

## Kitchener-Cambridge HSJCC Workplan 2014-2015

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How</b>	<b>When</b>
1.	Support Geriatrics Initiative	There is an ever-increasing problem with elderly Accused with dementia in the justice system, most often on domestic violence charges. The justice system is ill-equipped to deal with these special needs Accused, and the forensic psychiatric system is an unsuitable alternative in most cases.	Continue with the Geriatrics Committee. Look for funding and partners for projects, including the idea of short-term geriatric respite beds.	Entire Year
2.	Promote and Increase Awareness of Prisoner Belongings Initiative	As stated previously, leaving a Person's belongings behind at Maplehurst/Vanier can cause significant distress and increase the rate of recidivism.	Various community partners, with The Working Centre taking the lead have come up with a solution to assist a person with retrieving belongings from Maplehurst, or providing storage for the belongings before they attend at Maplehurst. There is a signed protocol between WRPS and The Working Centre.	Entire Year
3.	Support each other through this period of extreme change	2013 has been a time of great change, both in the Courts and the Community Partners. The Courts moved in April to the new building, CMHA and Trellis merged, Cambridge Memorial Hospital has recently become a Schedule 1 Facility, and other partners are dealing with serious budget crunches.	Understand each other's difficulties during this time of change. Support each other how we can, look to ways to assist and fill in service gaps as needed.	Entire Year
4.	Study Feasibility of Youth Mental Health Court or Youth Drug Treatment Court	Youth mental health cases are noticeably increasing in number and complexity. We are also seeing Youth drug charges.	Lutherwood will track their cases and report to the HJCC. The Crowns will track numbers of cases involving use of drugs and assess the viability and need for a specialized youth drug treatment court	Mid 2014
5.	Support Workshops/Guest Speakers	Relevant and meaningful workshops offer valuable information to community partners	Offer or sponsor workshops by HSJCC committee members	Fall 2014/Winter 2015