposal and the matrix will be posted on the HSJCC website ://www.hsjcc.on.ca as soon as possible. Happy to forward any request for funding for projects to the committee. We will do quarterly updates, what money and then ask that invoices are sent within 30 days of the event occurring. So far have approved 2 CIT training proposals one from Oxford for \$11,100 which will be 4 training modules and one from Elgin for \$8,100 for 3 training modules. The total budget is \$59,500. If we can have as many proposals as possible before September and pay out those bills in that time line. That is the first reporting to the LHIN at the end of September and then report at the end of December and then again in March those are the timelines we would like the proposal in, approved and paid out so that we know exactly how much we have left in case we want to do something special in the last quarter. An additional proposal that was approved for funding for police services across the southwest to send delegates to the Crisis Workers Society of Ontario Conference. • CMHA Court Support Program Review (Report from Beth Anne Currie from SNSC) Here is the update on the SW regional CMHA Court Support Program Review to date: Phase 1: on-line survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The on-line survey is complete (N=54) with a good response rate from each region – particularly Huron Perth • The summary report shows that overall, the program is very well received and very well thought of by key stakeholders • Some opportunities for improvement trend toward asking the CMHA’s (all) to provide regular updates/lunch 	

& learns (etc) to key stakeholders to ensure they are clear about who does what, extent and range of services, protocols, phone numbers etc .

Phase 2: (key stakeholder telephone interviews with target audiences directed toward: Justices, Crowns, Duty Councils, Defense Council, other Court Support Teams)

30 Telephone Interviews completed to date:

- Grey Bruce, Huron Perth, Windsor, Lambton, London, Oxford Elgin

General Highlights from 30 telephone interviews

Over-whelming support for the CMHA Court Support Programs in the SW

- 30 of 30 individuals interviewed use descriptive phrases like: invaluable, integral, “can’t survive without them”, helpful, tireless, important
- 25 of 30 cannot think of any way to improve the effectiveness of the court support program
- 5 of 30 have made suggestions for improving effectiveness like; provide more court workers, explain difference between release-from-custody and court support workers, could provide more education about the program.
- Beth Anne is suggesting that a Draft Report will be completed by the end of June with a FINAL revision in mid July. Niagara did this same type of report so once both reports are completed Heather L. will speak to that regional rep and will drive those up to the provincial table and will also put them on the website so that other people can see the work and the value of the research that was completed.

• **Community Treatment Orders and Police Response**

- There was a discussion regarding the challenge that this CTO places on police services having to act on these orders. Some police services have had to make significant journeys to get the individuals back to the issuing hospital. Chief Timothy Poole of the Wingham Police Service has asked the regional representatives to bring this forward to the Provincial table and to have this flagged as a challenge. As the legislation stands now when a patient fails to comply with the order, the treating psychiatrist can issue a Form 47 under the Mental Health Act. This form requires that police apprehend the individual and return them to the issuing hospital. Often these patients are no longer in the jurisdiction of the police where the doctor is. As the act currently stands, police are required to transport the individual back to the place of issue even though there may be suitable psychiatric facilities in the area where the patient is located.
- The recommendation would be to have the act amended to allow police to transport the individual to the closest Schedule 1 hospital for treatment and then be transported through the health system if necessary.
- Heather L. to do agenda for September meeting and get info from John, Mike and Patty to take to the Provincial table.

- **Jim Whaley Review** – was done in January for the regional table. There was a draft report but the one coming to public is to be distributed at the July meeting and will be distributed to all HSJCC members and will put it on the HSJCC website.

- *Heather will circulate that report before the next meeting so that everyone has access to it*

Local Updates:

- **Elgin County –**

- Still doing their lunch and Learn. We do that by having one of the local agency's host it and we have a great response. We are increasing the appetite in Elgin around having a mental health court or a problem solving court. With the new court house there is lots of space so we are hopeful that they will be able to start doing those specialty courts in the near future.

- **Lambton/Kent –**

- Have been having low attendance at meetings last year we were doing an educational component with the meetings. Found it really hard once we could not provide lunch so we started to do breakfast meetings and attendance has started to pick up. We are going to try to keep the education component going there. We are going to start fresh with education pieces and the first one being the Management Withdrawal Team from Bluewater Health are coming to present at the next meeting.
- No firm plans for 2014 as far as applying for proposal funding.

- **Oxford –**

- HSJCC along with the Crisis Workers Society of Ontario hosting their 30th Annual Crisis Conference June 11 & 12/14. The HSJCC from our region has provided funding so that police officers from across the entire region can attend and their conference fee and accommodation would be paid for up to 25 officers from across the region. Mike to send to Heather L. so that it can be forwarded to the Police forces as there is still some availability.
- Our Community Treatment Court with Judge Edward Graham presiding will open Thursday, June 12 and will sit once a month at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month to start.
- Brett Batten (Mental Health & Justice) will be speaking at the HSJCC meeting on that date June 24/14
- Fellowship was awarded through the AMX Phoenix Project which will be funding the research being done with respect to the Caring Professionals and People in Emergency Services. There will be 2 opportunities for self care with police officers, ambulance attendants and other people in the justice service community. Watch for more information to come.

- **John MacKay (MCYS) – no updates**

- **Huron Perth –**

- Over the past few months have been trying to build a committee and now have a committee put together and will be meeting 3 or 4 times a year.
- Have put a lot of energy into police training. Have trained over 80 officers from Grey Bruce, Huron Perth and Oxford.
- We have identified how to provide support to the long term care facilities when the police are involved that is on our work plan.

- Mike to send Crisis Workers Society of Ontario 30th Annual Crisis Conference information out to H. Lumley to forward to locals.

- **Grey Bruce -**

- Committee is working on a spring conference hope to do the conference on topics of youth.
- Been having discussions regarding family law and family court and issues around mental health and addictions and child safety. Trying to put something together where there is a visible support for individuals going through family court.
- Bail Program will be on our work plan again this year
- Very large active committee and they meet about every 3 months

- **Chatham –**

- In the infancy stages of an Adult Drug and Treatment Court and will present this at their next HSJCC meeting
- Working with the youth officer Brian Martin for Pre-Charge Diversion for Youth

- **Windsor -**

- Put together a case management committee that's looking at individuals that are coming back into our community or individuals where a number of agencies have tried to work with them. They are meeting to review these cases and try to coordinate services. Has been a very positive and effective piece of work with the outcomes.
- Our local HSJCC has established a subcommittee to look at training. This Windsor HSJCC committee hasn't been doing any training for a while and this subcommittee will come back and look for funding to do some training in the Windsor area.

- **London/Middlesex –**

- London has had some trouble with attendance and had a Town Hall meeting last week inviting some new people to the table. Trying to inject some more energy focusing in on youth and the cross section as always. There was an individual who shared about a program out of the U.S. being used in the justice system there that may be effective for some of our people. She will provide more information in a presentation. Will bring that forward if it makes sense.
- We are still reviewing the Adult Therapeutic Court and streamlining services
- London Drug Treatment Court received more money for FTE's for their programs
- Still struggle with clients coming out of the federal and provincial systems without much of a plan when they get back to our area. Hoping to provide a different network of services for those individuals.

- **OPP –**

- Continuing to deliver the CIT training with Sarah Burton Shaw in the west region
- Just concluded a course in May for Oxford, doing training in June for Elgin (one of three Elgin requested). This training will be at the St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital. They are allowing us to do the training there and use their facilities and at the end of the training they are going to provide a tour for us.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middlesex has requested their first CIT at the end of October at London regional office • Provincially during Mental Health Week in May OPP announced our Mental Health Screening Form which was developed by Ron Hoffman so it is now a standardized form for all OPP. This is called Brief Mental Health Screener • There is a Crime Prevention Community Mobilization Model that the police are starting to embrace. It is the old community policing model. With is new model it is getting all the partners at the table, discussing what the problem is so that the police are not always dealing with it. The community is getting engaged. That is the way the OPP is moving forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy Alton to send a copy of this screening form to H. Lumley to send out
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair for the Regional Committee – Back to the Terms of Reference probably overdue to having this conversation about chairing the regional committee. If anyone is interested in being there is always room for change. H. Lumley is happy to continue but also doesn't want to continue if someone else would like to take over the responsibilities. There is also room for two co-chairs. If anyone is interested in being the Chair please email H. Lumley or S. Miles in the next couple of weeks. 	
<p>Next Meeting: September 30, 2014 2:00 – 3:30</p>	
<p>The Telephone Conference Call information is below:</p> <p>Conference Call Dial In Number: 1-866-613-5223 Conference Access Code: 5901255</p> <p>How Participants Join the Conference Call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dial the Conference Call Dial In Number: 1-866-613-5223 2) When prompted, enter the Conference Access Code: 5901255 followed by # 	