

1. Correspondence:

Please note that correspondence received by and sent from the WRPCPC office on a daily basis far exceeds those mentioned in this list. This correspondence section features letters specifically directed at or provided by WRPCPC but does not include correspondence of common daily practice or emails unless specifically requested by the sender.

Received:

- A letter from Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education, responding to a letter sent by John Shewchuk, on behalf of the CPC, regarding the “Say Hi” Campaign.

2. Staff and Committee Reports:

1. Facilitating Committee:

The Facilitating Committee met on April 28, 2010 to discuss the CPC Retreat that was held on April 9, 2010 and the next steps, updates on the Street Gang Project, the Justice Dinner, CPC information sharing through a list serve, the administrative alignment to the Region, and a research study about reported crime in the local media. In addition, FC developed the CPC Agenda. The Committee discussed the scheduled conference call with Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Ontario Crime Prevention entity.

(Christiane Sadeler, Staff, also for Tom Brenner, Chair of FC)

2. Communications & Marketing / Community Relations Committee:

Media coverage of the Justice Dinner included:

[Street Gang Expert to Speak at Crime Prevention Dinner](#) (The Record)- Apr20

570 News (interview with Jack Calhoun & Christiane Sadeler) – April 22, 2010

Rogers Daytime (Interview with Jack Calhoun) – April 22, 2010

CTV News – April 22, 2010

SNAP magazine – future publication

CPC displays were present at:

- 32nd Annual Justice Dinner (April 23) in Kitchener
- Block Parent Annual General Meeting (April 28) at Cambridge City Hall. Jessica Hutchison represented CPC.
- WRPS Open House (May 8) at Police Headquarters (Maple Grove Rd). Juanita Metzger and Tracy Jasmins represented CPC.

Tracy continues to work with the Street Gang Prevention Team for agency selection re: branding strategy; and promotion of the online survey to community residents through various channels (email, Twitter, Facebook, Regional Portal, LinkedIn, associated networks)

Tracy continues to assist with the CPC Future Plan Directions and Milestones and Goals and is working with a designer on final documents & web design.

Safe Cities #8 "Inside Prison: Behind Bars" aired on April 28, 2010. Thanks to our panel Graham Stewart, Rick Osborne, and Doug Dalgleish. A DVD copy will be available in the CPC office.

Safe Cities #9 "Beyond Bars: Alternative Approaches" will air Thursday, May 27.

School Say Hi Day is tentatively set for Fri. Sept. 24, 2010.

(Tracy Jasmins, Staff, also for Aubrey Walters & Bill Davidson, Co-Chairs, Community Relations)

3. Substance Use and Addictions:

The WRIDS Task Force has crafted a vision statement to compliment the Terms of Reference and drive the strategy:

"To prevent and reduce consequences associated with problematic substance use making Waterloo Region a safer and healthier community for everyone."

The Task Force is developing opportunities for key informant sessions and has applied for funds to support the endeavour. Waterloo Region Public Health has graciously extended David Siladi's employment into the summer, allowing for a more thorough analysis of the Gaps work to date.

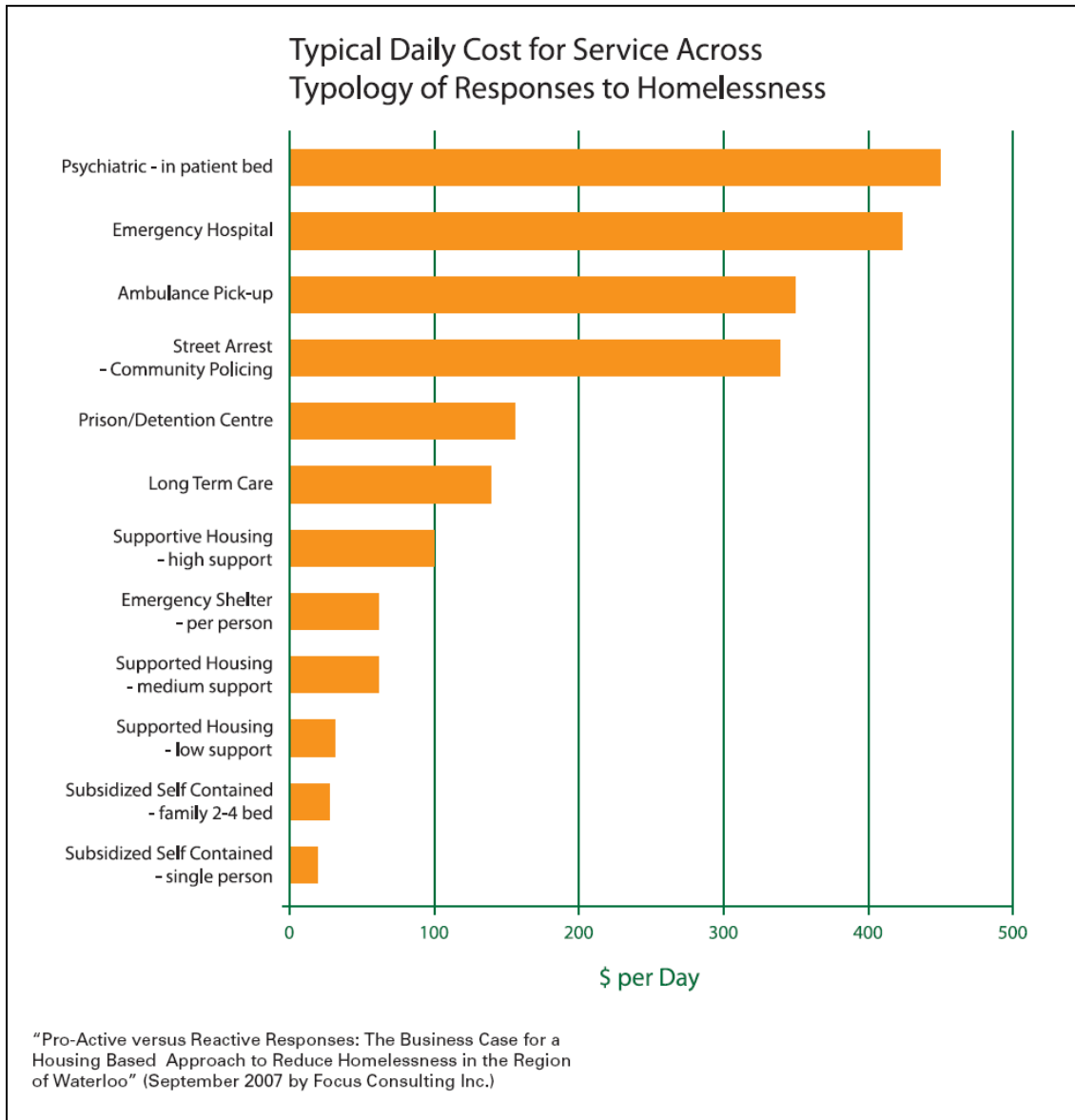
Michael has resigned as Chair of the Ontario Network of Drug Strategy Coordinators to allow more time for local projects. The Network was established by the Crime Prevention Council in November 2008 and we remain a vital member of the network.

An ITME donation of \$500 from Langs Farm Village Association was received in April. ITME is typically difficult to fund and every dollar or in-kind contribution makes the series possible.

Several inquiries were received in the last month regarding drug related issues, from Kenora in the North to Windsor in the south. These requests continue to be an on-going part of the Community Engagement work.

In April Michael attended the Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group's (HHUG) annual Report Card launch at the renovated YWCA building. HHUG continues to do great work and it is worth checking out their Report Card and website at: <http://www.hhug.ca/>

The following graph is a recurring theme in HHUG reports. It highlights the cost effectiveness of certain approaches to housing and homelessness. During the time when CPC established the local drug users group, appropriate and affordable housing was the number one concern.



(Michael Parkinson, Staff, also for Brice Balmer, Chair of IDS Task Force)

4. Violence Prevention:

During the April Violence Prevention Plan Implementation Committee meeting, the committee accepted the resignation of Leigh Golden. Unfortunately, Leigh’s current workload did not allow her to continue. During the meeting the committee expressed disappointed to lose Leigh and they thank her for her service.

The April committee meeting included a presentation reviewing the history of the Violence Prevention Plan and its implementation. An abbreviated version of this presentation will be shared at the Crime Prevention Council meeting.

Planning for a conference in 2011 also continues. A meeting was held including representatives from Waterloo Region Police Services, Conestoga College, Grand Valley Institution for Women, Ontario Police College and Crime Prevention Council where four themes were identified: Community policing, policy and perceptions of crime, children and youth, and restorative justice. The organizing group is now looking for input on speakers.

(Anthony Piscitelli, Staff, also for Bill Wilson, Chair of VPPIC)

5. Research and Evaluation:

The Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation met in April. This meeting focused on reviewing key informant questions prepared to explore the gap analysis-asset inventory into services for victims and offenders of interpersonal violence. These questions are the third phase of the research project which had previously included interviews with victims and offenders, and a survey of service providers in the Region. The meeting concluded with the committee reviewing the street gang prevention project community assessment research.

(Anthony Piscitelli, Staff, also for Tom Brenner, Chair of AGORE)

6. Future Plan Development 2010 – 2014

A considerable amount of work was contributed to the Future Plan at the CPC annual retreat day on April 9th, held at the YMCA Outdoor Recreation Centre. Thank you to James Howe for organizing this event. Council gave consensus agreement to move forward with the four priority directions which emerged from the Community Consultation (Education & Learning, Research, Leadership for Social Change, Organizational Development).

As a follow up to the initial planning work done at the retreat, a small Working Group has been meeting to further develop the goal statements and the Year 1 Milestones we are working toward for March 2011.

As much of our work is being responsive to community developments and opportunities for involvement, we have not developed Milestone accomplishments for Years 2 – 4. There is a desire from Council and Staff that our Future Plan be more developmental which allows us to build on the Milestones year over year based on our accomplishments and emerging needs with a keen eye to the goals identified in all priority areas for March 2014.

Staff, with input from the Working Group, is writing the overall plan document and expects to present an initial draft document for the June Council Meeting with a final draft available by July.

(Juanita Metzger, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Future Plan Working Group)

7. Street Gang Prevention Project:

The Community Assessment is currently underway. We have begun surveying students and school personnel in the WCDSB and have received word on May 3rd that the WRDSB has approved our project as well. Survey implementation in the WRDSB schools will commence the week of May 10th. Interviews with current and former gang-involved youth commenced on May 5th. A survey for community residents is currently being conducted and is available via Survey Monkey. We would like as many Waterloo Region residents to complete the survey as possible. Please feel free to pass the survey link along www.surveymonkey.com/s/SQKS3QS or direct people to our website www.preventingcrime.ca where they can click on the "Take Our Survey" link. A Facebook ad has also been developed to advertise the survey. It is anticipated that all results will be collected by the end of June with the final report being completed by late summer.

Additionally, the Community Treatment Team has begun the key informant interview, which is a component of the Community Assessment phase of the project. They have been meeting with gang affiliated youth one-on-one and also have been organizing a weekly focus group with youth. All of this is being done to help the project team get a better sense of what this youth populations needs are, do outreach and promote the program.

The project Work Plan was re-submitted by the project team this month. The original Work Plan was submitted to NCPC at the end of March, and was returned with many revision requests which NCPC identified as common for this phase. We have made all of the required revisions are waiting for approval from NCPC. Once our project Work Plan is approved, we will have the 'green light' to proceed to begin the Community Treatment Phase of the project.

The project team also continues to work closely with our project evaluator. A second draft of our project Process and Monitoring Evaluation plan has been submitted to NCPC as well. We are waiting for approval.

A major challenge the project continues to face is finding a joint project site that meets all of the criteria determined by the project team. We continue to search for a suitable project site that is accessible by public transit, large enough to meet our needs and fits within our project budget. We hope to have a site secured very soon.

The project team also continues to meet with potential community partners. There has been significant community interest and groups and individuals have expressed interest in being involved with the project in a number of ways.

(Rohan Thompson on behalf of PAC)

3. Other Additional Information:

Except from M.P.P. John Milloys e-newsletter dated Friday, April 23, 2010:

Justice Dinner: On Thursday evening, I attended the 32nd Annual Justice Dinner. Each spring, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council hosts a Justice Dinner as a public education opportunity. The event is attended by up to 900 guests and presents

topics on social and community development that are known to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime. This year's theme was "A New Belonging: Street Gang Prevention In Waterloo Region" and featured keynote speaker John Calhoun from the California Gang Prevention Network & Founding CEO of America's National Crime Prevention Council. Congratulations to Executive Director Christiane Sadeler and Chair John Shewchuk on another successful event. For more information, please visit: <http://preventingcrime.net/main.cfm?id=51A4A9B7-B6A7-8AA0-653CB075E4E1F780>

The Event **The Past is not the Future: Housing Choice and Demographic Change** on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Waterloo Region Museum (10 Huron Rd., Kitchener, ON) from 9A.M. to 8:00P.M. For more information please visit: www.region.waterloo.on.ca/reurbanization

4. CPC Member's Information Exchange Corner:

Received by hard copy:

- Homelessness & Housing Umbrella Group
- Lang Farm Village Association Spring Newsletter
- Canadian Mental Health Association Spring 2010 Newsletter

The FoodBank is having a one day food drive happening on Saturday May 15th. It's called "Dig In". **Christine Bird is asking CPC members** to bring a non-perishable food item to the council meeting on **May 14th**. She would collect the food and take it to a drop site on the 15th to be included in the drive.

5. Attachments:

Minutes from the March 12, 2010 WRPCPC meeting.

Future Plan – Goal Statements & Year One Milestones will be sent under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the CPC Chair and Staff.

Christiane Sadeler, Executive Director, WRPCPC
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