



Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: March 24, 2011

Meeting Attendance:

	Regional HSJCC Reps (Voting Members)	Ministry Reps (Ex-Officio)	Other Members (Ex-Officio)
Present	Sandie Leith (North East Region) Joan Dervin (Champlain Region) Katie Almond for Steve Lurie (Toronto Region) Vicky Huehn – PHSJCC Co-chair (South East Region) Joan Dervin (Champlain Regional Rep) Jonathan King (York-South Simcoe Region) Sharon Deally-Grzybowski (Waterloo Wellington Region) George Kurzawa (Central South Region) Mark Graham (Haliburton/Kawartha/Pine Ridge Region)	Chris Higgins (MOHLTC) Sheri Weisberg (MOHLTC) Carol Lang (MOHTCL) Bill McNamara (MCSS) Ashley Smith (MCSS) Sheri Weisberg (MOHLTC) Brian Smegal (MCYS) Curt Flanagan (MAG) Marie Fitzgerald (MCSCS) left mtg. at 10:10 am	Uppala Chandrasekera (CMHA ON) Michelle Gold (CMHA ON) Brad Davey (Connex Ontario) Linda Montgomery (PHSJCC Executive Coordinator)
Regrets	Alice Bellavance (North West Region) Courtenay McGlashen (Peel Region) Carolyn Donaldson (York Region) Gerry Fucile (HKPR Region) Mme Justice Heather Perkins-McVey (Champlain Region) Terri Soukup (Simcoe Muskoka Region)	Marnie McDermott (Community Network of Specialized Care) Sue Khowessah (MCSCS) Linda Munro (MCSS) Reshmi Majumder (MCSS) on maternity leave	Ian Peer (Ontario Assoc. of Chiefs of Police - OACP)
Guests	none		

Meeting Minutes:

Item	Discussion	Action & Person Responsible	Motion
1. Welcome & Introductions	<p>Vicky Huehn (Co-chair) opened the meeting at 9:40 am. Vicky introduced the new Executive Coordinator Linda Montgomery – she will send her contact information to PHSJCC members.</p> <p>There are 2 vacancies on the provincial committee. Southwest Regional Rep and HKPR Co-chair.</p>	<p>Linda to send contact information to PHSJCC.</p>	
2. Approval of Agenda and Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes	<p>Meeting agenda approved by Committee members.</p> <p>November 4, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>	
3. PHSJCC a) Quorum Discussion & Decision	<p>A discussion about quorum was held. It was proposed that a quorum for the HSJCC would be 50% plus one or 8 people. Today we have a quorum of 11.</p>	<p>Terms of Reference has been amended to reflect the passing of the motion – will be sent with minutes.</p>	<p>“Motion: That item (8) of the Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordination Committee current terms of reference is amended to as shown below: 8) Provincial Committee Meetings a)The Provincial Committee will meet at least quarterly throughout the year. b) Quorum of the Provincial Committee will be a majority of the voting members (half plus 1). Members</p>

<p>Quorum continued</p> <p>b) Co-Chair replacement</p> <p>c) Conference Update</p> <p>d) Ron Hoffman doctoral research</p>	<p>Lisa Cameron has resigned from the HSJCC as she has become a judge. An interim co-chair is required at least until November 2011. Mark Graham (Haliburton/Kawartha Pine Ridge Region) has agreed to fill in until November. (Jerry Fucile is the Co-chair of Central East). The time commitment includes a steering committee 1x month for 1.5 hrs plus all day meetings every 2-3 months.</p> <p>Future alternative to selecting Co-chairs suggested: have mandatory rotation i.e. 6-12 months – this will be discussed at Steering Committee.</p> <p>Sherry Sim has been selected as the event planner. Jim Cyr is the conference chair. Date for conference: Nov. 21-23 Toronto Marriot Eaton Centre, Bay & Dundas. There will be a call for abstracts. It is hoped the costs will be the same or less than the last conference.</p> <p>Ron Hoffman has completed doctoral research on the interRAI Brief Mental Health Screener. It is useful to police and other professionals in that it provides common terminology.</p>	<p>Mark Graham agreed to become interim co-chair. Vicky to follow up with Mark.</p> <p>Vicky and Linda to follow up with Steering Committee</p> <p>Linda will send out Hoffman's paper with minutes</p>	<p>attending by teleconference or video conference count as in attendance for the determination of the quorum”</p> <p>Sandie Leith moved to pass motion, seconded by Joan Dervin. All in favour – motion carried.</p>
<p>3. Discussion</p>	<p>Michelle led the discussion.</p>		

	<p>indicated this is also a big issue in Champlain region.</p> <p>The new list of options for the next provincial research project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients with complex needs, including individuals with dual diagnosis, concurrent disorders, individuals considered “high risk” and the “common client” • Release from court custody, including bail support programs, access to transportation and retrieving prisoner belongings • Mental health courts • Collaboration across the “super system” • Forensic clients • Youth • Access to and availability of Psychiatrists and psychiatric assessments • Pre-charge diversion initiatives • Eligibility criteria for entering community services for individuals flowing out of the criminal justice system <p>Suggestion to bring back priority list to regional tables. Vote in person at May meeting. New list will be sent out.</p> <p>Steering Committee is working on annual report - other members are welcome to have a look at the document.</p>	<p>Uppala will send out list (done).</p>	
<p>4. Regional</p>	<p>George Kurzawa, Chair of Niagara HSJCC, Co-Chair</p>		

<p>Agenda Items</p> <p>a) Coroners Recommendation Court Worker Role</p>	<p>Haldimand Niagara Region, ED CMHA Niagara Branch – recently served as an expert witness at an inquest into the death of client who died in jail in 2007. Inquiry finished recently with 20 recommendations with one of particular concern. “Where mental health court diversion exists, CMHA branch, they communicate that client has mental health issues to the institution with in 24 hours”.</p> <p>This recommendation doesn’t take into account that there are, of course, other agencies working with clients and that CMHA doesn’t work 24/7. Person was in segregation for 8 days, acutely psychotic. Michelle Gold and George Kurzawa have spoken about this issue. Other recommendations include training. Michelle indicated that CMHA will comply with recommendation that is specific to them. A letter will be sent to Coroner’s office to draw attention to the needs of anyone who comes in with a mental illness and that CMHA is not the only provider of court diversion programs. Many recommendations involved time limited actions but these seem arbitrary.</p> <p>Brad Davey – there was a similar tragedy at Walkerton jail so a system was developed to inform custodial staff of mental health concerns. Reference: Bradley Peel inquest.</p> <p>Sandie Leith – Her agency has a form that is completed and a phone call is made when a client goes into custody.</p> <p>Follow up: Look at MOU's between agencies providing court diversion and the health care unit of custody setting.</p> <p>Chris Higgins – Personal health information can only be communicated to a health care custodian. It is important to be clear about what agencies take on as they may be accepting an implied duty. Detention centres are supposed to do medical assessment within 24 hours, which should include mental health issues. This doesn’t always happen. Unfortunately many have misunderstanding of P-HIPPA and</p>	<p>Michelle to prepare letter to Coroner’s office</p>	
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<p>b) Prisoner Belongings</p>	<p>don't understand their ability to share information when there is serious concern about someone's health. Training around this and the mental health system in general is needed.</p> <p>Katie Almond - MCSCS – Under community safety act probation officers can release information if acting in good faith.</p> <p>PHSJCC to draft a brief note – one pager - with suggestions about how to do things differently to help prevent such tragedies.</p> <p>Also good to develop an information memo. Privacy Commissioner can support.</p> <p>George agreed to provide a brief article for the PHSJCC Newsletter about this issue. April 6 – belongings issue, Sharon will prepare a paper about the prisoner belongings issue for the newsletter.</p> <p>Brian Smegal indicated that Criminal Justice Ontario could use this same information.</p> <p>Was also discussed earlier in meeting under priority setting. Prisoner belongings issue being recommended for a provincial study. Document by Steven Potje, Grand River CMHA circulated. This issue has been raised at other regional tables as well.</p> <p>ODSP – people are still getting their ODSP cut off when they enter custody although this is contrary to finding in Eluck. A judge declared by the court that a person can't be made ineligible for ODSP in custody and that they can't be disqualified. ODSP eligibility while in custody affects ability to pay rent. A corporate memo has been issued to MCSS regional offices yet it is inconsistently applied. It seems to be an issue decided by each MCSS regional office.</p>	<p>Katie Almond, George Kurzawa, Sandie Leith, Uppala Chandrasekera and Brian Smegal will work on a brief document that will be sent in response.</p> <p>Item for Steering Committee – develop information memo. Michelle will send pdf of coroner's report to Linda</p> <p>George Kurzawa will provide article for PHSJCC newsletter</p>	
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	<p>This issue is a Provincial Issue. What is the role of the PHSJCC?</p> <p>Do we need more information? What is already happening? Suggestion to contact St. Leonards, Elizabeth Fry Society and John Howard Society for more information. John Howard released a report last year. This issue could be considered both policy inquiry and advocacy.</p>	<p>Linda will explore this issue – find out what is happening in other jurisdictions, provinces and states</p>	
<p>5. Updates from Regional HSJCC and Ministries:</p>	<p>See attached document for Regional HSJCC updates.</p> <p>Brad Davey - ConnexOntario has received base funding (25 k) for the HSJCC Website. Also received base funding from MOHLTC for an appt. booking function for problem gambling line. 80% of persons for whom Connex has booked appointments, attend appt.</p> <p>HSJCC website to be monitored by Communications and Knowledge Transfer Committee. If you have something that you want posted to the HSJCC Website, send request to Chris Higgins. Chris will then contact Jan Wighton of Connex.</p> <p>Connex is currently going through re-branding – starting Friday major ad campaign in select areas of Ontario. New names: Drug & Alcohol Helpline & Mental Health Helpline. Websites are being redesigned. Expanded mandate – built application for SW LHIN for Acquired Brain Injury services. 5 other LHIN's may get involved – it tracks client status in the ABI system.</p> <p>Bill McNamara - MCSCS – Change in policy related to agencies calling police about alleged assault or abuse. Police must be called. If organizations don't call police and it turns out there was a problem, there will be serious consequences. Concerns that this policy criminalizes people with Developmental Disabilities. Further, to be eligible for DD services, a person must go through Developmental Services Ontario application centre.</p>	<p>New protocol for passing on information for HSJCC website – send request to Chris Higgins first</p>	

	<p>George Kurzawa – Central South Region - COAST Niagara will be developed. Will be run like COAST Hamilton.</p> <p>Chris Higgins – MOHLTC - Corrections has difficulty arranging temporary absence, can be very expensive due to distance. May start to do videoconferencing. Could be used for intake assessments. Corrections are enthusiastic about this. Talk about video assessments at the regional and local tables. OTN most often used, can also use Skype and other systems. Please update your Connex information.</p> <p>L.E.A.D protocol – This started in one county then spread to southeastern Ontario. 16 police forces, hospitals, correctional programs, youth programs are involved. There will be an article in the quarterly newsletter. This is a good example of the HSJCC at work as this is a locally developed initiative expanded and could be made available across the province. There are other programs highlighted in the Police Mental Health Report.</p> <p>Forensic mental health – CAMH will be providing Out of Custody Treatment Order program. New program will try to keep people out of hospital beds and divert people from custody. Will need to integrate with the general mental health system.</p> <p>Carol Lang - MOHLTC in conjunction with MCSS are beginning the process to review the effectiveness of the Dual Diagnosis Guideline. The two-phase project is an evaluation of the application of the guideline in the field and phase two would be the establishment of promising practice standards.</p> <p>Uppala Chandrasekera – Mental Health Police Records Coalition. Several meetings have been held with the Ontario Chiefs of Police. Recommendations: OACP have agreed to remove any Mental Health Act identifiers upon release from</p>	<p>Talk about video assessments at the regional and local tables</p>	
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	<p>custody.</p> <p>Suggestion that this would be a good conference topic.</p> <p>CMHA Network Magazine – next issue will focus on Community Mental Health Sector. There will be a piece on the HSJCC.</p> <p>Policy & Administration Student CMHA Ontario will start in May and will join next meeting.</p> <p>Brian Smegal, MCYS – Roots of Youth Violence report has inspired ADM committee comprised of MAG, MCSCS, MCYS and also an advisory panel. Purpose: to increase collaboration.</p>		
<p>6. Plan meeting dates for 2011</p>	<p>Brian Smegal, MCYS – room bookings at capacity, Monday is more available. Ian Peer not available the 3rd Thursday of the month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PLEASE NOTE THAT FUTURE MEETING DATES ARE NOT ALWAYS ON THE SAME DAY OF THE WEEK. ▪ 2011 May 26 ▪ 2011 September 19 ▪ 2011 November 9 ▪ 2012 January 16 ▪ 2012 March 21 ▪ 2012 May 14 		

7. Meeting adjournment	Next meeting May 26, 2011 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm @ 101 Bloor Street West, 2 nd Floor, Pinery West Boardroom (just west of Bay St.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joan moved for the meeting to close• Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm
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