

CPC Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2009
K-W Counselling Services
480 Charles Street
Kitchener, ON
9:00am – 11:33am

Present: Iman Arab, Brice Balmer, Steve Beckett, Sandy Dietrich-Bell, Christine Bird, Tom Brenner, Todd Cowan, Bill Davidson, Lesley DeYoung, David Dick, Tom Galloway, Brenda Halloran, Jeff Klinck, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Maureen Murphy, Irene O’Toole, Katherine Pigott, Peter Ringrose, Don Roth, Mike Schuster, John Shewchuk, Lynn McCauley on behalf of Gay Slinger, Laurie Strome, Julie Thompson, Angela Vanderheyden, Reg Weber, and Mary Zilney.

Regrets: Shelley Adams, Pat Gillies, Kathryn McGarry, Yvette Rybensky, Steve Sherrer, Brent Thomlison, Aubrey Walters, Bill Wilson

Staff and Students: Mary Anna Allen, Ben Brock (intern student), Juanita Metzger, Tracy Jasmins, Andrea McArthur, Michael Parkinson, Anthony Piscitelli, Christiane Sadeler, and Lindsay Klassen.

Guests: Dr. Ginette Lafrenière (Wilfrid Laurier, Faculty of Social Work), Councillor Jim Olender (Township of Wellesley); Marion Evans (Conestoga College), Leslie Josling (K-W Counselling), Marty Schreiter (Multicultural Centre), Barry Zehr (WRPS), Bill King (New Directions, Salvation Army)

Chair: John Shewchuk

Recorder: Mary Anna Allen

Welcome:

John Shewchuk welcomed guests and members and introduced Leslie Josling, Executive Director of K-W Counselling. Leslie made a copy of their “Parenting with Passion” DVD available to CPC members.

K-W Counselling engaged in partnership with CTV to air an 8-episode parenting series called “Parenting with Passion.” The DVD highlights the social determinants of health using about 16 celebrity Canadians, local families and experts e.g. Christiane Sadeler. Additional DVD’s are available as a resource by contacting Deb DeYoung at deb@kwcounselling.com

During the meeting copies of the Little Black Book were distributed by the City of Kitchener and promotional flyers for the CPC “Safe Cities Series” were provided to the CPC.

No	Item
1.	<p><u>Approval of Agenda:</u> <u>Change:</u></p> <p>Steve Beckett and Brent Thomlison from WRPS will present the Strategic Business Plan at the December 11th, 2009 meeting.</p> <p><u>Added to the Agenda:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics Canada and potential invite. 2. SCAN Update (Bill 106) <p>Moved by Wayne Morris as amended and seconded by Maureen Murphy. Carried.</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Conflict of Interest:</u> None</p>
3.	<p><u>Presentation:</u></p> <p>Ginette Lafrenière, a professor with the Faculty of Social Work presented the Report Moving Towards Enhanced Services: Assessment of Gaps in Services for Survivors and Perpetrators of Violence. Please see PPT attached.</p> <p>The VPP Committee was interested in becoming familiar with the Report and thought that the CPC would be interested in learning from its insights.</p> <p>In April 2007 the Domestic Abuse Review Team (DART) approved the deployment of a research initiative with the following objectives: To conduct an assessment of gaps in services for survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence in the Region of Waterloo; To illustrate a mapping of services destined to survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence in the Region of Waterloo; to provide recommendations for enhanced approaches in responding to domestic violence within the Region of Waterloo.</p> <p>The framework which guided the research project was within the context and philosophy of university/community collaboration.</p> <p>There is tension in the relationship within different domestic violence spheres whereby in some spheres a feminist framework is inherent within the services that are delivered in certain domestic violence circles. In other spheres when speaking about the professionalization there is a request for workers to have MSWs dispensing more clinical services and long term services. Within that debate is a debate about the vocabulary “Violence Against Women” (VAW) as opposed to “Intimate Partner Violence.” There is a growing philosophy within the LGBTQ Trans community that they do not see themselves reflected in the VAW framework and that prefer the nomenclature of “Intimate Partner Violence” because they see it as more inclusive. The groups are not irreconcilable but there would need to be further discussion as to having one or two different services.</p>

	<p>There are not enough within the diverse community and not enough articulated strategies in terms of diversifying human resources. Even when an agency has a plan to diversify its human resource many times those that are identified as champions in their communities are overwhelmed. It is very important that allies get trained in order shoulder other individuals who are stakeholders within that diverse eclectic group of individuals.</p> <p>When speaking about youth there needs to be a focus on crime prevention. Many of the programs within the context of domestic violence are geared towards adults. There needs to be specific service delivery for that age group.</p> <p>Ginette commended Christiane for her continued leadership and infused enthusiasm about crime prevention in her teaching at the Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier and commented that through the leadership within the eclectic group of stakeholders within the CPC and leadership within the different spheres that are occupied there is a collective will in order to be engaged.</p> <p>It was suggested the CPC and Wilfrid Laurier form a partnership once a year (September) and have a series of seminars in order to get people around the table to talk about these issues and to develop objectives. There are 10 groups that have been identified. The focus would be on one group per year.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Anthony and Christiane will connect with Dr. Ginette Lafrenière with regards to Collaboration opportunities around family violence</p> <p>John Shewchuk introduced Julie Thompson was introduced as the interim Manager of Community Justice Initiatives.</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Arising:</u></p> <p>Christiane asked for feedback from the CPC in regards to the Consent Agenda and encouraged the members to use the “Member’s Corner” in the Consent Agenda until the option to share information is available on the CPC website.</p> <p>Moved by Mike Schuster and seconded by Tom Galloway. Carried.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC members to provide feedback to Christiane on the consent approach and send information for the “Membership Corner” until the website members lounge is completed <p>Tom Brenner requested a point of order. The approval of the Agenda and Business arising at the last meeting was seconded by Tom Galloway and not Tom Brenner. So noted.</p>
5.	<p><u>Member Profile:</u></p> <p>Angela Vanderhyden, Defense Counsel</p>

6. Fear of Crime Report Recommendations for Approval: Marty Schreiter, VPP Committee

Marty Schreiter, on behalf of the Bill Wilson, Chair of the VPP Committee and Committee members, brought forward the recommendations of the Fear of Crime Report for approval by the CPC.

The recommendations for approval are outlined in the Consent Agenda under 2.4.

The focus of the recommendations is a reaffirmation of collaboration of critical partners in the community (municipal governments, business improvement associations, the social service sector, and other broad community stakeholders) to work together to reduce the fear of crime as well as deal with crime prevention strategies and techniques.

The other most important aspect in terms of addressing fear of crime is an evidence based framework.

At the February 2009 CPC meeting the results of the "Local Area Survey" were presented. After receiving the results the Committee added some background literature and local context to the data.

The Report opens with a thorough literature review looking at different theories and the relationships between fear of crime and crime itself.

When the Report is complete it will be available on the CPC website and the Committee will also be available to give presentations of the Report.

Information is more easily accessible to the media because of the increase in technology. It is also important for agencies to be transparent and therefore information is filtered into the media.

Anthony commented that although the research did not include media it was covered in the literature review and although there are other factors to consider local media was deemed more important to community than the national media.

It was recommended as a strategy that the CPC arrange to meet with the media to express concerns about increasing fear of crime in the community. The CPC has met with the media in the past.

It was also recommended that the staff track (over a month) the types of crimes and the neighbourhoods reported and augment the findings the national data.

It was suggested that the CPC profile what the media have done well. Each agency could potentially gather up examples of projects that media has covered. The announcement today about the Safer and Vital Communities Grants is one example.

The motion is an endorsement of the direction of the Committee.

	<p>Tom Galloway would like to see the recommendations forwarded to the WRPSB and invited a committee member to present to the Board to see how the recommendations fit within its Strategic Business Plan and to see how the Board can operationalize some of the recommendations.</p> <p>Mike Schuster recommended changing the wording under number two the recommendations from Area Municipalities to Waterloo Region Municipal Governments.</p> <p>Wayne Moved as amended and seconded by Irene O’Toole. Carried</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy to post the Fear of Crime report on website • Anthony to prepare a 10 minute presentation (after recommendations have been presented to Regional Council) • Christiane to get the Fear of Crime report on agenda with WRPSB • CPC staff to track local media attention to crime and prevention over one month • Anthony to check national data on media attention to crime and prevention • Christiane and Tracy set up meeting with Editorial board of the Record • CPC members to gather up examples of projects that the media has covered
7.	<p>“Say Hi”: (Tracy Jasmins)</p> <p>Tracy provided a brief update about the school “Say Hi” campaign.</p> <p>The CPC participated in the Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade on October 12, 2009. Tracy thanked the volunteers: Christine Bird, Jane Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Irwin Peters, Laurie Strome, Conestoga College students, John Howard Society volunteers and CPC staff. There were nearly 40 volunteers this year. She also shared some photos and highlights from the day.</p> <p>One of the Community Consultation survey questions is about the different campaigns of Council. The “Say Hi” campaign is one of the activities of the CPC that is most recognized in the community.</p> <p>The Connected School Award winners were Christ the King (WRCDSB) in Cambridge and Elizabeth Ziegler (WRDSB) in Waterloo. These awards will be presented at upcoming school assemblies on Friday, November 25, 2009.</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p><u>“In the Mind’s Eye”:</u> (Michael Parkinson)</p> <p>Michael gave an update on “In the Mind’s Eye.” There are 15 free events in the month of November 2009. Approximately 600 people have participated to date.</p> <p>Rick Osborne presented at an assembly at K.C.I. and also presented to smaller alternative education groups.</p> <p>ITME ran two prevention programs called “High on Life” - one in Kitchener and one Cambridge. This program was done in partnership with St. Mary’s Counselling.</p> <p>All information is available on the website: www.inthemindseye.ca</p> <p>CPC has produced two reports about baseline data and a survey of overdose programs that exist in North America.</p> <p>One of the recommendations was to establish an ongoing overdose program in Waterloo Region. A meeting was held in January 2009 with the group “Stakeholders Together” to develop a training manual and hope to deliver training in 2010. Lindsay Klassen, the MSW intern, is assisting with this group.</p> <p>Michael was also part of a phone interview on the Jeff Allan Show on 570 News. No link available.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Prison Tour:</u> (Wayne Morris)</p> <p>Wayne Morris provided an overview of the Maplehurst Prison tour that was held on November 4, 2009 from 1- 4pm.</p> <p>A handout with reflections and comments from participants is available through the office.</p> <p>Wayne shared that the Maplehurst tour, from his perspective, was a lesson in what happens when we are not successful and recognition of our failures. We are not very good as a system at rehabilitation. There are some good programs in the Ontario Correctional Institute and in the federal system.</p> <p>CPC members shared that once those in prison are released into the community there is very little supports set in place. The work release process needs to be streamlined and connections need to be made within the community. The community needs to be a connected, non judgemental place that is not about crime and addiction.</p> <p>The CPC members were reminded that prevention of child abuse and neglect is essential. Many offenders are victims.</p> <p>Wayne had the opportunity to tour the Roy McMurtry Youth Centre in Brampton. It is very large and the building encompasses most of the grounds. It was budgeted at \$ 82 billion. There is a capacity of 196 and there are 50 teachers.</p>

	<p>David Dick, Warden of the Grand Valley Institute for Woman extended an invitation to the CPC for a series of smaller group tours.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to tour some prevention programs like the Fusion Youth Centre in Ingersol.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica, Mary Anna and David Dick to organize tour of Grand Valley Institute • Jessica and Mary Anna to organize tours of prevention programs
10.	<p><u>Community Consultation and Business Plan 2010 - 2014:</u> (Chris Sadeler)</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Anna to provide electronic link and hard copies of surveys for CPC members to assist with distribution. • <p><i>John Milloy, MPP and staff Connie Cogan arrive at 11:00am</i></p>
11.	<p><u>SCAN Update:</u></p> <p>CPC members discussed the status of the Private Member's Bill 106 (SCAN) with John Milloy MPP.</p> <p>The CPC members were encouraged to express concerns about the Bill to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills by deputation on November 25, 2009 or by written submission.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC to depute on November 25, 2009 and or make written submission
12.	<p><u>Safer and Vital Communities Grants: (The Honourable John Milloy MPP)</u></p> <p>The Honourable John Milloy MPP announced The Safer and Vital Communities Grant program. The program is providing \$86,892.76 for five local projects as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$19,927 for the Argus Residence for Young People for the Project Renovation Lives initiative • \$19,685 for the Canadian Mental Health Association Grand River Branch for the WAYVE Junior (Working Against Youth Violence Everywhere - Junior Program) • \$20,000 for the Langs Farm Village Association for the P.L.A.Y. (Police Learning and Active with Youth) initiative • \$18,280 for Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF) for The Three R's - Rapport, Relationships, and Respect initiative • \$9,000 for the YWCA Cambridge for the Roots of Empathy initiative

	John Milloy MPP also spoke about the Crown Ward Championship Teams, a Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Pilot Program. Family and Children Services and the school boards have partnered to help students continue their education into post secondary.
13.	<p><u>Statistics Canada:</u></p> <p>Christiane shared that the Data Networking Group of the Region of Waterloo announced that Statistics Canada is offering a free 2 hour workshop on how to use its website and asked if CPC members would be interested in participating. Those that are interested are to contact Christiane at csadeler@regionofwaterloo.ca . Christiane will forward any new information.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christiane to let organizers know about interest in Statistics Canada Workshop.
14.	<u>Other Business:</u> None
15.	<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <p>Moved by Wayne Morris and seconded by Sandy Bell. Carried. 11:33am</p>