

York Region & South Simcoe Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee (YRSS – HSJCC) Minutes

February 10, 2014

Location: Canadian Mental Health Association, Aurora Office, 1st Floor Meeting Room

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Participants

Divna Peric-Todorovic, Doreen Francis, Erika Chang, Jonathan King (Co-Chair), Kelly Cetnarski, Lorelei Prout, Lynn Rooney, Mukib Khan (Minute)

Regrets:

Ann Johnson, Carrie Dinsmore, Chochi Knott, Crystal Kukucska, Michele Charney, Renee Rerup

Review of previous minutes

Last meeting of January 20, 2014 could not be held due to incomplete quorum. September 26, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Review of agenda

No new agenda items.

Review action items from previous meeting:

Review of PHSJCC meeting. There were mixed responses of different presentations. Some found the conference to be overwhelming due to packed contents in such breadth of time. However, overall impressions were positive. Possibility of selecting keynote speakers for future YRSS – HSJCC conferences were discussed.

ACTION

Sub-committee to decide.

New Business:

Chris Battler has retired and MCSS has not sent a replacement member yet. Mukib contacted MCSS and John Erskine-Kellie, Program Supervisor of Developmental Services has agreed to be the contact person for now.

Mukib will send John meeting minutes and a request to attend next meeting.

Members agreed to meet alternately at 1 PM in Aurora and at 5 PM in Newmarket Court House Lawyers' Lounge on 2nd Mondays of every month.

Jonathan provided PHSJCC updates on the Legal Aid Mental Health Strategy Paper & the Bail Experts Table Recommendations. Not all recommendations may materialize – will depend on the availability of funds.

Housing program in York Region.

Kelly Cetnarski will send an email with attachment.

Collections of personal property/belongings from correctional facilities were briefly discussed. Currently clients have to go back to custody for a day to collect their belongings. Can YRSS – HSJCC send a recommendation for a better outcome?

Deferred as an agenda item for next meeting.

Future Training & Planning:

Subcommittee members, Crystal, Jonathan, Kelly & Lynn will decide Conference topic to focus on youth.

Sub-committee will meet on Feb 20th in Aurora CMHA – YR office at 2pm.

Terms of reference:

Sub-committee members Crystal K, Jonathan K & Michele C will meet to update terms of reference.

No timeline was set.

Chair Position

YRSS – HSJCC receive about \$15,000.00 a year for meeting expenses. Money is disbursed through CMHA – YR. It is up to the committee to decide how they want to spend that money. Last year this money was spent on conferences, food and keynote speakers' accommodations, etc. Any unused money has to go back to the government. Should the committee get dissolved for any reason, this money will not be available for any other purpose.

Will review again next meeting.

Jonathan proposed a new co-chair take over the lead from him. Volunteer was requested from the membership.

Agency Updates:

Committee members will provide update of their agencies/organizations from next meeting.

Membership

Need for new membership was discussed. All members were requested to send out emails to their & partner organizations requesting new members.

Membership from Crown's office was suggested.

Next Meeting: Monday March 10 @ 5 pm at 50 Eagle St., Newmarket Court House, 3rd floor, Lawyers' Lounge.