

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

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| Date of Meeting: October 2, 2014 | Chair: Heather Lumley | Minutes: Sandra Miles |
| Attending: John MacKay (MCYS); Heather DeBryun (Elgin); Judy Alton (OPP); John Robertson (HP); Marion Overholt (Windsor); Patty Chapman (LHIN); Marilyn Weller (W-E) | | |
| Regrets: Liz Froese (SNSC); Anne Coombe (RSA); Trish Dowling-Wells (Lamb-Kent); Mike McMahon (Oxford); Claude Anderson (GB); Vonnie Burke (Lamb-Kent) | | |

| Topic of Discussion | Follow up |
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| <i>Review and Approval of Minutes June 4, 2014</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved no changes |
| <p><i>Provincial Updates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSJCC Provincial table has completed their Annual Report and that is available on the website http://www.hsjcc.on.ca for your review. If there are any questions regarding this information please let H. Lumley know. They continue to work closely with the service collaboratives that are supported through CAMH. Most recently there are three youth justice projects and one adult justice. Most of the discussion is on how to expand the knowledge that we have received and have learned through the collaboratives and increase the impact across the province. The second one is how to sustain the specific projects that have been designed through the service collaboratives ongoing. Much of the work has been done specific to a community and the challenge is to share that information across the province as it was designed to do. Looking at developing more mental health and justice collaboratives in cluster D. Not sure if there will be one in South West Ontario. Provincial Work Plan- One of the big things in terms of deliverables is increasing knowledge exchange around promising practices. In the quarterly newsletter there will be a new Promising Practices profiled as well as a section on the website that includes that as well. Webinars – Continue to focus on knowledge exchange through webinars. As of now have not yet received any new dates for those yet however they are mailed out through the major mail out list. If anyone has information or ideas for webinars you can forward to Heather L. or the Knowledge Exchange Committee. HSJCC is looking at engaging through social media and are in the process of approving guidelines of how to utilize social media to the best advantage of the HSJCC. Provincial Policy and Direction - a letter has been submitted to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care outlining the work of the HSJCC and the request for consideration in the next budget. Pre-budget submission for structure will be submitted in November for review from the Minister of Health. The limitation is that there is not a lot of support around the actual infrastructure so we are limited to one project a year. To date it has been | <p>http://servicecollaboratives.ca</p> |

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| <p>mostly policy and position papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Conference has begun being planned. It will be held in Toronto however no dates have been set. • Priorities on Capacity Building – on the horizon to look at the current services and to see where we may be able to shift some services with people in justice however that has not been addressed yet. • Review of Courts and Court Support Program for mental health diversion. Beth Anne Currie from the SNSC reviewed the south west region; HSJCC from Niagara area also reviewed the court support program. That information was to better understand the impact and some of the recommendations for the adults involved with the criminal justice system in diversion. The report focuses on CMHA vs. all the other people that provide support with or without funding. This report is finalized will circulate that to everyone with the minutes. | |
| <p>Regional Updates</p> <p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial documents that Claude, Heather D. and Liz have taken a look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 requests for dollars to support the Police OPP CIT training the mental health and policing training about \$26,000 for that • The last time we were together agreed as a group that the CIT training would be a priority to spread across the whole south west. We think that this would be a viable expense for this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for \$1,180 for Trauma Training with Dr. Lori Haskell from Windsor/Essex • Request for \$2,500 for CIT Training for Chatham HSJCC • Request for \$2,500 for CIT Training for Lambton OPP • Request for \$3,800 for FASD training for Lambton-Kent • Request for \$3,378.70 to send two people to National Correctional Services Health Care Conference in Ottawa for Sarnia • Most of our requests are for trainings in our communities. This is now coming back to the whole table for approval. Does anyone have any thoughts? Does everyone agree that all of these requests can be approved? Hearing nothing requests were approved. • The budget for the year is \$69,500 and with what we have approved today we will have spent \$35,758.70. Therefore we still have about #30,000 remaining. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still have to add \$2,500 for CIT in London • Penny Cardno to send in request for their November CIT training in Stratford • Everyone who has had expenses please hand those in right away so that everything is paid out by end of December. That way we will know between January 1 and March 31/15 if there is anything else we need for this group, the sub-committees or the communities. Can you all go back to your local committees and see if there are any requests. Bulk up as much training as possible and whatever the supports are for the trainings. If there are any other training events or research pieces please get these requests in. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit all expenses to date and submit new requests |

Local Updates:

- **Windsor –**

- Have been working with the local committee to establish some training needs. Have been looking at some possible OPP training. Have an idea from our Crowns Office about doing some lunch and learn sessions at the court targeting defense lawyers to make them more aware of the mental health diversion, mental health court here and the various processes to get their clients through those programs.
- Having meetings on a monthly basis with a new High Risk Case Review Committee and we have found it a very effective way to look at people who are considered high risk offenders coming back into the community. Doing some really focused collaborative planning on how we are going to effectively work with the individuals safely in the community, which organizations are going to commit to each piece. Finding this process to be very helpful.
- Have a draft Terms of Reference. Will forward to Heather L. to attach to the minutes to share with other committee members
- The new Detention Centre opened over the summer. The mental health unit is still in planning stages.

- **Huron Perth –**

- Are making progress getting participation for committee
- A three day police training session will take place in November
- Transportation of CTO's after some conversations this will require a legislation change. At this point there will be no changes.
- The OPP shared a screener being used by OPP. Two local police departments Stratford and Wingham are going to take a look at that to get a consistent screening mechanism.
- There has been agreement drawn up between the police, hospital and the Crisis Program protocol was completed in May but still has not yet been signed.
- Choices for Change has two court support staff that Canadian Mental Health has in place
- Huron Perth Judges at this time don't believe there is a need for separate mental health or drug treatment courts.

- **Elgin County –**

- Continuing to do the lunch and learns. We have different local agency's host it and we have a great response. Do 3 or 4 a year and it builds a relationship and rapport with the lawyers, crowns, judges, police, and social service agencies. We get about 30 individuals who attend.
- Now with the new court house there is more space and we are targeting mid-January to open our Mental Health Court. It won't be a Therapeutic Court as some Crowns are still not on board for anything to do with addictions. It is a starting point to look at specialized courts depending on the needs of the individuals.

- **OPP –**
 - Measurable for the training. The OPP is doing a provincial mental health strategy. They sent out a survey to all the front line police offices across the province. 1,700 officers responded to the survey. One of the questions was “have you had CIT training and if you had CIT training are you finding it useful?” Out of the 1,700 20% who responded they had taken the CIT training and out of that group 90% said it was helpful in the way they deal with calls with mental health. Obviously this is helping the officers in dealing with mental health calls.
 - Trainings coming up or South West Region: one course at the end of October in London, one in November in Oxford and one in December in Lambton. In those three courses Probation & Parole will be having two of their managers observing the training for those three sessions as they are looking at possibly doing CIT training for probation and parole.

- **John MacKay (MCYS) –**
 - Recently was reviewing a release plan for a youth and one thing that struck him was that we had all the usual players in the room but didn’t see any representatives from the health community. Will need to make some phone calls to try to get a community based mental health person involved at the table. Vanier will be the lead and should be interconnected with the system from the outset for some of those youth that are going through some of those issues.

- **There has been a paper written by CMHA Wellington, Waterloo & Luther Wood** - Is about a young man who committed suicide who had gone through the justice systems and the mental health system and fell through the cracks. The family has engaged with the HSJCC they want to present their story. They presented it to the local and then the local area HSJCC has now written recommendations to go forward to Youth Justice and Youth Mental Health. The other thing at the Mental Health and Justice table was that youth must be on probation to access any of the supports that we provide here.
 - SLCS has a MSW on staff as well as groups for the youth but they need to have charges and be on probation. Once they are done their probation there is no aftercare for those youth. There is nothing moving them forward to the next traditional service provider. There is a huge challenge and a huge gap in the services there. This has been expressed to the ministry on a number of occasions. This the same with the FASD worker they have to be charged and on probation to get her services which is counter intuitive to someone with the issues that we are faced with.

- **London/Middlesex –**
 - We had a Town Hall meeting and we have invited new members to our table. We now have representation from the Homelessness Prevention Strategy through the city of London. Legal Aid is also going to be attending our local table. We have had an absence from our Crown representative we will be networking and following back to those individuals to ensure that they will be attending at the local table.
 - St. Leonard’s (SLCS) has developed a coordinated access with St. Lawrence Correction Centre in Belleville. What we have designed is that the referral will come into St. Leonard’s. We will call a coordinated access

table. Any particular clinical needs of the individual will be called to the table as well. Addiction Services, CMHA London, Heather L., Regional and LHSC are at the table to try to formulate the best plan. If we need to all in another service that is necessary to help the individual we will. SLCS has seen 2 clients so far. The big message is that these 2 individuals didn't fall through the cracks. When they came back to London there was a support system and the assessment was done the day they arrived. This is allowing us to do a case review and then determine what the need of the individual is. This is just getting off the ground but we are excited about this.

- SLCS has partnered with Salvation Army London and the City of London is supporting us to help people that re on an OTR that are directed to reside at the shelter. Instead of having them reside at the shelter we are trying to move them to more stabilized housing. SLCS is responsible for a piece of the project as well as the Salvation Army has the intake pieces. Our commitment is to provide 24/7 care to those individuals and provide them with the wrap around services they require. We have committed to a certain number of hours to interface with each of the homeless individuals that will be coming to our program. Some of this will be over the phone and some is in person.
- SLCS is closing in on purchasing a property in order to house the aged offender. We are going to court over the last planning process due to the rezoning of the property. It has been a very challenging due to the stigma of all of individuals that we work with. Hopefully through this process we will be able to educate the public about people that intersect mental health and justice and that we need to provide them care. Hoping to have this opening in the next fiscal year.
- CMHA London has merged and most recently they were doing a lot of restructuring and their representation may change at our HSJCC table. Heather L. will have more updates after Local HSJCC meeting next week.
- There still remains a consistent message at the provincial table that there are not a lot of justice people at the table. Still working to get more justice people involved across the province. Just had a conference in Kingston (OHHA) there is a lack of interface between federal prisoners and the mental health system and lack of knowledge between those two pieces. If anyone has any connections in your regions that deal with the federal offender that would be really helpful please forward that information to Heather L.
- In Windsor they are starting a program which is the forensic clients that are NCR coming back into the community. Not certain what Windsor program is going to look like or who is housing these individuals. It is a really strong interface between the hospital and the community and justice working with people that are quite mentally ill and complex and need some additional supports. They typically provide an outreach team through the hospital. This will be the first satellite site to manage this population. It is a fabulous program to reintegrate NCR clients back into the community in a really proactive way.
- **LHIN –**
 - Focus is on looking at forensics capacity across the province and understanding what diversion programs can contribute to lessening people entering and being better able to support people on their way out of the hospital.

- **New Business**

- **OPP – Community Mobilization Model** -The OPP has situational tables in different communities around the province. An example of how this would be used if police are getting continuous calls from someone who has mental health issues taking up 90% of their time going to those calls. They will bring all the partners around the table and address that situation right up front. Its engagement with your community it police not always taking the upper hand in everything it's giving it back to the community. Since the new commissioner took over in February everything from their promotional process to the way the OPP runs their business is based on the Community Mobilization Model.
- **Evaluation of Courts and Court Support Program**– will circulate this report (38 page report) after this meeting. We could spend some time looking at that and the recommendations and what that means to us at the next meeting. If people are interested in taking a look at some of the material, perhaps we could use OTN and host a meeting for the Court Support Workers.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2014 2:00 – 3:00

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