



March 6, 2023

Chair: Diane Quadros

PRESENT: Ilana Mizel, Dan Fox, Stephanie Robinson, Justice Shannon Pollock, Catherine Brooke, Melanie Garant, Nicholas Jakowiec, Roccio Alvarez, Colm Holmes, Marion Overholt, Kylie Ali, Whitney Kitchen, Steve Govette.

Regrets: Jayme Lesperance

Note Taker: Joanne Brown

Call to order: 1:17pm

1. **Land Acknowledgement**-Diane Quadros
2. **Welcome & Introductions**-Diane reintroduced herself to any new participating members today in the meeting and explained that she is taking over this committee from Marilyn Weller who retired in December 2022. She informed this is a bit of a learning curve for her. She comes with a lot of clinical experience and is looking forward to tackling this new committee.
3. **Review of Minutes of: December 5, 2022** minutes approved as written.
4. **Review of any outstanding agenda items**
 - 672 and Drug Treatment Courts dates sent from Justice Pollock and added to the minutes
 - Diane continues to follow up on the Lunch and Learn options /FASD was one topic that was suggested for a lunch and learn session. Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) are a group of conditions that can occur in a person who was exposed to alcohol before birth. These effects can include physical problems and problems with behavior and learning. Often, a person with an FASD has a mix of these problems. This topic is also being offered through the HSCC provincial website. Being presented in a 4-part series Connect through the HSJCC website for further information on training modules.
5. **Updates 2022-2023 Workplan Review**
 - Diane is in the process of reconciling 22-23 budget to ensure the money spent was according to plan. It's going well and she will have this completed within the next 2 weeks.
 - Working on the 2023-24 workplan if anyone has a submission please reach out to Diane.
6. **Workplan for 2023/24 Fiscal Year**
 - Plan to be submitted by March 17, 2023
 - Initial funding last term was for \$8580.00. HSJCC offered additional funds to locals and we applied for and received an additional \$4200.00.
7. **Updates:**

Judges

Justice Shannon Pollock

Drug treatment court was put on pause during Covid on March 2020. Drug treatment court has had no participants since 2022. Exciting news to announce today that we currently have a candidate for this

court. This is a pretty big deal. Justice Pollock shared that you don't often leave the courtroom feeling joyful working in the criminal justice system but, this news has brought a joyful feeling to all involved in this process. Very pleased that Ken Marley brought someone to this court on Thursday. **Participant enters bail and then attends court biweekly -the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.**

- 672 court in courtroom 1 and 3 on the 9am docket with fair participation.
- If you believe there are improvements are needed please be advised that I am open to adjustments. Things can be addressed and tweaked to ensure smooth transitions going forward.

Diane thanked all who are involved and who support people in 672 or drug treatment court.

Illana Mizol

- Sitting in court this week has been a testament to the value of drug treatment court.
- Covid put us on pause not allowing us to find a candidate. However, we now have a current committed candidate for the program. Many candidates are eligible but few are all willing to make the commitment.
- Someone has already met with Ted Baxter. Don't expect a pre-court meeting this week. Going forward we will be having pre-court meetings

Catherine Brooke

- Program runs out of the courthouse and is back to normal. Help out with direct accountability and drug treatment.
- Criteria are offenders with 1 minor offence can go through the programming with restitution and community hour diversion.
- Shoplifting, anger management groups are back in person . One per month but additional course can be added. Nicole holding session 6-7 at court house and Rob Pascal holding at 6:00pm at St. Leonard's house.

Stephanie Robinson

- Lots of change to the COAST/MH policing teams (Colleen Peltier no longer manager)
- windsor.coast@hdgh.org [Click here to view the referral form.](#)
- AmherstburgCOAST@hdgh.org. [Click here to view the referral form](#)
- LaSalleCOAST@hdgh.org [Click here to view the referral form.](#)
- MCRRT team receiving crisis training Sept 18th
- OPP crisis training is running this week

Nicolas Jakowiec

- WRIST: looking at how to reintroduce/reintegrate this service team working with the manager and waiting for community feedback on ways to reintroduce. Valued service all ok with it. Should we wait until court goes back to predominately in person to reignite this? In court is first contact with WRIST
- New Beginnings has a clinical social worker providing counselling to youth in the community involved in the justice system. Social worker works in collaboration with the justice team to implement goals and strategies for good outcomes.
- Say Yes to the Dress Event-any youth who is need of a prom dress can stop in to New Beginnings on March 25th and receive a dress and all that jazz needed for prom free of charge.
- Anyone wishing to donate dresses can do so at 1049 Jannette Street

Whitney Kitchen

- Judy Lai is taken a leave and Whitney will become the co-chair of the Situation Table for the time being.

Roccio Alvarez

- Updates: Staffing changes
- Criminal Duty Council -Lana Strain
- Family Duty Council -Melissa Botcha
- Will be starting on March 27th, 2023
- Looking to fill the gap for Nic Headon
- Currently have a criminal aid worker who is working remotely

Marion Overholt

- Holding first AGM March 7, 2023
- Legal Assistance hosting workshops geared toward family/family violence
- Pam Cross happy to do in person

Melanie Garant

- Continuing to try and raise the Indigenous profile and the Gladue writer profile in the community. Teaching our partners, them how to apply for it and when to use it.
- Goal to one day form an Indigenous people's court. We are reaching out to the First Nations for guidance and support.
- Justice Pollock applauds this great work.

Kylie Ali

- New Ministry of Attorney General
- CJC Community Justice committee is looking into the root cause of crime. Breaking cycles with people identified to the crown.
- Referring people to address this work. Making connections for them in the community. CMHA or MH Connections. Social programs for those with anger management, substance abuse, connecting employment resources through the unemployed help centre and promote reversing the crime cycle. Resolution based activity when clients are engaged in their matters. Resolve guilty pleas without negative consequences.
- Eligibility? Any crown can refer /easily accepted
- Justice Pollock thinks this program sounds like positive thing and could prevent some from drug treatment by accessing this instead. Remand stage would be remanded over.

Question: Would this be a good topic for a lunch and learn.

Action: Yes, Diane Quadros will add this to the list of educational lunch and learn options.

Colm Holmes

- Downtown Mission holding a meeting at City Hall March 6, 2023 6pm. Ronald Agostino, neighbours, community partners and Windsor Police will be coming together to address the issues they are experiencing in the downtown core.
- Increased levels of behavioural issues, property damage, violence on Ouellette. Increased presence of youth on Wyandotte.
- Increased levels of violence toward staff at Mission and with each other while staying at Mission.
- Community partners are always willing to offer supports if they are willing to accept the help.
- WICK working with SWDC integrating people back into the community.

- Shawn Father from Crossroads is doing an anger management session aimed to youth accessing that program. Nice to see young folks engaging.

Comment: Marion Overholt encourages all to support a difficult situation in the downtown core. The BIA has seen an increase of issues over the last 5 years and it has gotten out of control fast. Encouraging the facilitators of the meeting to have an action plan and an end game in place so the meeting ends well. Windsor Police are looking at how to handle the crowd control moving forward. Also, huge increase in grocery costs, increasing heating bills etc. everything is happening at once which is so unfortunate. Great work to the community for all the support they have been giving to the mission.

8. Regional Report:

- Updates from the Regional HSJCC- Diane email and submitted her name for email list. She also met with Trevor from the London HSJCC who will update the Terms of Reference. Once received Diane will forward it to the committee for feedback/discussion. Trevor indicated that each local HSJCC should have consumer representation. How is that going to look? How do we encourage the right person and have them ready for the next meeting? Stay tuned. Also, need to update the membership list.

Action: Diane to forward HSJCC Terms of Reference to committee by next meeting for review.

Action: Committee to send any updates to membership list.

9. New Business

- Subcommittee: Diane will review the current list and call for any updates. Membership is constantly changing. We are trying to keep on top of all the changes. Regional HSJCC is aware of our umbrella of membership whether it is at the common HSJCC level, Subcommittee level or the Lunch and Learn committee level. Diane will move forward with an upcoming Subcommittee level meeting and get this back up and running regularly. Planning for our lunch and learns is on her radar. Stay tuned.
- Justice Pollock thinks having these meetings in person again at the court house would benefit lawyers. A time to refresh and re-introduce all of the programs that are currently being offered. Representatives from each program could take a few minutes to share what their programs are all about. Would be very helpful post covid. Beneficial to crowns and defense.
- Our justice population and other audiences would benefit from a lunch and learn targeted at behaviours exhibited by those experiencing MH & addiction issues. Who is responsible? Who manages them on the streets? What are the policing issues? What forms can I use? There has been a lot of turnover on the frontline in the community and people are perplexed as to why when those experiencing MH are taken to hospital why aren't they not being kept? Need education on legislation around this. This question has been coming up a lot lately.

10. **Covid related Updates**-Will be removing this from the agenda moving forward.

11. **Other?**

Next Meeting-June 5, 2023@1:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 1:57pm.

1. Meeting Schedule for 2023

- June 5
- September 5 (Note: This is a Tuesday due to the holiday)
- December 4