

Halton HSJCC Meeting

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Place: Maplehurst, 661 Martin Street, Milton
Present: Rhonda Frank, Gerry Watson, Andy Shepherd, Gary Calverley, Iain Leithead, Mary Lou McDougall, Gemma Napoli, Charon Kerr, Lorna Mitchell, Lloyd Bowers, Cheryl Gustafson, Stephanie McCann (minutes)
Regrets: Chantelle Arcand, Angie Kays-Burden, Allar Viinamae, Jackie Gordon, Carmelo Runco, Irene Zivko, Dave Fredericks, Monica Bettazzoni, Donna Sverdrup (retired in July),
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at Milton Courthouse, Court Boardroom, 491 Steeles Avenue East, 2nd Floor, Milton

Item #	AGENDA ITEM & DISCUSSION	Decision / Action	Timeline	Person Resp
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Mark Parisotto, Superintendent of Maplehurst, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He encouraged the use of their boardroom for meetings. If anyone has any questions they can go through Rhonda or contact him directly.</p> <p>Lloyd introduced Charon Kerr who replaces Laurie Jago from the Crown Attorneys' office. Charon is involved with the Community Treatment Court.</p> <p>Everyone introduced themselves. Geoff Currie has replaced Donna Sverdrup who retired in July. He will be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>Watching a video created by students at Syl Apps for the Give Respect, Get Respect challenge was added to the agenda.</p>			
2.	<p>HSJCC Minutes of June 6, 2012 Andy Shepherd moved and Iain Leithead seconded that the minutes of June 6, 2012 be approved with a change to Shelley McCleod's name in the Youth Justice Partnership Committee of Halton report.</p>			
3.	<p>Business Arising Peel Mental Health Court Rhonda reported that individuals have been hired to look at the process for referring special needs individuals to the mental health court in Peel. They will be looking at how it currently works, changes that are needed and then implementation.</p> <p>Focus groups have taken place and front line staff at Maplehurst have participated in telephone interviews to give their feedback. The results will benefit Halton and will be shared, when available. Rhonda will update everyone on the progress.</p> <p>Community Treatment Court (CTC) Lloyd reported that CTC is taking place every three weeks and there is an average of 3-4 clients every session. The recovery support plans are embraced and appreciated in the court. Clients are making progress with the plans, but no one has finished yet as it takes usually six months to complete.</p>			

	<p>There are currently 1 or 2 youth clients being served.</p> <p>They are looking at including peer support volunteers in the process to provide emotional support and to free up CMHA-HRB staff to look after other tasks.</p> <p>Charon reported that since CTC started on May 4th referrals have been increasing. Some clients have made significant progress due to the process as there are benefits that they can't get anywhere else.</p> <p>Referrals have been appropriate and no one has been turned away. Clients are normally already involved with probation or have gone through the John Howard Society program.</p>			
4.	<p>Sub Committee Reports Data Collection Project Rhonda reported that the Data Collection Project has been finalized and will be removed from the agenda. Valerie's report was circulated with the last minutes.</p> <p>FASD Cheryl reported that the Leadership group consists of 18 members and they continued to meet over the summer to review priorities. Guest speakers from Peel and Kitchener attended their July and August meetings in order to help identify the need and gaps.</p> <p>A small working group has been created to work on developing the Terms of Reference. They will be distributed to the Committee when finalized.</p> <p>FASD Awareness Day was on Sunday, September 9th. A Press Release was created and distributed to media and the Committee.</p> <p>Cheryl confirmed that the \$2,000 accrued for a Grant Writer will be spent before the end of the year.</p> <p>Mary Lou reported that recently educational opportunities have become available on FASD. Mary Lou will send the link to Stephanie for distribution to the committee.</p>	Action	When available	Stephanie
		Action	ASAP	Mary Lou / Stephanie
5.	<p>Youth Justice Partnership Committee of Halton update Iain reported that he is no longer the chair but can speak on behalf of the group. He reported that Cheryl was a guest at the last meeting to speak about the FASD group.</p> <p>The Committee is near completion of an electronic survey that will allow front line works to gather information on the kids they are helping in order to determine what kind of programs and services are being used and the gaps. The group will be meeting again this month.</p> <p>Funding Update Iain reported that due to turnover in staff and illness they only recently met with the contact from the school board. The target date to get into the schools is October but rather than target Grade 6 – 8 students it's being suggested that Grade 9's in High Schools would be better. Iain will have more to report at the next meeting.</p>			

	Rhonda suggested that they have a number of officers at the institution who go out to do anti bullying talks who might be able to help as well.			
6.	<p>Provincial HSJCC Update</p> <p>Lloyd reported that the Provincial HSJCC Annual Report was circulated with the minutes and it included a report from Halton. He had nothing to report as the next meeting is taking place next week, which he will be participating in via teleconference.</p>			
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p>The committee watched the video that students at Syl Apps created to promote anti bullying through the Give Respect, Get Respect challenge. There were over 200 submissions and they won first place. The link to the video is: http://youtu.be/8ObPq69a9Eo</p> <p>Gemma and Mary Lou reported that they have received no update on the funding proposals they submitted for the Safer and Vital Communities grant. Iain didn't submit his proposal.</p> <p>There was a discussion on the need to have a universal crisis plan across Halton, similar to what is currently being used in Waterloo.</p> <p>The new Police Chief is now in place.</p>			
8.	<p>Member Updates</p> <p>Rhonda attended the International Special Needs Offenders conference in August, it was very informative but not very well attended compared to past years. Rhonda gave an overview of both Maplehurst and Vanier. Contract negotiations will begin later this year. The institution has experienced a number of lock-downs over the past few months, but professional visits were maintained for the most part. All stakeholders are encouraged to continue providing service to their clients and were thanked for their continuing patience.</p> <p>Gemma Napoli, Elizabeth Fry Society Peel-Halton reported that she presented at the International Special Needs Offenders conference and the theme was women and youth with mental health and substance abuse. Gemma reported that Elizabeth Fry has completed the first federal correctional pilot program in the community. The program is a success as clients have access to services at their head office rather than having to go other locations that aren't accessible. The Elizabeth Fry staff at Vanier offer the Ministry core program which is developing skills for better living.</p> <p>Lorna Mitchell, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin reported that they were slow over the summer but August was busy with court programs, they had 10 releases at one time. They have a new ED, Darren Pennock, who works out of their head office in Brampton. The Direct Accountability Program involves accused individuals being held accountable through community based sanctions, they make these individuals aware of resources in the community.</p> <p>Lloyd Bowers, CMHA-HRB reported that they began strategic planning at the beginning of year, he thanked those community partners who provided feedback. It should be finalized by the new year.</p> <p>Gary Calverley had nothing to report.</p>			

	<p>Cheryl Gustafson, Halton Healthcare reported that they are planning for the new hospital which will open in 2015 at Dundas and Third Line in Oakville. They are also working on Accreditation which will take place in May 2013.</p> <p>Mary Lou MacDougall, Summit Housing & Outreach reported that they are also working on accreditation. They are engaging staff, it is well received and they are happy with the progress but it's time consuming. ACT is at capacity but accepting referrals. Transitional house is up and running. The person has to be independent to stay in the transitional house. They have two beds in Oakville and two in Milton. They are at capacity for case management in Burlington and in the North, but still receiving referrals.</p> <p>Charon Kerr, Crown Attorneys' Office provided her update during CTC.</p> <p>Andy Shepherd, Youth Justice Services reported that caseload numbers remain the same but have had an increase in the Milton area.</p> <p>Gerry Watson, Syl Apps Youth Centre reported that they completed contract negotiations and will be doing it in 9 months again as it took so long. They have temporarily closed the treatment unit and are working with funders to reopen it again. They have eight kids on the waitlist.</p> <p>Iain Leithead, John Howard Society of Peel-Halton-Dufferin reported that the Youth Justice Committee program has had a 50% cut in programming and the Attorney General is doing a program review. For the next fiscal year and beyond, funding will be based on performance. Since April 1 they have had a 12% increase in referrals from the crowns. They had a 100% success rate until last Thursday. It is a great program and it needs to be used more.</p>			
9.	<p>Next meeting The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the boardroom at the Milton Courthouse, if it's available.</p> <p>Gary will arrange for a presentation on the Toronto South Institution.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:05pm. A tour of Maplehurst didn't take place as everyone had already seen it.</p>			