

## Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the Meeting of WRCPC on May 13, 2016

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- Youth: Unleashing the Potential of ALL Youth
- Neighbourhoods: Building Local Capacity for Change
- Smart on Crime: Advancing the Momentum

### 1. Expand Reach through Understanding and Engagement

- The Community Engagement League will soon launch its line-up of spring learning and engagement events for 2016. Join us on the porch to hear stories of prevention from Friends who are addressing these issues.

Porch Chats at the Governor’s House		
June 9 6:30-8pm	You don’t know what you don’t know. A conversation about truth and reconciliation	With Tammy Webster and friends
June 16 6:30-8pm	Naming the issue. A conversation about hate crimes	With Sarah Shafiq and friends
June 23 6:30-8pm	What’s your role? A conversation about sexual violence and consent	With Joan Tuchlinsky and Eleanor McGrath

Make sure you are signed up as a Friend to get all the details. <http://preventingcrime.ca/get-involved/friends-of-crime-prevention/> , click on the “join today” button to get started!

- The Community Engagement League will soon launch its Fall book group series, and a new Fall Friends recruitment campaign.

### 2. Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

- Educational Events about Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): **WRCPC is a partner on the Health Engagement Task Force** (of the Domestic Assault Review Team, DART) which seeks

to increase awareness of and screening for intimate partner violence. An educational event was held for midwives on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Pregnancy is a risk factor for intimate partner violence. Thirteen midwives within and beyond the Region will take what they learned back to their respective practices. Thanks to Women's Crisis Services for providing the location for the event!

- The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (**Bill C-224**) passed **second reading in the House of Commons in May**. **Key evidence for the Act is WRCPC's 2012 report [Between Life and Death: The Barriers to Calling 9-1-1 During an Overdose Emergency](#)**.

### 3. Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

- It was a pleasure to again present the Crime Prevention Council award to this year's student at **the Community Justice Degree Program at Conestoga College**. The winner – coincidentally – is no-one other than Jonathan English who will be joining Council in his new role as one of four community representatives in May. Congratulations Jonathan!
- The next larger group meeting for the **Community Wellness Initiative** led by the CAO of the Region was well received and has moved us closer to knowing the potential contents for the plan (which resonate with a root causes analysis) and implementing a process for re-engaging the community. Sudbury Community Services have asked to meet with WRCPC to speak about the crime prevention work of the council and how it relates to the planning efforts proposed by the Region. This meeting happened here in Kitchener.
- Staff were pleased to be included in a strategic planning session for the **K-W Coalition for Muslim Women**. Having Sarah Shafiq join Council in one of the four community representative positions affords us many more future opportunities to align our work. Welcome Sarah!
- Christiane was pleased to participate as one of six presenters in a conference focused on what creates a sustainable just society organized by **CCRLA** at WLU. A similar conference was hosted in Auckland New Zealand and both universities will compare notes on where we align or where we may differ.
- Michael was pleased to participate in the **Leadership Waterloo Region** Leaders Day (Systems Thinking) in May and at the **Waterloo Region Rural Forum** in April.
- Tracy was pleased to share the Say Hi campaign at the **City of Kitchener Neighbour Party** at Stanley Park Community Centre – where Seattle community developer **Jim Diers** spoke and included our Say Hi message in his presentation. This event, attended by 450 people, will help the city develop their Neighbourhood Strategy.

#### 4. Advocate for Equity and Belonging. Reduce Marginalization and Discrimination

- The WRCPC and 233 other signatories called upon Premier Wynne and Minister Hoskins for urgent action to reduce opioid overdose deaths in Ontario in a [letter](#) sent April 26. This follows a similar request made to the Province in November 2015 and the Prescription For Life report in June 2015.

#### 5. In the News

- [While opioid use grows, data remains sparse](#) (Community Edition, May 4)
- [Guelph police re: fentanyl](#) (May 3, CTV News)
- [Region's public health department calls for 'real time' information on drug use](#) (CBC News, April 26)
- [B.C. declares public health emergency as overdoses surge again](#) (Globe & Mail, April 14)
- [Albertans left in dark about police seizure of deadly new street drug](#) (Globe & Mail, April 20)
- [Building a stronger city one neighbourhood at a time](#) (The Record, April 14)

#### 6. Community Corner:

- WRPS Open House is this Saturday, May 14 from 10am-3pm at Maple Grove Headquarters. CPC will have a display table there.
- Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region AGM is on June 21 starting at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP please call 519-741-9184 ext. 2039 By: June 1, 2016 or email [Ruth.Gilmour@wswr.org](mailto:Ruth.Gilmour@wswr.org)

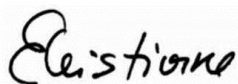
#### 7. Additional Information

- Please join me in welcoming David Siladi as the new PT Knowledge Exchange and Research Coordinator. David is familiar to some of us through his previous work on the harm reduction pillar of the Integrated Drugs Strategy during a contract with Public Health. David's first day is May 09, 2016 and he will be joining us for his first experience of WRCPC at the regular meeting in May. We are excited to have David with us and to finally

have a full staff complement for the Crime Prevention Office. Thank you to Mark Pancer for assisting staff in the interview process.

- The WRCPC staff team was sad to see Juanita leave for her six plus months break but also excited for her because of the opportunities it may hold. Meanwhile **Sarah Anderson** has maneuvered her steep learning curve with aplomb and it feels like she has always been part of the team. By way of introduction, Sarah worked for many years at The Working Centre, responding to the needs of immigrants, youth, and older workers. Her love for stories has led her to help organize local Jane's Walks. She is curious about community art practices and has explored these in her own neighbourhood by hosting an annual lantern walk with neighbours.
- The WRCPC will be able to hire a **summer student** to support the Youth Engagement Strategy courtesy of funding provided by Service Canada. The 8-week position will commence in early July.
- Welcome also to **Kelly Anthony** our third community representative (out of 4) on the crime prevention council. After a long time of being able to value you as a "Friend of Crime Prevention" we are pleased to have you on council.

Respectfully Submitted,



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May 10, 2016