

Waterloo-Wellington Human Services Justice Coordination Committee
Minutes
June 20, 2014
Kitchener Centre for Mental Health - Boardroom
67 King St. E., Kitchener

Chairperson: Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Canadian Mental Health Association WWD

Recorder: Jean Defaux, CMHA WWD

Present: Janos Botschner, Diane Figura, Tobi Harris, Ian Izzard, Joan Nandlal, Sarah Nelson, Anthony Piscitelli, Don Roth, Aaron Stauch, Angela Vanderhyden

Regrets: Cheri Bilitz, Linda Elliott, Rhonda Frank, Christopher Goss, Kelly O'Connor, Marylou Schwindt, Doug Sheppard, Rob Martin

Absent: Jack Hunjan, Garry Male, Janice Sandeson

Guests: Carmen Able, CMHA WWD 24/7

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon welcomed everyone with a round of introductions.

Acceptance of Agenda of June 20, 2014

Agenda was accepted by consensus.

Acceptance of Minutes of March 21, 2014 accepted by consensus.

If there are any edits, please send them to Sharon; once finalized the minutes will be posted on the provincial HJSCC website.

2. Here 24/7 Update-Carmen Abel

Hardcopy handout of **Here 24 Seven** card and brochure (includes referral form). Should you want additional copies please contact Carmen at 519-744-7645 x4008 or email at: cabel@cmhawwd.ca or 24/7 website: <http://here247.ca/> The presentation will be sent out with these notes.

3. Mental Health Court Research Project

- The revised version of the report that was sent out on June 11, 2014. Jennifer Robinson, (Program Coordinator, Community and Criminal Justice, Conestoga College) has modified the report so it no longer contains any reference to the Mental Health courts in KW and Guelph. This reformatted report will be resent with these minutes.
- The committee agrees that Conestoga students, come September, will do a more descriptive review of the MH courts in KW and Guelph.

4. Community Concern for Discussion

Recently the provincial HSJCC committee passed down the concerns of a family whose son was in the mental health and justice system in Waterloo Region. Deb Gauthier, Aaron Stauch, Don Roth and Sharon have met with Denise and Dwayne Jennings to review their experience and recommendations for change.

Appropriate considerations were given to all issues raised by the Jennings family and the consensus was that it would be beneficial and appropriate to have the family attend the committee at the September 2014 meeting

Upon further discussion the committee thought that this experience/circumstance could be used to help review how well things are being done in the system today and the changes that are being implemented. The following topics could be discussed:

- What service connections and changes need to be made so people do not drop out of services?
- How to develop consistent training for consent management (obtaining individual consent)?
- What system changes have been made that parallels the family's recommendations?
- What mechanism now exists for dealing with conflicting professional assessments?

It was decided that:

- The family would be invited to the September meeting
- A report in the form a briefing note will be drafted by Don and Aaron reflecting how current changes in the system reflect provincial investments and changes along with any system-level recommendations – where appropriate the recommendations will highlight areas for local action
- The WW Regional HSJCC committee will “own” the report
- Once reviewed, the briefing note and discussion at September's meeting will be sent up to the Provincial HSJCC for review and further consideration as appropriate.
- Minutes of this discussion at today's meeting will be made available to the Jennings family

Janos left the meeting at 11 a.m.

5. Budget and Work plan 2014 – 2015 Review

- Work plan handed out; work arising from meeting with the Jennings family to be incorporated into the plan
- It is hoped that our report to the Provincial HSJCC in March will show how we met our goals; the report will also show what we did not accomplish. The official work plan will be on our website.
- We have \$4,000 in funds to use for projects; perhaps as we develop the briefing note after our September meeting we will want to use some of that money to move outcomes forward.

6. Updates from Provincial HSJCC – Sharon

- Last meeting was cancelled so not much to share
- Prior to Election Day a report on mental health issues was sent out to each MPP. One positive email response was received back from an NDP party candidate. Toby sent email noting she was happy ABI was mentioned in the report.
- Sharon has asked Angela Vanderhyden to be on the September agenda regarding Legal Aid adaptation of mental health.

7. Updates from Committee Partners

- CMHA WWD: (Sharon) Here 24/7 work is ongoing, Sharon will confirm with Carmen that Here 24/7 has gone out to the schools. Comprehensive full DBT team has been implemented, groups will start to run in September; MH and Justice continues to work across the region, Pamela Borghesan is now sworn in as a judge; Currently lacking a crown on the regional committee and in the Guelph courts
- Legal Aid: (Angela Vanderhyden) Starting to offer enhanced family services to clients-staff will meet with client to help with documentation. Duty council will represent client in court, allows a more enhanced service for client. Formulating a plan to provide the same enhanced service in criminal court; lawyer is stationed in office, will have about 20 minutes to give to the person. Connection can be made to Legal Aid staff to help clients with ABI once the new enhanced service is set up and running; which day of the week will then be decided upon. Referrals will come from all over. Hope to give extra training to Legal Aid staff so they can be in court as well.

- Homewood Health Centre: (Sarah Neslon) Seeing increase in presentations; need acute mental health services and addictions services that are publically funded;
- Probation and Parole Services: (Joan Nandlel) Their 12 week domestic violence intervention model has been shortened to 12 weeks.
- DSCWR: (Diane Figura) Diane is replacing Wanda Hehn who is now intake coordinator in KW. Diane works with school boards. Sharon to send her an email regarding membership on various HSJCC committees.
- Travind (Tobi Harris) The LHIN funded a permanent full time position of ABI nurse practioner. ABI Support and Coordination Referral Form will be sent out as attachments with these notes. Direct referrals also possible through our web site: <http://www.traverseindependence.ca/en/>
- Crime Prevention Council: (Anthony Pischitelli) Our strategic plan is just wrapping up; the last meeting of the prisoner belongings group has been held. The process is in place and running, just need to get word out that project exists; will do email update next year...working group's sense is that their work is done. Decals in court house seem to have made a difference in awareness of the process.
- Lutherwood (Aaron Stauch) As part of our strategic planning we are reconforming hubs and pathways to clients. Youth justice has been revamped with all youth justice now under one manager. Probation counselling is now pulled out of counseling and put into youth justice. These changes have been done in an effort to break down some of the silos created by funding. It is hoped this will result in the client seeing the same worker through any transitions.

8. Future Meeting Dates (2014)

- September 19 at Orchard Park
- December 5 location to be determined