

Guelph Human Services Justice Coordination Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 25, 2014
Orchard Park, 5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present: Sharon Deally-Grzybowski (Chair), Sarah Nelson, Marylou Schwindt, Adrienne Crowder, Paul Wood, Jan Wyman, Cheryl Skirving-Mills, Kerry Manthenga, Rhonda Frank

Regrets: Paul Martin, Sara Heaslip

Absent: Christina Gilroy, Ian Wyman, Elizabeth Renfrew

Guests: Heather Kerr, Executive Director, Stonehenge; Mary Hanlon, MH Court Support Coordinator, CMHAWWD

Recorder: Jean Defaux

1. Welcome and introductions – All
Adrienne Crowder, who is replacing Rafi Silver on the Guelph Wellington Drug Strategy, was welcomed to the committee. Kerry Manthenga, also new to the committee and the new Clinical Director of Community Services at Stonehenge outlined her multi-faceted role. She will be replacing Cheri Bilitz on this committee.
2. Specialized Outreach Services (SOS) Heather Kerr
This service is funded by the WWLHIN to provide primary care, mental health and addiction services. Teams cover all of Waterloo Wellington and rural areas, are mobile, and made up of staff from the three categories of service. Each team consists of a clinician (either Mental Health or Addiction specialist), peer outreach, and a nurse. CMHAWWD is the MH lead agency and Stonehenge is the Addiction lead agency working in partnership with The Working Center (Kitchener), Langs (Cambridge) and The Guelph Community Center (Guelph). Referrals may come in from 24/7 Service, workers who meet people on the street, Bridges, shelters, 40 Baker St., police and hospital emergency departments. Criteria are: must be 18+, homeless or at risk of being homeless, living in tents, released from jail, and unconnected to other services. (Heather will send information on how to refer to SOS to Sharon for sharing.) An after-hours strategy is being worked on. Written material will be produced and when ready Heather will send a supply to this committee for distribution.
3. HSJCC 2014 - 2015 Work plan – Sharon/Mary Hanlon
Work plan was circulated and reviewed. It was noted that Item 2 Support the initiation of pre-charge diversion is ongoing. Mary Hanlon discussed running a Lunch and Learn for Guelph crown, defense lawyers, and other justice and community court personnel in early December. Sharon and Mary will pull together a working agenda and disseminate to the committee for their feedback. A second event might be planned for March.
4. PPSJCC updates – Sharon
 - The provincial committee is creating a database of all mental health courts in the province along with those working in those courts. Sharon will share this information with the committee when it is released.
 - There is a provincial HSJCC conference in November 2015. It is expected cost of conference will increase. Sharon will take this committees suggestion to the Provincial committee that the conference move out of Toronto city center due to high cost of hotels and congested traffic conditions.

5. Agencies/Court updates -All

Homewood - Sarah Nelson: Seeing a high demand for services. There is a backlog of people waiting in emergency departments and there needs to be place to put them. The issue is not a lack of family doctors. Impact has been seen from 24/7 not being able to get people into service in a timely manner. Wondering if, as there is more scrutiny on how long people remain in mental health facilities, patients will be discharged too soon? Sometimes a community transition plan is slow. Access to rural psychiatry is very slow. Homewood has not been able to transfer clients to other facilities for psychiatric care as all facilities seem to be lacking enough psychiatrists. Homewood would like to open a day hospital.

Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy (WGDS) - Adrienne Crowder: There is no middle layer of day care programs in the community. Homewood does have some day programming, but if they had a day hospital she knows there would be a huge reduction in backlog. Cambridge, GRH and St. Joes all have day hospitals.

The WGDS is managing fentanyl patches by adopting the same protocol as Peterborough uses for distributing patches. Used patch must be attached to page and returned to pharmacy in order to purchase additional patches. In this manner pharmacists and clients work together; if this becomes standard protocol for this drug, can be broadened to other opiates.

Drug treatment court update – process will be reviewed in October; Adrienne will share the information at December 4th meeting.

Maplehurst - Rhonda Frank: Experiencing a growing number of mentally ill individuals who refuse community services, especially from the geriatric area. Pre-release philosophy is to help people be more successful after release. She noted one example recently when she worked with Angela Alt (Service Resolution Coordinator) to enable early release for one individual in a timely way to access community resources before the weekend. For her it is about enhancing discharge plan.

OPP - Marylou Schwindt: Long Term care homes do not have adequate staff training to deal with mental health/addictions issues. Such clients are volatile and highly aggressive. TEMPO report referenced advanced training for the police; they are connecting with the LHIN to start this process.

CMHAWWD - Sharon Deally-Grzybowski- May need to meet at a different site in December as OP boardroom may no longer be available.

6. New Business

None at this meeting

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: December 4, 2014 - Orchard Park boardroom (location tentative) at 12:30 p.m.