



Chairperson: Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Canadian Mental Health Association WWD

Recorder: Sarah Schindler

Present: Sharon Deally-Grzybowski, Tom Gill, Christina Barraco, Jan Wyman, Jody Sheldrick, Johanne Noonan, Rhonda Frank, Rachel Doyle, Adrienne Crowder, Cheryl Skirving-Mills, Marilyn Dolby

Regrets: Rodney Cox, Elizabeth Renfrew, Tom Poray, Natasha Lemieux, Joan Nandlal

Guests: Lisa MacEachern, George Seymour

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon welcomed everyone with a round of introductions.

Acceptance of Agenda of June 2, 2016.

Agenda was accepted by consensus.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of March 2, 2016 were accepted by consensus. If there are any edits, please send them to Sharon; once finalized the minutes will be posted on the provincial HJSCC website.

2. Drug Treatment Court update

Deferred to next meeting

3. Crystal Meth Conference update

The Crystal Meth Conference took place on March 21 with over 180 people in attendance. It was well received, a lot of positive feedback. The planning committee will be having a debriefing meeting on June 7 to discuss next steps.

Link to presentations on WGDS website: <http://wgdrugstrategy.ca/get-the-latest/events/>

4. Youth Justice Booklet

In March 2016 the Waterloo Wellington HSJCC completed its second publication, *Navigating the Youth Mental Health & Justice System*, a youth-focused version of the original adult version, *Mental Health, the Justice System and You*. It is a step-by-step guide to the process as a youth moves through the criminal justice system as applied by the Youth Criminal Justice Act, with special considerations for mental health needs and information. A revised edition will be published in July 2016 that will include more in-depth information around the role played by the youth parole system. Please contact Sarah Schindler at sschindler@cmhawwd.ca if you would like to receive additional copies of the Adult and/or Youth Justice booklets.

5. Agencies/Court updates

Stonehenge: Rachel shared that funding has been secured that will allow the Drug Court Support Worker position to continue for an additional year. Rachel provides case management support and brief counselling, as well as assistance with referrals to additional services.

WGDS: Adrienne shared that they have two projects ongoing; one is a youth harm reduction project that arose from last year's work on youth drug addiction. There is an absence of good information out there that is relatable to youth. They have partnered with a graduate class at University of Guelph to assist with research. Any organizations that would like to be involved please contact Adrienne. They are also working with a number of addiction serving organizations, including WRIDS, about establishing some rapid access clinics to bring addiction medical services to this area. Please contact Adrienne for more information.

Bartimeus: They have been working in partnership with school boards and Lutherwood to work on smooth transition plans for youth re-entering the school system.

Maplehurst: Rhonda shared that they had implemented revised mental health strategies back in September – every individual is provided a mental health screen upon admission, flagged individuals are provided a more comprehensive evaluation with a mental health nurse. They are currently conducting a review of the results to date. Rhonda will be expanding her team with 5 more social workers and 2 additional mental health nurses. There has been an increase with individuals coming into custody with various complex issues. They are currently in talks with CMHA to have a dedicated support worker to assist with this population within the Waterloo-Wellington area. Crystal Meth continues to be a problem.

Probation and Parole: An increase of individuals with complex needs continues to be seen.

Youth Probation: Within youth parole there continues to be an increase of youths with mental health issues and who have been using Crystal Meth.

OPP: Christina shared that the Wellington County IMPACT Team, which is comprised of mental health professionals partnering with officers, is working well. There are time and distance barriers as the area is large, they are discussing ways to improve wait times and to provide alternative assistance in situations where appropriate.

Guelph Police Services: Buzz Dean will be attending when Tom is not able to.

6. Discharge from Court Planning

Johanne Renaud, CMHA Champlain East, joined the group via teleconference to discuss the Red Envelope program. Please see the Discharge from Court Protocol presentation that has been circulated for more information. Further discussion took place among the HSJCC members, court transport was identified as an important part of the process. There has been information to suggest that the province is interested in rolling out a discharge planning program province-wide.

Next Steps:

- Lisa to email example of medical directive to Rhonda. Rhonda will further discuss with psychiatrists at Maplehurst.
- Sharon will identify other potential avenues for handling property and speak with Working Centre about associated costs of their property management program
- Christine and Tom to identify potential contacts within court transport
- Adrienne to speak with Hope House, Royal City Church in Guelph.

7. New Business

No new business.

Proposed Next Meeting Dates:

- Thursday December 1, 2016