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The Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee is thrilled to be able to offer this second opportunity for people interested in our field to gather in a provincial venue to learn, network and plan to ensure that the services provided are outstanding.

When we met two years ago, our services were relatively new and the search was on for digging out the nuggets of excellence that were being developed. Now, we are back together again, sharing our successes and learnings.

There are outstanding keynote speakers and workshops to provide you with many opportunities to learn. There were so many excellent programs, that it was difficult to limit the content in the conference and unfortunately, we could not accommodate all the workshop proposals. We hope that in the course of

the conference, you will take ample advantage of the time to reacquaint friendships, develop new relationships and continue your learning journey.

The impact of our work is significant for the many people whose lives, or those of loved ones, are impacted by the human justice system. We thank each of you for your dedication to the improvement of their quality of life and involvement in their recovery journeys. We hope that this conference allows to you to build upon your passion to this work and that our community of support for the passion we have in this delivery of service is strengthened.

A special note of thanks needs to go to Marion Evans and her dedicated volunteers on the Conference Committee. They have done an outstanding job of putting together this conference and as we all know, this kind of work is done 'on the side of their desks' as they complete their regular job responsibilities. Besides ourselves, the people we serve are truly beneficiaries of their diligence.

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It is hoped that you will make wonderful memories and take home a basket full of information from this conference!

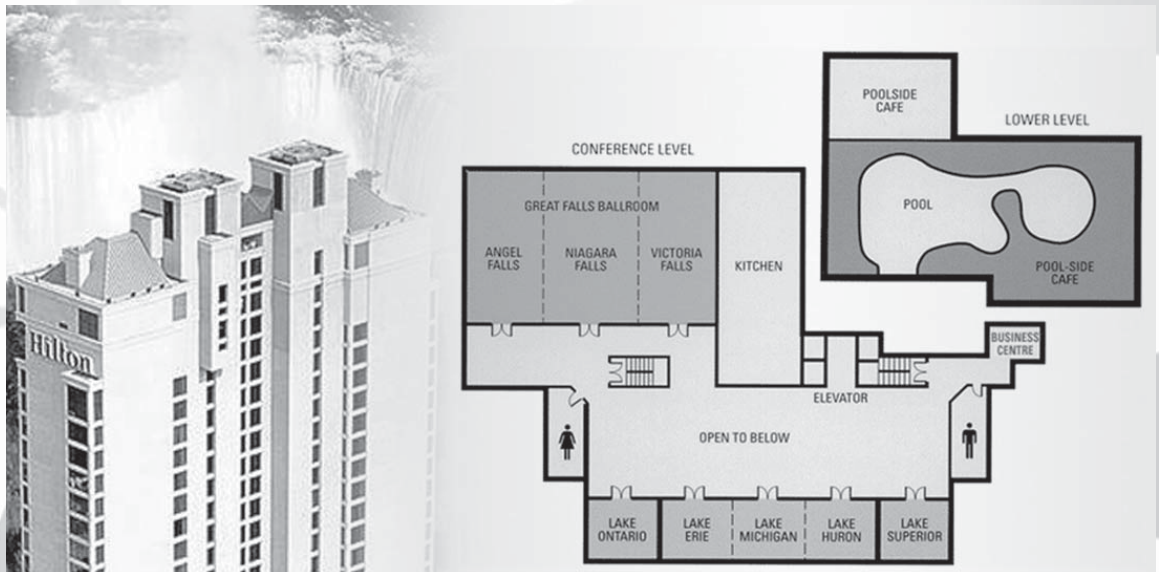
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Conference-at-a-Glance

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26		LOCATION
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10:30am - 11:00am	Minister's Remarks	
11:00am - 12:30pm	Keynote Presentation: "Seriously Mentally Ill Inmates in Ontario Correctional Facilities: Prevalence, Mental Health Care Needs, and Implications for Correctional and Mental Health Care Policy"	
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7:00am - 5:00pm	Registration	Foyer - Ballroom
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1:30pm - 3:00pm	Plenary Session: Mental Health Court Justice Panel: "The State of Mental Health Courts in Ontario"	
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	A: Lake Superior Room B: Angel/Niagara Ballroom	C: Lake Erie/Michigan Room D: Victoria Ballroom E: Lake Ontario Room
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28		LOCATION
7:00am - 12:00pm	Registration	Foyer - Ballroom
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Ballroom
9:00am - 9:10am	Welcome and Introductions	
9:30am - 10:30am	Concurrent Session 5	
	A: Lake Ontario Room B: Angel/Niagara Ballroom	C: Victoria Ballroom D: Lake Huron Room E: Lake Erie/Michigan Room F: Lake Superior Room
10:45am - 12:00pm	Plenary Session: "Reflections on the Roots of Youth Violence in Ontario"; then Q&A with The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry	Ballroom
12:00pm	Summary and Closing Remarks	

Program Agenda



Monday, October 26, 2009

8:00am - 5:00pm Registration

10:00am - 10:30am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Presented by:

Peter Aharan, *Chair, Southwest Regional HSJCC;*

Member, Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

Vicky Huehn, *Chair, Southeast Regional HSJCC;*

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10:30am - 11:00am Minister's Remarks

Presented by: The Honourable Chris Bentley, *Attorney General*

11:00am - 12:30pm

Keynote Presentation: "Seriously Mentally Ill Inmates in Ontario Correctional Facilities: Prevalence, Mental Health Care Needs, and Implications for Correctional and Mental Health Care Policy"

Presented by: Gregory P. Brown, *Ph.D., Associate Professor,*

Criminal Justice and Sociology, Director, Institute for Applied Social Research (IASR) Nipissing University North Bay, Ontario

12:30pm - 1:30pm Networking Buffet Lunch

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Concurrent Session 1

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Looking For Champions: Lessons Learned from the Tiffany Pinkney Tragedy

Presenters: Peggy Corrigan-Dench, Regional Support Associates; Gail Jones, Kerry's Place Autism Services; Lori Betts, Peel Regional Police Service; Jennifer LeBlanc, Community Living Essex

A

Tiffany Pinkney a woman with autism was found dead in an unkempt Mississauga basement in 2005. She weighed 84 1/2 pounds at the time of her death. She had been living with her sister and brother-in-law and their family. Many service providers had been involved in her life. How could this happen? The local community of Peel has learned some lessons from this tragedy but what can the recommendations do to ensure the safety of other vulnerable adults, in Ontario. This panel will discuss ways for communities to work together. Social services, police and justice sectors need to understand the risks and help to create safer communities and prevention strategies. We are looking for Champions to continue to advocate for ways create change to the systems that support vulnerable adults so that they are at less risk of abuse and neglect.

B	<p>A Growing Trend: Dual Diagnosis Clients with Forensic Involvement</p> <p>Presenters: Poonam Raina, Centre For Addiction and Mental Health; Anna Palucka, Centre For Addiction and Mental Health</p> <p>Adults with intellectual disabilities (ID), mental health issues and forensic involvement are one of the most complex groups of individuals accessing mental health services. Limited research has explored the clinical and forensic profiles and service needs of these hard to serve clients. The purpose of the current presentation is to describe and compare clinical profiles of individuals with ID with and without forensic involvement using a hospital based specialized mental health service. Both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis will be used. Client profiles are based on chart reviews of 78 individuals using inpatient and/or outpatient services from the Dual Diagnosis Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health between the years 2006 and 2009. The research presentation will help to enhance service providers within the mental health and criminal justice systems knowledge and understanding of clients with a dual diagnosis and legal involvement with regard to demographics of this special population, clinical needs, and service and support requirements. The presentation will provide further insight into the interplay of developmental, psychiatric, and behavioural vulnerabilities that can be used to develop better and more effective services to meet the complex needs of this client group, minimize future risk and facilitate community reintegration.</p>
C	<p>HARM - The Hamilton Risk Assessment Tool</p> <p>Presenters: Gary Chaimowitz; Dr. Mini Mamak</p> <p>In order to improve the discussion, assessment, and management of risk in inpatient forensic and general psychiatric settings, the Hamilton Anatomy of Risk Management and the Aggressive Incidents Scale were developed. These two tools will be introduced and preliminary data presented.</p>
D	<p>Effectively Partnering with Police to Respond to Situations Involving People in Mental Health Crisis</p> <p>Presenters: Bruce Kennedy, The Ottawa Hospital; Marybeth Colton, The Ottawa Hospital; Ron Hoffman, Ontario Police College</p> <p>Presenters will discuss issues in identifying and meeting the unique needs of people in mental health crisis, models of joint police/mental health response teams, police training opportunities, and risks and liabilities regarding police involvement. They will also include some very recent research on police apprehensions under the Mental Health Act, comparing patients admitted vs. not admitted to inpatient care.</p>
E	<p>Innovations in Justice and Mental Health: Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court</p> <p>Presenters: The Honourable Madam Justice Heather Perkins-McVey, Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court Steering Committee; Greg Motayne, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre; Johanne Léger, Federal Prosecutor; Hilary McCormack</p> <p>In May 2008, the Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court was launched representing an innovative youth justice initiative. The Youth Mental Health Court represents an effort to increase collaboration and partnership between the criminal justice system and the mental health service providers. In addition to community partners, A Youth Court Judge, Federal and Provincial Prosecutors, Defence Lawyers, Probation, and addiction or mental health and or serious substance abuse issues, Youth Services Bureau, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, and Rideauwood Addiction and Family Services each bring expertise and services to the court. Treatment is provided for youth with substantial mental health, addiction or concurrent disorder needs. A Youth Mental Health Court Worker provided by the Ottawa Youth Services Bureau works directly with youth who have been accepted into this unique program by the Crown Attorney. Application to the Court can be made by the Crown Attorney, Police, Defence Counsel or mental health service providers. Pre-court meetings and courtroom processes set the stage for in-depth assessments by a Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre psychiatrist and a Rideauwood Youth Addiction Counselor. With these assessments the Crown, Defence and Youth Mental Health Court worker can determine a therapeutic plan for consideration by the court in accordance with the principals of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The overarching goal is to provide appropriate treatment for mental health and addiction problems which are instrumental in the criminal behaviour of youth and to remove them from the context of the judicial system.</p>

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Health Break

3:15pm - 4:30pm

Concurrent Session 2

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A	<p>Lessons Learned and Best Practices: Providing Legal Aid Services to Low-Income Ontarians with Unique Needs</p> <p>Presenter: Kirsti Mathers McHenry, Legal Aid Ontario</p> <p>Purpose: To educate participants about best practices developed by LAO.</p> <p>Objectives: Participants will obtain: an understanding of LAO and the strengths and weaknesses of various service delivery models. Content: LAO provides legal aid services to low-income Ontarians. LAO promotes access to justice for low-income individuals by providing high quality services in a cost-effective manner; facilitating flexibility and innovation in the provision of services; and recognizing the diverse legal needs of low-income individuals and disadvantaged communities. LAO facilitates co-ordination among service delivery methods, with other aspects of the justice system and with community services. A significant portion of LAO's client base is made up of people with serious mental illnesses, drug and alcohol addictions, developmental delay, acquired brain injury or FAS. Clients with unique needs who face criminal sanctions have benefited from certain models of service delivery. This presentation will review the service delivery models that have been successfully deployed by LAO in the past. The presenters will identify best practices developed by LAO to assist clients with unique needs. Looking to the future, the presenters will explain some of the options available to LAO as it continues to innovate and strives to provide appropriate services to each client.</p> <p>Conclusions: Successful service delivery models share certain characteristics. The principles and best practices developed by LAO are appropriate for use in other organizations that assist clients with unique needs. Further, an understanding of LAO's approach, mandate, and services will compliment the services provided by other organizations, promoting better coordination of services.</p>
B	<p>A Model of Agency, Aboriginal and Institutional Collaboration in Release Planning for Inmates with Mental Disorders</p> <p>Presenters: Susan Boyles; Mary Martin; Germaine Elliott; Susan Skelton; Cora McLaughlin; Kim Cooke; James Leveque</p> <p>Purpose: To describe how a unique partnership between a correctional institution, an Aboriginal service provider and a community mental health agency developed to provide effective Release from Custody services in North Simcoe Muskoka.</p> <p>Objectives: Show how a partnership between diverse organizations emerged to deliver a service in a correctional facility. - Importance of "good will" in developing partnerships - Inclusion of Aboriginal community in planning, design and delivery of the partnership. Describe how barriers to service coordination were identified and addressed as the partnership evolved resulting in a stronger connection between the correctional facility and community services - Development of written protocol agreement as a tool to manage the relationship. Protocol will be available to conference delegates. Describe best practices - "what worked" - Institutional commitment to partnership - Weekly discharge planning meetings - Quarterly management meetings - Commitment to training and education - Describe best practices related to client service - On the ground - Job from a front-line perspective, including practices, statistics, case stories.</p> <p>Summary: Presenters: CMHA, Central North Correctional Centre, Enaahing Healing Lodge will showcase the results of a three year partnership that has improved planning for community re-integration for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal inmates with mental disorders.</p> <p>Conclusions: Participants will understand the importance of relationship-building, the inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives, having a written protocol, and that it is both enriching and challenging to have mainstream and Aboriginal mental health service providers in partnership.</p>
C	<p>The Ontario Review Board – Current Issues from a Forensic Client Perspective</p> <p>Presenters: Cathy DiFonte; Julian Kusek</p> <p>The Ontario Review Board (the ORB) established under the Criminal Code of Canada (the CCC) annually reviews the status of every person who has been found to be not criminally responsible or unfit to stand trial for criminal offences on account of a mental disorder. Clients subject to the ORB jurisdiction are referred to as forensic clients and are placed at various designated hospitals which have different security classifications. The Oak Ridge division of the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene is the only maximum secure forensic hospital in Ontario. We will explore current issues of Oak Ridge forensic clients whose lives and passage through the "Forensic System" are determined by the ORB. A brief synopsis of the ORB role will be presented as well as client experiences when they face the ORB annually, some for over 30 years. We will discuss the positive effects of the walk program under disposition orders, restriction of liberties hearings, and perceived ORB attitudes. Cathy DiFonte and Julian Kusek, both patient advocates with the PPAO based at the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene will co-present.</p>

D	<p>Towards More Effective Collaboration Between Police and Hospital Emergency Services in the Care of the Mental Health Patients</p> <p>Presenter: David Gotlib, St. Joseph's Health Centre Toronto, Ontario</p> <p>Presenter will examine the interaction between police forces and hospital emergency departments in Ontario during the period between apprehension of an individual under the Mental Health Act and the police officers' departure from the hospital. Rather than "how should these systems work together", this paper seeks to answer the question "how do these systems really work?" The presentation is based in part on an Ontario-wide survey of police, hospital personnel and community mental health workers. The survey responses (frank, direct, occasionally colourful and often passionate) illustrate the conflicts at the interface between the law enforcement and hospital systems. Inquest findings, and existing models of cooperation between police and hospitals, are also reviewed, and recommendations for more effective collaboration are offered.</p>
E	<p>Understanding FASD: Changing Attitudes - A Professional Shift</p> <p>Presenters: Karen Baker, Regional Support Associates</p> <p>This presentation is designed to educate those who work within the justice, mental health and the developmental disabilities sector about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Participants will gain an understanding of the disorder and the challenges it presents. Strategies will be offered for appropriate supports in all areas, whether developmental, justice, or mental health. Individuals with FASD present a challenge to all who work with them. What is needed is a professional shift in attitude if we are to support these individuals appropriately. This presentation will highlight the challenges posed due to prenatal alcohol exposure. Conference participants will learn about the unique deficits that hamper success for affected individuals. Specific issues related to the justice system will be addressed, including advice for lawyers, police officers, and court officials. Strategies for mental health workers will also be included. It is hoped that participants will learn to shift their attitudes regarding individuals with FASD. The shift in attitude should be from the individual "won't do" what they are told to "can't do" what they are told. A shift from stopping behaviour to preventing problems, from traditional behavioural and counseling methods, to those that help the individual from repeating inappropriate and often illegal behaviour.</p>
F	<p>Ottawa Mental Health Court: Looking Forward, Looking Back</p> <p>Presenters: The Honourable Madam Justice Heather Perkins-McVey, Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court Steering Committee; Helen Ward, Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre; Hilary McCormack, Ottawa Assistant Crown Attorney; Johanne Léger, Federal Prosecutor</p> <p>Since it began in February 2007, The Ottawa Mental Health Court has sought to increase effective cooperation between two systems that have traditionally not worked closely together-the mental health treatment system and the criminal justice system. The Court has sought to provide more positive and timely outcomes for accused persons with mental illness. The Mental Health Court sits three times a week with trained and dedicated staff, judges, lawyers, and a full time Provincial Crown Attorney and Federal Crown Attorney are assigned to the Court. A unique feature of the court is the weekly outreach mental health clinic staffed by a forensic psychiatrist who conducts a brief evaluation and initiation of treatment as appropriate. This clinic is used by out of custody clients referred by the Court who have not been identified as being either unfit to stand trial or NCRMD. Through collaboration between the Crown Attorney, Defence Counsel, CMHA outreach service, John Howard Society Outreach, a Forensic Psychiatrist and other community partners, the needs of each MHC client are evaluated and an appropriate plan is put in place. The Ottawa Mental Health Court began in February 2007 so we are at a point where we can look back at the outcomes, unique programs supported by the court as well as examining ways the court could evolve to ensure that the fundamental needs of persons with mental illness continue to be adequately met by the justice system.</p>

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Red Carpet Premiere of **"Psychosis"**, produced by the Ontario Police Video Training Alliance (OPVTA)



Tuesday, October 27, 2009

7:00am - 5:00pm Registration

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 9:30am **Welcome Introduction and Remarks**
Presented by: Peter Aharan, *Chair, Southwest Regional HSJCC;*
Member, Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee

9:30am - 10:30am **Keynote Presentation: “The Time Has Come”**
Presented by: Ian Peer, *Deputy Chief, London Police Service*

10:45am - 12:15pm Concurrent Session 3		*All session details are printed as they were provided
A	<p>Promoting Recovery, Reducing Recidivism: Durham Region’s Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Courts</p> <p>Presenters: Angela Bradley; Allison Perrie-Radoslovich; Justice K. Mulligan</p> <p>A punitive approach to addiction serves no one’s interests: courts and jails are clogged, individuals do not receive needed treatment, and communities are put at greater risk due to the chronic nature of addiction. Justice and human service systems can collaborate to develop humane and evidence based alternatives to punishment.</p> <p>This presentation explores the legal, financial, and ethical implications of punishment versus treatment and rehabilitation approaches to addiction and describes how Durham Region’s Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Courts were established as a cross-sector, collaborative approach to the problem of addiction. The benefits of these courts are explored from multiple perspectives (justice system, human service system, individual, and community). The presentation will share lessons learned from the process of establishing, operating, and evaluating these courts in Durham Region and discuss how this approach to addiction might be transferred to other regions.</p>	
	<p>Increasing Community Capacity for Dual Diagnosis Justice Services Through Partnership and Collaboration: The Central West Experience</p> <p>Presenters: Mary Lou McDougall, CMHA Halton; Nicole Christie, Peel Crisis Capacity Network; Wendy Mattson</p> <p>The purpose of the presentation is to provide participants with an opportunity to consider some of the unique and complex issues related to providing services for individuals who have a Dual Diagnosis (developmental disability and mental health needs) and are involved in the criminal justice system. The objectives of the presentation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share a model of community collaboration that increased capacity and service for individuals with Dual Diagnosis in Central West region. 2. To share concrete suggestions for how best to engage individuals with Dual Diagnosis in a planning process. 3. To provide examples of collaboration and program flexibility that has helped to divert individuals with Dual Diagnosis from the criminal justice system. <p>The presenters will share information about how the community collaboration was initiated and has evolved over time. Additionally, information about specific cases will be provided to highlight some of the unique issues and best practices for engaging with individuals who have a dual diagnosis. Participants will leave the session with a greater understanding and concrete suggestions of how to work with individuals who have Dual Diagnosis and how systems can work together to ensure that these individuals are diverted from the justice system.</p>	
C	<p>Mental Health and the Criminal Code</p> <p>Presenters: Curt Flanagan; Lisa Cameron</p> <p>This session will focus on the interaction between mental health and the criminal justice system. The presentation will serve as an instructive and practical discussion on Part XX.1 of the Criminal Code including, forensic assessments, fitness, not criminally responsible, and the Ontario Review Board.</p>	

D	<p>The Use of a Frontline Screener by Police to Identify People in Need of Emergency Psychiatric Services</p> <p>Presenters: Ron Hoffman, Ontario Police College; Gregory P. Brown, Criminal Justice & Sociology, Nipissing University</p> <p>Purpose: To outline a research project to develop a police screener to assist in accurately identifying and responding to the needs of persons with mental disorder.</p> <p>Objectives: The presenters will review issues related to police involvement with people with mental disorder residing in the community, police apprehension authorities and current issues. Police officers must have reasonable grounds to believe that a person has a mental disorder and they must be able to effectively articulate those grounds to hospital staff. The history of instruments used to identify indicators of mental disorder and their usefulness in assisting officers articulate their grounds will be examined. A new police screener is proposed based on data derived from the Resident Assessment Instrument - Mental Health (RAI-MH). The benefits of using the proposed screener will be discussed together with its role in ensuring that individuals with mental disorder are diverted away from the criminal justice system.</p>
E	<p>Custodial Treatment to Community Reintegration “Keeping It Simple” for Special Needs Offenders at OCI</p> <p>Presenters: Brad Gill-Tamcsu; Tom Poray; George Seymour</p> <p>The Ontario Correctional Institute (OCI) located in Brampton Ontario is a unique and progressive provincial correctional treatment facility. One of the five treatment units at OCI is designated as a Special Needs Unit, housing individuals meeting specific admission criteria. The OCI Special Needs Unit utilizes treatment approaches that over the years have proven to be effective in addressing criminogenic factors. Combining relationship based security principles, and a positive psychological approach along with Risk, Need and Responsivity considerations have proven to ensure the broad treatment needs of Special Needs offenders are met. The Case Management – multidisciplinary approach has also proven to be effective in the community reintegration of this population. Collaboration between the OCI treatment team and the CMHA Peel Discharge Planner serves to support the successful community reintegration of high need offenders. Specific case illustrations will be used in this discussion to support the “keeping it simple” approach to treatment and community reintegration.</p>
F	<p>Mental Health and Justice – A Family Perspective: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow</p> <p>Presenter: Peter Andruski; Christine Gaylor</p> <p>This workshop will explore the importance of family involvement in the recovery of persons with mental illness charged with a criminal offence.</p>

10:30am - 10:45am

Health Break

12:15pm - 1:30pm

Lunch and Keynote Presentation: “Conflicts, Confusion, and Questions: The Complex Relations Between Mental Health and Law”

Presented by: Dorothy Cotton, *Clinical Psychologist, Correctional Service of Canada, Member of the Mental Health and the Law Committee, Mental Health Commission of Canada*

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Plenary Session: Mental Health Court Justice Panel: “The State of Mental Health Courts in Ontario”

Moderated by:

The Honourable Mister Justice Richard Schneider, *Toronto*

Panelists:

The Honourable Mister Justice Gary Hearn, *Kitchener/Waterloo*

The Honourable Madam Justice Deborah K. Livingstone, *London*

The Honourable Madam Justice Heather Perkins-McVey, *Ottawa*

3:00pm - 3:15pm

Health Break

3:15pm - 4:30pm	Concurrent Session 4	*All session details are printed as they were provided
A	<p>Using Simulation to Engage Police in Learning About Mental Illness: The Impact of Realism on the Learning Process</p> <p>Presenters: Wendy Stanyon, University of Ontario Institute of Technology; Marjory Whitehouse, Whitby Mental Health Centre; Dave Hookway, Durham Regional Police Services; Chris Hinton, Durham College; Erin Banit, Durham College</p> <p>This presentation will highlight a unique partnership between Durham Regional Police Services, Whitby Mental Health Centre, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Four simulations were developed with interactive videos and an adaptive learning system that places police in realistic simulated situations and provides them with opportunities to respond to the situation and also receive detailed feedback, which further enhances the learning process. Developed within a Flash framework using techniques mastered by the UOIT-Durham College Innovation Centre, the simulations have a self-contained library with additional learning resources and are based on actual police experiences involving persons presumed to have a mental illness. The purpose of these learning objects is to promote a better understanding of some of the challenges individuals with a mental illness experience and facilitate the ability of frontline officers to respond to specific situations using the most appropriate therapeutic communication strategies. A follow-up research study was conducted with funding from the Canadian Council on Learning to evaluate the impact of using these simulations to educate police officers about mental illness and how to respond effectively to mentally ill persons. A demonstration of these interactive video-based learning objects as well as the findings of a research study that was conducted to evaluate the impact of educating police about mental illness and how to respond effectively to mentally ill persons will also be included in this presentation.</p>	
B	<p>An Examination of the Effects of Five Dimensions of Continuity of Care in Court Support Programs in Ontario</p> <p>Presenter: George Drazenovich, Canadian Mental Health Association</p> <p>Background: The Matyroschka Project, a four year project that is part of the Systems Enhancement Evaluation Initiative (SEEI) was conducted to examine the effects of enhanced funding for community mental health programs on the five dimensions of continuity of care in court support programs; (1) timeliness of services, (2) intensity of services, (3) comprehensiveness of services, (4) coordination of services and (5) accessibility of services.</p> <p>Objectives: To discuss selected results from the Matyroschka Project.</p> <p>Methods: Study participants were recruited from 7 participating court support programs located throughout Ontario. Interviews were conducted by trained interviewers with clients and case managers. Information was gathered about aspects of service use. A cross-sectional design was used; program clients were recruited during October 2005, October 2006, and October 2007. All clients who were willing to be interviewed were eligible for participation. Results: Comparing findings over the three years, we observed a decrease in the timeliness, comprehensiveness and intensity of services. There was a significant increase in accessibility.</p> <p>Conclusion: Court Support Program clients face difficulty in accessing care. This difficulty may reflect the fact that the system has reached capacity and the challenge of providing services to clients with Class 2 and 3 charges.</p> <p>Educational Objectives: At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to (1) List 5 dimensions of continuity of care, (2) Describe the changes in continuity of care of Court Support Program clients from 2005 to 2007, (3) Discuss the implications of the changes in continuity of care for future planning.</p>	
C	<p>“Not About Bad”; Understanding the Mental Health Needs and Practices Within a Youth Justice Facility</p> <p>Presenters: Dick Meen, Kinark Child and Family Services; David Day, Ryerson University; Kofi Belfon, University of Guelph; Sandra Cunning, Kinark Child and Family Services</p> <p>Kinark Child and Family Services is focused on understanding the mental health needs of youth at Syl Apps Youth Centre (SAYC) and providing the best evidence-informed practices for this population. To this end, Kinark undertook an evaluation examining the mental health profile of youth at Syl Apps.</p> <p>The objectives of the study were to: a) compare findings with an earlier evaluation, b) to assist in identifying appropriate and meaningful measures and, c) to inform the selection of best mental health practices for this population. Findings from this evaluation will be presented. At a broader level, the evaluation is embedded in Kinark’s Clinical Transformation (CT) process; a multi-year, agency-wide change process that involves the exploration, installation and implementation of evidence-based such as Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). The main goals of the process are to increase the use of and information about evidenced-based clinical practices and to improve the outcomes for youth. The presentation will describe the nature of the clinical interventions at Syl Apps including the implementation of DBT and an Art Therapy program designed to serve as an adjunct to other interventions. Evaluation frameworks for DBT and Art Therapy program will be presented and preliminary outcomes will be shared. Participants will take away an understanding of the mental health needs of youth within a youth justice facility, models of intervention with the population and an evaluation framework that may facilitate evaluation planning and implementation.</p>	

D	<p>Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training - Teaching Officers to be First Responders to Mental Health Calls</p> <p>Presenter: Sarah Burtenshaw</p> <p>The CIT movement is expanding in Canada. CIT involves teaching front-line officers about mental illness and how to effectively respond to people in crisis. The 40-hour training program is provided by mental health professionals, community members, consumers and family members. Local university security officers, provincial police service personnel and court officers have also taken advantage of the training in Southern Ontario. This presentation will provide an overview of the program which has been adapted from the Memphis model. The audience will learn about innovative learning activities used in the CIT training which can be replicated by other police services in their own CIT course. Evaluation methods will also be reviewed along with the positive outcomes of the training.</p>
E	<p>Just Us Collaborative: Addressing Core Issue in Rooming Houses with High Repetitive Calls</p> <p>Presenters: Barb Chrysler, St. Mary's Counselling Service; Rob Davis, Waterloo Regional Police; Heather Brose, IB Rentals Inc; Dr. George Berrigan</p> <p>This presentation will summarize the background to the issue with an examination of the history of the site in relation to the changing urban environment in regard to student housing and affordable housing. It explores the challenges that the Waterloo Regional Police had in regard to large groups of socio-economic disadvantaged adults living together in a collection of rooming houses where there was a high prevalence of individuals dealing with addiction and mental health issues, anti-social behavior, criminal behaviour and the resulting impact on the immediate community. An overview of different strategies utilized by The Waterloo Regional Police Department to deal with the problem of high repetitive calls will be discussed and include: enforcement, crime prevention and community mobilization. The main theoretical frameworks utilized in the intervention will be discussed and include community mobilization, hierarchy of needs and a participatory approach to intervention. The research section of the presentation summarizes a literature review on rooming houses, pre and post survey of residents and observational information from discussions and meetings with owners, residents and providers. This section will identify the needs and summarize the achievements to date which include the development of an onsite medical clinic, on site food distribution, management changes, public phone installation, some maintenance improvements, treatment, overdose prevention training, development of onsite reading room, clothing room, fitness, barbeques and outreach services coming to the site.</p>





Wednesday, October 28, 2009

7:00am - 12:00pm Registration

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast

9:00am - 9:10am Welcome and Introductions

9:30am - 10:30am Concurrent Session 5 *All session details are printed as they were provided

A	<p>Consumer Informed Practice: Challenging the Service Paradigm</p> <p>Presenter: Lana Frado; Mohamed Badsha, Reconnect Mental Health Services, Director of Program Development and Community Integration</p> <p>Consumer “participation”, consumer “involvement”, consumer “centered”, and consumer “driven”: What does it mean for mental health services to turn these values into real-life practice? And how do we do that in the complicated place when mental health and justice systems connect? At Sound Times we struggle with these questions from a unique perspective - we are all service users ourselves. Staff, board and management worked together with service users to design the Sound Times’ Mental Health and Justice services, a process we name as consumer-informed practice. From this perspective, the Mental Health and Justice services necessarily incorporate an advocacy stance and challenge the system to rethink the role of service users in the mental health system - both as clients and as providers. This workshop will describe the Sound Times consumer-informed practice model and its potential for users to influence service delivery models and advocate for systems reform.</p>
B	<p>Supporting Families in Crisis: A Model of Integrated Child/Youth and Adult Crisis Response</p> <p>Presenters: Frances Harris; Teresa Scheckel; Jill Wantola; Theresa Rye</p> <p>The complex needs of families in crisis are best served through collaboration between child/youth and adult services. Traditionally, child/youth and adult services have operated in isolation; families have not experienced the system as seamless and integrated. We will describe how Durham Region’s child/youth and adult crisis services have collaborated to offer an integrated and seamless crisis response.</p>
C	<p>Partnering for Change, Moving Forward with Innovative Practice: The Transitional Rehabilitation Housing Program (TRHP) Pilots</p> <p>Presenters: Jodi Elliott, Canadian Mental Health Association-Toronto; Vanessa Sigouin, Salus Corporation; Gareth Park, Canadian Mental Health Association-Ottawa Branch; Helen Ward, Royal Ottawa Health Centre Group; Robin Nicholas, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health</p> <p>Purpose: To demonstrate the value of developing interactive, cross sector partnerships, to outline the methods we’ve used to address identified gaps in service, and to describe the specific operational aspects and services of each program.</p> <p>Educational Objective: We will describe the processes involved in building partnerships, developing policies/procedures and delivering innovative services, with a focus on program strengths, challenges, and subsequent learning. The ultimate goal is evolving best practices and creating a foundation of knowledge and expertise that will be made available to service providers across Ontario.</p> <p>Summary of Content: In 2006, the MoHLTC initiated two Transitional Rehabilitation Housing Programs meant to facilitate community placement of designated forensic inpatients under the ORB, thereby creating throughput in the system. The Ottawa partnership is comprised of the ROHCG, CMHA-Ottawa and Salus, and the Toronto partners include CAMH and CMHA-Toronto. In Ottawa a combination of a four bed congregate site staffed 24/7 and six scattered independent units is utilized, while the Toronto program consists of independent units housing ten clients within a 24/7 staffed CMHA operated building; average length of stay is approximately one year. Both provide goal based recovery oriented services that will enable clients to safely transition to independent housing and generic mental health services.</p> <p>Conclusions: TRHP targets the cycle of hospital readmissions, and the (re)involvement in the criminal justice and forensic systems. It empowers clients to rejoin society as full citizens. By linking services we support clients in their recovery and manage their risk; TRHP is a new option for our clients, and our communities.</p>

D	<p>HSJCC: Forum for Change: A Facilitated Discussion</p> <p>Facilitators: Uppala Chandrasekera; Michelle Gold</p> <p>Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion as a group, discussing the current challenges, obstacles and successes on the subject of the Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC).</p>
E	<p>Mental Health Court: Forum for Change: A Facilitated Discussion</p> <p>Facilitators: Lisa Cameron; Lynette Fritzley</p> <p>Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion as a group, discussing the current challenges, obstacles and successes on the subject of Mental Health Courts.</p>
F	<p>Forensic Mental Health: Forum for Change: A Facilitated Discussion</p> <p>Facilitators: Chris Higgins; Oana Gug; Sheri Weisberg</p> <p>Participants will engage in a facilitated discussion as a group, discussing the current challenges, obstacles and successes on the subject of Forensic Mental Health.</p>

10:30am - 10:45am	Health Break
10:45am - 11:45am	Plenary Session: “Reflections on the Roots of Youth Violence in Ontario” Presented by: The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry
11:45am - 12:00pm	Q&A with The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry
12:00pm	Summary and Closing Remarks



Keynote Speakers & Distinguished Guests

The Honourable Chris Bentley

Attorney General



Chris Bentley was elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. He previously served as Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and Minister of Labour.

He is a lawyer who has practised criminal and labour law. He also taught part-time at the University

of Western Ontario Law School, where he helped to establish the Law School Careers Office. He has also been a continuing education lecturer in courses for judges, crown attorneys, the police and defence counsel. He has written a book on criminal law.

Active in the London community, Bentley was the first chairperson and an organizing committee member of Neighbourhood Legal Services London and Middlesex, a legal clinic established in London in 1985 to assist low-income clients.

Bentley attended the University of Western Ontario and received his law degree from the University of Toronto Law School in 1979. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1981 and later obtained a masters-level degree from Cambridge University in England.

Bentley has lived in London since 1967. He and his wife, Wendy, have two daughters. An avid runner, he is a regular participant in the 24-hour relay to raise funds for London's hospitals and has completed three Boston marathons.

Gregory P. Brown, PhD

Associate Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology, Director, Institute for Applied Social Research (IASR) Nipissing University North Bay, Ontario



Dr. Gregory P. Brown is Associate Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology, and Director of the Institute for Applied Research (IASR) at Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario. Dr. Brown is also Chair of the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Research Committee, Associate Member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, and an Associate Fellow, interRAI.

Dr. Brown recently completed the study of the prevalence of mental illness and mental health care needs among inmates in the Ontario correctional system, and is now undertaking a follow-up study linking inmate re-contacts across the correctional and the mental health care systems. Dr. Brown is also consultant to the University of Michigan study of mental illness among inmates in the state prison system, and is part of a team of researchers developing an instrument for use by police officers to assess symptoms of mental illness.

Dr. Brown continues to lead the research team conducting a longitudinal study of new recruits in the Ontario Provincial Police.

Dr. Brown has been a faculty member at Nipissing University since September 1999. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Waterloo in 1991, specializing in research methods and statistics. Dr. Brown worked as a Senior Project Officer for the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services (1994-96) and as team leader, Research & Evaluation Unit, Ontario Police College (1996-2000).

Dr. Dorothy Cotton

Clinical Psychologist, Correctional Service of Canada, Member of the Mental Health and the Law Committee, Mental Health Commission of Canada



Dr. Cotton is a registered psychologist who currently holds a position as a clinical neuropsychologist with Correctional Service Canada. She has degrees from McGill University, Purdue University and Queen's University, and is an adjunct faculty member at Queen's University. In

addition to her work with Correctional Services, her experience in the forensic/correctional field includes a stint as administrative director of forensic services at the hospital-formerly-known-as Kingston Psychiatric Hospital (now Providence Care) and extensive involvement with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, assisting police services with the development of policy, training initiatives and program development related to interactions between the police and people with mental illnesses. She has active research interests in this area including issues related to stigma, program effectiveness, and consumer attitudes toward and feedback for police services. She has published in professional journals in these areas, and also writes a variety of magazine columns designed to bring psychological knowledge and principles into the public arena. Dr. Cotton is also currently president of the College of Psychologists of Ontario, and is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association.

Her experience and expertise in addressing the overlaps between the criminal justice system and the mental health system also have led to her appointment as a member of the Mental Health and the Law Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

The Honourable Mister Justice Gary Hearn

Kitchener/Waterloo

The Honourable Mister Justice Gary Hearn graduated from the University of Guelph in 1968 and from Law School at the University of Western Ontario in 1971. He was called to the bar in Ontario in March of 1973 and practised criminal defence work as well as civil litigation thereafter until his appointment to the Ontario Court of Justice in October of 1998. Since his appointment to the bench he has presided in the Region of Waterloo, chambered in Kitchener. For the past six years he has acted as Local Administrative Justice for the Region of Waterloo and was one of the initiators of the Mental Health Court in the Region of Waterloo, which opened in September of 2005.

The Honourable Madam Justice Deborah K. Livingstone

London, Ontario Court of Justice



The Honourable Madam Justice Deborah Livingstone is a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice. She was appointed to the bench in December of 1989. Prior to her appointment to the criminal court, she was a partner in her own firm in London, Ontario, practising civil litigation, and acting

as a Part-time Crown attorney for both the Provincial and Federal Governments. Since 1994 she has been a Deputy judge of the Territorial Court of the Yukon.

Justice Livingstone has been serving youths and adults in the Therapeutic Courts in London since January of 2008.

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry



The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, O. Ont, Quebec, is a member of Gowlings' advocacy department where he serves as counsel to the Firm. The former Chief Justice of Ontario, High Commissioner to Great Britain and Attorney General for Ontario provides strategic counsel to

Gowlings' clients in both the public and private sectors. Mr. McMurtry, who works out of the Firm's Toronto office, also provides a full range of dispute resolution and mediation services and will continue his long standing tradition of public and community service.

Prior to joining Gowlings, Mr. McMurtry practised law as a trial counsel for 17 years before being elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1975. Upon election, he was appointed to the Cabinet of Premier William G. Davis as the Attorney General for Ontario, a position he held until 1985. As Attorney General, he oversaw an unparalleled era of law reform in Ontario including bilingualism in the courts, multiculturalism and family law reform. He was deeply involved in the patriation of the Canadian Constitution and the creation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. During that period he also served for four years as the Solicitor General for Ontario.

In 1985, Mr. McMurtry was appointed Canada's High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Great Britain, a post which he held until late 1988. In 1991 he was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Superior Court and then Chief Justice of that Court in 1994. In February 1996 he was appointed Chief Justice of Ontario, a capacity in which he served for over 11 years until May 30, 2007.

More recently, Mr. McMurtry was appointed Chancellor of York University. On July 1st, 2009 Mr. McMurtry was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Ian Peer

Deputy Chief, London Police Service



Ian Peer is the Deputy Chief of Administration with the London Police Service. He has been a member of the service since 1981, and has worked in a variety of operational and support services assignments. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors of the London Intercommunity Health

Centre, a member of the Board of Directors of the John Howard Society London and participates in the Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee in London. He is a member of the MOHLTC Healthy Communities theme group and participates in the Attorney General's round table on mental health. He has been a member of the St. Joseph's Health Centre Care Committee, the London Mental Health Alliance and a variety of police related internal and external committees. He has presented at various conferences on issues relating to police involvement with the mentally ill, and has lectured at the Ontario Police College, Fanshawe College and The University of Western Ontario on a variety of criminal justice topics.

Ian is a long time resident of London, graduating from the University of Western Ontario in 1978 (BA). He has completed additional police training at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer and the Canadian Police College in Ottawa. In 2006 he graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

The Honourable Madam Justice**Heather Perkins-McVey***Ottawa Mental Health Court Steering Committee*

Heather Perkins-McVey was appointed as a Judge to the Ontario Court of Justice in June 2009 and presides over criminal matters in Ottawa. Prior to her appointment, she practised as a criminal defence lawyer for 21 years practicing in all areas of

special interest during her practice was advocacy at all levels of court for persons suffering mental illness and developmental disability. Ms. Perkins-McVey has been actively involved as a member of the steering committee for the Ottawa Mental Health Court and the Ottawa Youth Mental Health Court and in 2009 received an Inspiration Award in the community category from the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre.

The Honourable Mister Justice**Richard D. Schneider***Toronto*

Richard D. Schneider, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., LL.B., LL.M., C.Psych. is a Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. He was previously a criminal defence lawyer and certified clinical psychologist. Counsel to the Ontario Review Board from 1994 to 2000. Certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a

specialist in Criminal Litigation. Private practice was generally limited to the representation of mentally disordered accused. Also, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine and Adjunct Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. Named Honorary President of the Canadian Psychological Association in 2002. Also, presently Alternate Chairman of the Ontario and Nunavut Review Boards. Major research interests are competency and criminal responsibility. Has published extensively in the area of mental disorder and the law. Recent books include: *Mental Disorder and the Law: A primer for legal and mental health professionals* (2006, with H. Bloom); *Mental Health Courts: Decriminalizing the Mentally Ill* (2007, with H. Bloom and M. Heerema); *Annotated Mental Health Statutes* (2007); *The Lunatic and the Lords* (2009) [all published by Irwin Law / www.irwinlaw.com].