



Waterloo-Wellington Human Services Justice Coordination Committee

Minutes Version 2

December 5, 2014

Boardroom, 67 King St. E, Kitchener

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

Recorder: Jean Defaux

Present: Janos Botschner, Don Roth, Angela Vanderheyden, Doug Sheppard, Julia Manuel, Joan Nandlal, Mary-Jo Shearer (Lutherwood), Marylou Schwindt, Pam McIntosh (House of Friendship), Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Julia Manuel, Pat Smoca

Regrets: Jim Izzard, Anthony Piscitelli, Christopher Goss, Rob Martin, Linda Elliott, Ian Sykes, Paul Martin, Rhonda Frank, Toby Harris, Diane Lillico, Kelly O'Connor, Janice Sandeson, Sarah Nelson

Guests: Ryan Fritsch-LAO, A.J. Grant-LAO, Sarah Fraser- WRCPC, Asnake Meshesh–WRCPC, Diane Heise-WRCPC

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon welcomed everyone with a round of introductions.

Acceptance of Agenda of December 5, 2014

Agenda was accepted by consensus.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of September 19, 2014 were 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. Legal Aid MH Strategy update – Ryan Fritsch, Lead MH Strategy, Legal Aid Ontario, (20 min)

By means of a Power Point presentation (handout provided) Ryan gave an overview of the development of the LAO Mental Health Strategy started in 2012. The objective of the strategy was to review all LAO services and mandate through a mental health lens, study how MH&A intersected with LAO, hold consultation on client and service provided needs and involve stakeholders in the initial and ongoing development of the strategy and in the partnership initiatives. Next step for LAO is the release of the MH Strategy in early 2015. In the meantime several core commitments are under development, including training programs, updated panel standards, new/expanding programming, and intake interview and needs assessment tools.

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Joan Nandel, Ryan Fritsch, Doug Sheppard, and Pat Smoca left the meeting due to other commitments.

3. Crime Prevention Council Strategic Plan – Sarah Fraser – (20 min)

WRCPC is collecting information from the community on the following two questions:

1) What do you see as the root causes of crime and victimization in Waterloo Region?

2) What root causes of crime and victimization impact your organization's clients?

Input from the community consultations will help the WRCPC develop their 4 year strategic plan.

Based on the first question the committee identified some root cause of crime as: substance abuse, poverty, and lack of affordable housing, lack of outreach services, boredom, and lack of supervision for youth, lack of job opportunities.

Root causes of crime and victimization were identified as: poor supports/negative supports, crimes related to mental health issues, added crimes like breaches (don't understand the order), legacy of being a victim, shelter allowance

inadequate, victimization, barriers to success of opportunities, stigma, downward drift, sense of hopelessness, market for drugs, geographic islands, and untreated trauma.

4. “Briefing Note – Designing Justice Services for Youth and Families Who Experience MH and Addictions” next steps - Don Roth/All (20 min)

Don, Aaron Stauch and Denise Jennings presented the brief at the November Provincial HSJCC meeting in Toronto. Audience was very interested. Edits have been made to the document based on feedback received at that meeting. The recommendation on consent is moving forward. There is already some work being done on integrated service flow at a local steering committee with Pam Gillette from CAMH being the local host. If desired more information on their work can be obtained for this table if desired. The Comprehensive Continuous Integrated System of Care proposed by Ken Minkoff has been adopted by the WWLHIN. Currently a three month process has been undertaken to look at this health perspective. Don asked if the committee had 1) other changes to suggest and 2) if they had the interest to take on further issues.

Next steps: The HSJCC has some funds that must be spent by year end. Suggestions for using the funds included asking users of services why they would refuse services. Julia Manuel suggested using recommendation #5, as a way to create some data for the Consent issue in #1. Don will take the lead on this and when a decision is made as to how the money will be spent Sharon will let the committee know.

5. Strategic Information Agenda planning – Janos – 30 min

Janos asked if the committee thought it would be worthwhile to develop a strategic information agenda for itself. It was decided this would make a worthwhile discussion at our next HSJCC meeting. Please review the attached questions (from September 19, 2014 minutes) and either email response to Sharon or bring to the March 20th meeting.

- o What information do members/the Committee have that would support the group’s mandate?
 - In what areas are these information needs? For example (not an exhaustive list):
 - Planning and decision support
 - o Scans focusing on identified best practices in other jurisdictions
 - o Literature syntheses re specific issues
 - o Understanding local conditions
 - o Needs assessments
 - Accountability/knowledge sharing/refining existing services and systems
 - o Analysis of existing data
 - o Evaluation (formative, developmental, summative)
- o What would be done with this information beyond planning and accountability? For example:
 - Developing proposals for new funding
 - Knowledge transfer where we believe other groups/jurisdictions would be interest
 - Informing policy development and implementation through link to provincial HSJCC
- o Who are the audiences for this information, beyond the committee members?
- o What kinds of knowledge mobilization processes/knowledge transfer are we interested in?
- o What are our priority information needs and why?

6. Updates from Committee Partners

CMHA WWD (Sharon): Reminder that the next Provincial HSJCC conference will be November 16 – 18, 2015 at the Marriot Hotel in Toronto.

7. New Business

None at this meeting

8. Next Meeting Date

- March 20, 2015 – location to be determined