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

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

Topic of Discussion		Follow up	
Review and Approval of Minutes October 2, 2014		Approved no changes	
P	Provincial Updates		
•	<b>2015 Conference dates</b> have been formalized and sent out for November 2015. They are lining up Key note speakers now as soon as there is more information that will be sent out to everyone.		
•	Sandy Leath from CMHA in St. Sault Marie had been the co-chair for the past two years has stepped down. Mike Dunn from CMHA Simcoe is new co-chair along with Katie Almond from MCSCS.		
•	Youth Justice and Mental Health – regarding a youth that went through the system and at 18 and was on house arrest and committed suicide. His mother was present as well clinical director from CMHA Wellington, Waterloo, Dufferin and a gentleman from Lutherwood. The highlight was around the gaps in the system. There were a number of recommendations within that paper that was sent forward to the Provincial HSJCC as well as a lot of dialogue around that particular situation and some of the steps to integrate the systems in a more meaningful way for youth and transitional age youth. There still seems to be significant gap between the two systems in terms of transitional age youth and who are providing service within the community in different areas. There were a lot of questions regard the psychiatric involvement and what the psychiatrist do within the court system is it a fitness assessment or a general psychiatric assessment and there seems to be differences depending on who the actual psychiatrist is on what service delivery is output. There were questions around in everybody's community what are psychiatrist doing right now in their communities? There seems to be a lack of psychiatric or mental health supports for the more criminalized individuals.		
•	After discussion regarding how do we make sure that we are utilizing everything where it is appropriate and how do we hold people accountable. It was suggested that perhaps setting up a smaller meeting and put together and proposal would be beneficial. H. Lumley, Heather DeBryun and Mike McMahon to check with his co-worker to see if she would be interested in sitting at this table. M. McMahon said that he had talked to C. Anderson about this and they have come up with an agreement with physicians that are based at the hospital and basically the agreement stipulates that they will not be called to testify and on that basis they were able to deal with their issue of not being able to serve justice clients because that was the main concern of the doctors. Once that was set aside the service came back. H. Lumley mentioned that years ago she had a typed quote that the psychiatrists could say into their	Mike McMahon to ask Claude to forward the actual agreement that they use	

dictation which alleviated them from any of those other testifying situations. H. Lumley to see if she can find that quote and that could be part of our proposal. We need a comprehensive package in order to convince psychiatry to come on board.

• H. Lumley to look for quote and bring to first meeting

- Communication and Knowledge Exchange Committee They are planning more webinars moving forward. They are looking for local and regional members for the Knowledge Exchange Committee anyone interested in being on the committee please email H. Lumley @ <a href="mailto:hlumley@slcs.ca">hlumley@slcs.ca</a> and she will connect them to the chair of that group.
- Provincial HSJCC Adult Therapeutic Court

They have put together a working group for a review of ATC. There are a number of individuals across the province. From our area H. Lumley offered Michele Murray-Smith from SLCS as she is knowledgeable about St. Thomas as well as some information for Oxford and because she had three different lenses on the courts that she could represent the South West on the working group. They are looking for people from all aspects of care. CMHA Ontario is chairing that.

• **Federal Corrections discussion** – Mental Health strategy for corrections has not moved forward in the fashion that they had suggested it was going to a few years ago. So what we see with the feds is that they are cutting most of the community corrections services. That poses a very significant issue for all of our communities because people are staying in prison longer and when they come out they are less connected and have less skills at reintegrating into the community in a prosocial and meaningful way. Going to be a very large problem very soon in everyone's backyard. If anyone has any thoughts on how to integrate federal corrections people as they don't understand mental health as mental health providers understand mental health. The issue with the risk management is significant so there is a big gap for those individuals coming back.

# **Regional Updates**

# **Financial Update**

- Financially doing well.
- If there is money left over at year end will look at requests:
  - Judy about buying some of the supplies CIT trainings
  - Liz we could pay for publication of the booklets again if you can just keep that in mind
  - Mike McMahon from Oxford to send request for funds to Liz, Heather D. and Claude

# **Local Updates:**

- Elgin County
  - Continuing to do the lunch and learns. We have different local agency's host it at the court house
  - Started some of the Crisis Intervention Training Modules with Judy's group
  - Looking to start our Mental Health Court in January.
- Oxford
  - On the basis of the Crisis Intervention training that has been provided over the past 2 1/2 years the OPP have launched a mental health team called the Crisis Intervention Team for Oxford OPP. Launching in the

winter/spring.

- Mental Health Court continues. Will have their first self-evaluation lead by the administrative justice on December 11/14 but has been operating since June.
- Oxford Connex table meeting once weekly for individuals at acute risk in the community. In the afternoon of the
  meeting the Intervention Team are making contact with the individuals that are brought to the table. The police
  are most often bringing the cases to the table and have seen four cases in three weeks. This is just starting here
  on a six month pilot.

#### Windsor –

• The court is working well. We have a lunch and learn planned for February where we are bringing in all the different sectors into the court house to talk about mental health court and what it can and can't do.

#### Lambton –

- Local meetings are taking an educational turn and having expertise from table presenting at meetings
- CIT coming up with one in Chatham and one in Lambton
- FASD training scheduled for November has had to postpone until the spring. If the training happens before March 31/14 that is fine. If this can't be used in this fiscal year we need to know so that somebody else can use this money.

### • OPP -

- Trainings next week in Sarnia.
- In the last three courses we invited 2 Probation & Parole officers to attend and it has been well received. Will probably continue to invite a couple more for the next few sessions as well.
- OPP working on a Provincial Mental Health strategy right now and is supposed to be completed at the end of March. Once they receive the final paper on that Judy will share it with the committee

#### • Southern Network -

- Their provincial body was approached by MCSS to develop a training package for police across the province.
   Includes developing training vignettes and course materials. In the process of writing up the proposal for the ministry. Part of the package is the Special Needs Offender Manual that will be part of the package moving forward. This will take 1 1 ½ years to put together. It is to help officers deal with individuals that have a developmental disability
- Sent out their newsletter
- Working in Brantford on Justice and Dual Diagnosis project with the police and a professor from Laurier University at the Brantford campus.
- Liz is having a difficult time attending a lot of meetings and would like to have Cindy Chatzis the Healthcare Facilitator with Southern Network attend these meetings when Liz is not able to. Cindy is a registered nurse and has worked on the forensic unit at St. Joe's in Hamilton and has mental health and developmental services experience. Agreed to have Cindy Chatzis attend when Liz is unable.
- Liz will talk to Cindy about taking on the funding committee portion as well and get back to H. Lumley

### • John MacKay (MCYS) -

Youth Justice – is anyone from Correction Service or Youth Justice at those tables M. McMahon spoke to. Mike will put John in touch with Lisa Longworth from the Ingersoll Nurse PR actioner Clinic who is coordinating the table and would be able to update on who is involved. J. MacKay to send email to M. McMahon to facilitate an introduction.

### London/Middlesex –

- November 1/15 SLCS launched our Order to Reside which is a cross between justice, homelessness, mental health and addictions in getting people in the pass ordered to live at the Centre of Hope into more stabilized housing through the housing first model.
- Haven't had a local meeting will have it next week so there are no further updates
- St. Lawrence SLCS have developed a coordinated access to care in London. CMHA, Addiction Service and any other provider that necessary to provide care for the individuals. Running into roadblock with getting a psychiatrist and medications for some of the people. One of the things that we found extremely helpful where the people that were notorious for falling through the cracks what we have learned is that sometimes when they are coming back to our communities they go to several jails before the actually get back to London and we were losing them in the system. That situation has been resolved when we have probation at the table who can track them and provide the information on the arrival and letting us connect with the people.

### New Business

- Just want to remind everyone if you do not send in your HSJCC update information it does not get to the provincial table and it does impact our voice and our viability as a region based on the fact that we don't have enough information to share. It is really helpful to receive that information and to be able to communicate back to the provincial table what we are regions are doing.
- Will send out Doodle poll to set meeting dates for 2015.
- Along the way we will have a review of the chair in the spring or the fall at one of the meetings. It seems more advantageous to have people call in just based on schedules. H. Lumley is happy to host a face to face if that makes sense for people or is also happy to host an OTN if that makes sense to people.
- We will make sure we have OTN for the next meeting.

 OTN information will be emailed prior to meeting

# **Next Meeting: TBD**

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