

Minutes

Members Present:

Youth Now Connections/Youth Now Canada
Assault and Sexual Abuse Program
Centre York Center
Contact North
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cornwall & District
Children's Aid Society of S.D. & G.
Seaway Valley Community Health Centre
Équipe psychosociale
Situation Table
Hawkesbury Hospital
Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie
Akwesasne Community Justice Program
Glengarry Inter-Agency Group
Maison Interlude House
Sexual Assault Support Services for Women of S.D.G. & A.
Seaway Valley Community Health Centre
Youth Now Connections/Youth Now Canada
Maison Interlude House
Maison Baldwin House
Contact North
Canadian Red Cross
Cornwall Social & Housing Services
Bridging Gaps
Cornwall Police Service
Équipe psychosociale
Victim Services of S.D. & G.
Victim Services of S.D. & G.
Glengarry Inter-Agency Group

Alanna Wall
Amber Lust
Ashley Walker
Barbara Matthews
Brittany Hagen
Cassandra Wheeler
Chanelle Roy
Corrie Patterson
Elyse Lauzon-Alguire
Elyse Lebel-Roy
Ivan Labelle
Jenna David
Joseph Chatelaine
Kariane Natoli
Karina Boucher
Kelsey Dawson
Kim Hayward
Nancy Charbonneau
Petey Cameron
Rachelle Menard-Lefebvre
Shelley Roy
Stacey Ferguson
Stefano Delacosta
Stephanie Cassleman
Sylvie Linhares
Karla Ojeda
Chantal Prieur
Alex Dewit

CANAA Coordinator/Recording Secretary:

Stephanie Nalepa

Chair:

Youth Now Connections/Youth Now Canada

Alanna Wall

Guest Speakers:

Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team (VSMART)

Sherri Cameron & Shannon Griese

Regrets:

Counselling and Support Services of S.D. & G.
Breathe Peace
Cornwall Community Hospital
Carefor
Naomi's Family Resource Centre
Maison Interlude House

Farhana Meghji
Christine Chevalier
Susie Trotter
Tanya Mayich
Deborah Thomson
Linda Smith

1. **Call to Order / Welcome at 9:00 a.m.** – Alanna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call and Round Table Introductions** – All present were asked to introduce themselves.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Alex Dewit

Seconded by: Stefano Delacosta

It was resolved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes from Breakfast Meeting dated November 21, 2019

Moved by: Alex Dewit

Seconded by: Stefano Delacosta

It was resolved that the Minutes of November 21, 2019 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

5. Budget (November 21, 2019 – February 20, 2020)

The following was reported by Elyse:

Source	Grant/Income	Revenues Y-T-D	Expenses Y-T-D	Balances
MCCSS (annualized funding)	\$24,813.38	\$20,677.81	\$19,693.03	\$5,120.35
CANAA Bank Account	\$8,209.56 (Opening Balance)	\$4,869.42	\$4,470.02	\$8,608.96

Moved by: Stefano Delacosta

Seconded by: Alex Dewit

It was resolved that the budget be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

6. Project Reports

6.1: Upcoming Workshop: Technology & Abuse 101

Thursday, March 26 at Ramada Cornwall from 8:30am-4:00pm

Focus on technology and VAW

Presented by METRAC

Tickets are \$25 for CANAA Members and \$30 for Non-Members, and can be purchased on eventbrite.ca

6.2: CANAA Sponsorship Recipient

\$200 Sponsorship – Social Development Council of Cornwall & Area

Bridges out of Poverty is a one-day workshop open to all community minded individuals who are looking to gain knowledge and awareness about the social and economic impact that poverty has on individuals and our community as a whole

7. New Business

7.1: Upcoming Meeting Dates

- March 26, 2020 – Technology & Abuse 101 Workshop
- April 16, 2020 – Breakfast Meeting
- June 11, 2020 - AGM

7.2: Vouchers/Merchandise

Available:

- CANAA pens
- CANAA post it notes
- Grocery cards (\$25 each): 5 remaining
- Gas cards (\$25 each): 2 remaining
- Bus tickets (10-ride sheets): 8 remaining
- Thrift store cards/certificates (\$10 each): 19 remaining

8: Guest Speakers

Sherri Cameron – Cornwall Police Service

Shannon Griese – Mental Health Crisis Team

Topic: Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team (VSMART)

VSMART stands for Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team. Cornwall Police Service and the Cornwall Community Hospital have partnered to offer the community a co-response unit made up of a Vulnerable Sector Police Officer and a Mental Health Crisis Team Social Worker or Nurse. The team rides together on patrol to attend and assist with calls for service where a person is in crisis. Sherri and Shannon shared a PowerPoint presentation with the group discussing the following:

What is a vulnerable person?

A person who may be in need of community care services by reason of:

- Mental illness
- Developmental disability
- Other disability
- Age
- Illness
- Emotional disturbance

The person may also be unable to take care of themselves or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or serious exploitation.

Vulnerable sector climate in Cornwall pre-strategy

- 155% increase in Mental Health Crisis calls over a 10-year period up to 2017
- 63% increase from 2016 to 2017
- 81% of Mental Health Crisis calls resulted in apprehensions

Apprehensions

Based on the calculated risk of harm, officers make an informed decision as to whether an individual meets the criteria to be apprehended. This has resulted in an overall decrease in hospital wait times, and a reduction in apprehension rates.

Objectives

- Respond to calls involving our vulnerable population as a specialized health and public safety team.
- Prevent crisis situations with early intervention, support, referrals and short-term monitoring.
- Intervention tailored to client's unique situation and needs. Anything is possible!
- Reduce the number of apprehensions under the Mental Health Act through comprehensive risk assessment and safety planning.
- Enhance police officer knowledge, skills and awareness around mental health and mental illness through Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

The following questions were asked:

1. *Do the victims ever get sent back to the person who was taking advantage of them?*
Depends on the situation. There are situations where unexpected check-ins will be administered, or the person is relocated to somewhere safe.
2. *Can we contact you for any future situations?*
Yes; Sherri can be contacted for help or for advice. She can be contacted at 613-933-5000, ext. 2454 or cameron.s@cornwallpolice.ca
3. *Have the number of responses gone down?*
Yes, from 81% to 41%.
4. *Police need to fill out a Brief Mental Health Screener Report when called. Is the report filled out during or after?*
The report is filled out afterwards, usually at the hospital.
5. *Must you stay at the hospital?*
If there are not any further risks, then police can leave.
6. *Are you the only police officer on the team?*
Sherri is the only full-time staff member, but there are others who can fill in when needed.
7. *What happens when an incident occurs outside of your working hours?*
Other police are trained and have backup plans when need be. In April they are hoping to be granted more hours.
8. *What area do you serve?*
Cornwall and S.D.&G.
9. *Are the OPP involved?*
They are currently waiting on more funding, but are hoping that soon a crisis member will be working alongside an OPP officer.

It was discussed that those they serve are often seniors and those with developmental disabilities. Also, there was discussion about money fraud. Sherri then spoke about the importance of encouraging vulnerable individuals to have a power of attorney, and she addressed that training about money fraud is provided to all banks.

Sherri left her business cards as well as ones for the crisis line. If ever concerned about someone's wellbeing, she encouraged everyone to call the non-priority police station phone number to request a wellness check, or to simply call her for consult.

The members thanked Sherri and Shannon for presenting and Stephanie presented them each with a gift.

9. Information Sharing / Community Events:

VICTIM SERVICES OF S.D.&G. & A.

- Mardi Gras Feast & Comedy Night
 - April 17, 2020 at 6:00PM
 - Best Western Parkway Inn & Conference Centre
 - Tickets available at: Victim Services of S.D.G &A., 117 First St. E
- Human Trafficking: A Community Response
 - March 11, 2020 from 4:00PM-8:00PM
 - Ramada Cornwall
 - To register, please contact: karla.ojeda@student.sl.on.ca

CENTRE YORK CENTER

- Music Trivia Mania
 - May 8, 2020 at 5:30PM
 - Summerheights Golf Links
 - Tickets available through Eventbrite.ca

10. Future Agenda Items:

Nothing was indicated in terms of future agenda items at this meeting.

11. 50/50 draw:

Congratulations to Jenna David, winner of the 50/50 draw (\$20).

12. Evaluation:

13. Adjournment & Next Meeting:

When: April 16, 2020
Time: 8:30a.m. – 10:30am
Location: Ramada Cornwall

Adjourned 10:15AM