

Guelph
Human Services Justice Coordination Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2013
Guelph Probation Office, 75 Farquhar St, Guelph

Present:

- Sarah Nelson, Sharon Deally-Grzybowski (Chair/recorder), Sarah Haslip, Christina Gilroy, Marylou Schwindt, Julianna Murphy

Regrets:

- Cheri Bilitz, Paul Wood, Rhonda Frank, Pamela Borghesan, Rafi Silver, Jan Wyman

Absent:

- Elizabeth Renfrew,

Guest:

- Julie Wise
- Cheryl Macdonald

1. Welcome and introductions were made. Julianna Murphy (Guelph Police Services) was welcomed as new members to the HSJCC.
2. Julie Wise, Trauma Coordinator for Guelph Wellington, presented on the Phase I of the Trauma and Trauma informed Project that has occurred in Guelph-Wellington over the past year. She reported that they held many focus groups with various Organizations and the community looking at gaps, what is affordable, what currently exists to deal with issues of trauma etc. One of the goals of the project is to determine what would benefit agencies and the people they serve.

Trauma is defined broadly in this context: Emotional or Psychological impact on someone's life, noting that physical trauma is part of the issue as well. Examples could include returning to community after being in jail, or being a new immigrant, etc.

Phase 11 scheduled to start January 2014 will look at a needs assessment to document existing trauma-related services, to identify gaps in services, and to generate ways to address those gaps;

In May 2014, Julie hopes to be able to present the findings and outcomes of the project and information collected.

The outcome of the initiative will be a collaboratively developed community action plan to ensure available, appropriate and accessible services for survivors of trauma in Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin. There will be an inventory of trauma treatment services that agencies can use for referral purposes.

3. Updates on the Guelph Drug Treatment court were shared by Cheryl Macdonald, Manager of Guelph and Cambridge Probation offices. Cheryl is a member of the DTC Steering Committee. She noted that currently DTC has 4 participants; the Court date will be changing from Mondays to Thursdays, starting January 2014; overall, DTC appears to be doing much better and gaining momentum. There is still the challenge of getting referrals and this may be an area that HSJCC can help with using lunch and learns. Cheryl noted that the exclusion

criteria for DTC are charges as a result of: domestic violence, alcohol, and marijuana.
Obstacle noted: housing – person must have supportive housing.

4. Marylou (OPP) reported on the success of the Learn and Lunch sponsored by the Guelph HSJCC on Dec 10th and Dec 11th for the OPP Services. The half day training included presentations on MH Court support and diversion, DTC, Crisis Services and EMHU – Homewood.
Feedback from the 37 attendees was positive; aided in increasing rapport and fostered relationship building.
Marylou noted that 3 of 4 platoons participated in this educational training event
5. Sharon provided updates from the PHSJCC as follows:
 - The PHSJCC conference in November 2013 was a successful event. There was a lot of positive feedback from new and past participants at the HSJCC conference.
 - HSJCC Conference Social Media Results were shared via email to all HSJCC members. The Communications Officers was tweeting during the conference and noted that tweets shared from the conference had reached 57,365 unique followers on twitter, with more than 600,000 overall impressions.
 - The PHSJCC is hosting a free webinar on December 13, 2013 at 12pm on THE HARM (Hamilton Anatomy of Risk Management) Tool: Implications for Implementation.
 - The PHSJCC in partnership with CMHA has requested the use of the template “Mental health, the Justice System and YOU: Understanding the Process and the People that can Help” to develop a province-wide booklet that will be similar to the one produced in Kitchener and Guelph-Wellington.
 - As part of this booklet, a draft flow chart map titled Navigating the Adult Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems was circulated for HSJCC membership feedback and edits etc. prior to inclusion in the booklet. Please send your feedback to Sharon.

Please Note:

Lunch is provided for all meetings. For catering purposes, if you plan to attend, please e-mail Sharon Deally-Grzybowski at sgrzybowski@cmhawwd.ca your confirmation or regrets and agenda topics.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 12:30pm-2:30pm; Location to be determined.