

York Region & South Simcoe Human Services Justice Coordinating Committee Minutes

January 12, 2015

Location: YSSN Main Office, 240 Edward St., Aurora, Lake Superior Room

Time: 1:00 – 2:15 PM

Participants

Crystal Kukucska, Doreen Francis, Jonathan King, Kerry Foschia, Lyn Rooney, Michele Charney, Mukib Khan, Nana Kato, Natasha Halliday

Regrets: Ann Johnson, Amber Kuhne, Ashley Nicholls, Divna Peric-Todorovic, John Erskine-Kellie, Kelly Cetnarski

Review of previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved.

Review of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

New business:

Action

Check in: New member Natasha Halliday, Youth Forensic Clinical Coordinator from Ontario Shores was welcomed. Natasha handed out her program flyer. Her program's major focus is assessment for fitness and NCR. Members present introduced themselves to Natasha.

Natasha will write a blurb of her program for members.

Lunch & Learn Series: Lunch & Learn series were reviewed. Lessons learned & experience gained will be useful for future conferences/seminars. Conference sub-committee (Amber, Crystal, Jonathan, & Kelly) will meet on Apr 29 at 1 PM to plan for next conference, likely to be held in 2016. Meeting will be held at CMHA's new office in 1101 Nicholson Rd., Unit 4 – 5, Newmarket, at Meeting room C.

Mukib to contact EA for room booking

Dr. Hammond's name was suggested as one of the probable keynote speakers for the next conference.

Crystal to follow-up.

Membership: Meeting attendance continues to remain low which is becoming very frustrating for members who are attending regularly. Challenges remain on how to add value to membership to increase meeting attendance. Ideas on how to increase attendance/membership are welcome. Members are encouraged to send their ideas to committee chairs or bring to next meeting.

Jonathan to send out a letter to all members.

Membership sub-committee (Amber, Lynn, & Michelle) to prepare a blurb on the committee's objectives, works etc. It will be sent out to all members.

Deferred.

Welcome Package: Jonathan went over Provincial HSJCC's 'new member welcome package'. Members are encouraged to go through it.

Mukib to upload in HSJCC York region website.

Website: Amber, Jonathan, & Mukib updated website. Members are encouraged to visit the site and give creative input.

Budget: Committee has money to spend on attending and organizing conferences, administrative costs (such as food & beverage, supplies, mileage, accommodation,

gifts etc.).

Next PHSJCC conference is in November 2015. Like previous years, committee will pay for 5 -6 members to attend this conference.

Mukib to follow-up.

Agency Updates

Natasha briefly explained the new program 'Youth Forensic Assessment' in Ontario Shores. Program flyer/blurb is attached. Problems exist due to few adolescent psychiatrists in the province. All new referrals go to Natasha.

Jonathan updated that CMHA – YRSS added new programs such as, Flexible Support Program, Rebound, Group Psychiatry, & MOBYSS. About 35 new employees were recruited.

PHSJCC is asking for abstracts for their upcoming conference "Mobilizing Community" in November.

Provincial committee will hire a coordinator to coordinate & liaison between different ministries.

Doreen is taking up a new position with Grey Bruce Addiction & Mental Health Services. Her last day at the current job is Apr 14th. She is expecting a Court Diversion Worker Post in her organization before she leaves.

Kerry updated on her agency: CHIRS (Community Head Injury Resource Services) has received expansion funding for their neurobehavioural support program. The program provides case management and community-based support to adults (18+) who have complex needs. These individuals have Acquired Brain Injury and mental health or substance use issues. The team includes behaviour therapist, addiction counselor, case manager and neuropsychologist. Neuropsychological assessments are available. Individuals currently involved in the justice system are accepted.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2015 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM at CMHA – YR office in 1101 Nicholson Rd., Newmarket, Boardroom A.