



WRPCPC Minutes

September 11, 2015

WCSWR – Anselma House

700 Heritage Drive

Kitchener, ON

Community Room

9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. (8:30a.m. networking)

Present: Alison Scott (arrived at 9:45a.m.), Angela Vanderheyden, Bill Davidson, Bill Wilson, Bryan Larkin (arrived at 9:35a.m.), Chris Cowie, Christine Bird, Courtney Didier, Denise Squire, Doug Thiel, Felix Munger, Frank Johnson, Helen Jowett (left at 10:00a.m.), Irene O’Toole, Joe-Ann McComb, John Shewchuk, Liz Vitek, Mark Pancer, Marla Pender, Michael Beazely, Pari Karem, Peter Rubenschuh, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Shayne Turner, Tom Galloway (left at 10:00a.m.), Peter Ringrose

Regrets: Andrew Jackson, Barry Cull, Derek Haime, Don Roth, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Jane Mitchell, Jennifer Mains, Laurie Strome, Sharlene Sedgwick-Walsh, Mary Zilney

Staff: Chris Sadeler, Dianne Heise, Juanita Metzger, Mary Anna Allen, Michael Parkinson, Tracy Jasmins

Special Guest: Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator of Canada

Chair: Chris Cowie

Recorder: M. Allen

No.	Item
1.	Welcome and Brief Introductions: Chris Cowie welcomed WRCPC and guests and introductions were made.
2.	Approval of Agenda: Michael Parkinson announced the Human Services & Justice Forum: Successful Alternatives to Incarcerations, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) event scheduled for October 6, 2015 at the Kitchener Public Library. LEAD is comprised of a unique coalition of law enforcement agencies, public officials, and community groups who collaborated to create this pre-booking diversion pilot program. Michael also announced a CAMH webinar about opioids scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 th , 2015. Staff will email out a registration link to the LEAD event and a link to the CAMH webinar prior to the events. Moved by Christine Bird and seconded Denise Squire. Carried

3.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None
4.	<p>Approval of the Minutes July 10, 2015:</p> <p>Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Doug Thiel. Carried.</p> <p>4.1 Business Arising</p> <p>Federal Candidate WRCP C Briefing Notes: Christiane Sadeler has submitted the briefing notes for the Federal candidates to Regional Administration. The WRCP C provided input for the briefing notes during the July 10th, 2015 Council meeting. Christiane will forward the briefing notes to the WRCP C after the Regional Chair has reviewed them. An increase in efforts to prevent crime was one of the main points in the list of recommendations.</p> <p>Sector Model Discussion: The Sector Model discussion will be brought back to WRCP C at the next meeting of Council on October 16, 2015 after the next Facilitating Committee meetings.</p> <p>Community Safety and Well-being Plan: WRCP C staff as directed sent a letter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, asking for the status of the Community Safety and Well-being plans as well as a copy of the draft legislation with changes to the Police Services Act. There has been no response from the Minister’s office to date. Christiane will continue to keep the Council updated.</p>
5.	<p>Reflections on Prevention, Prisons and Popcorn Film and Forum Evening with Howard Sapers:</p> <p>The WRCP C debriefed about the Friends of Crime Prevention event: Reflections on Prevention, Prisons and Popcorn Film and Forum Evening with Howard Sapers.</p> <p>The event included the movie “State of Incarceration”, followed by a keynote by Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator of Canada, an expert panel and questions from the audience.</p> <p>The event was designed to bring together the Friends of Crime Prevention and the community to broaden the awareness about the incarceration in Canada and beyond.</p>
6.	<p>A Dialogue with Special Guest Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator for Canada:</p> <p>Howard Sapers shared that the WRCP C has reached “mythical status” across Canada in terms of crime prevention through social and community development. Mr. Sapers first became aware of WRCP C when he was the ED with the National Crime Prevention Centre during the time of the Safe and Sound Project that was hosted by the WRCP C.</p>

Howard Sapers suggested that the Council invite Andrew Gregg, the Director of the movie, **State of Incarceration**, to share some incredible stories about his experiences and interviews inside and outside the federal institutions during the development of the film.

Howard Sapers also highlighted some issues regarding corrections that might provide opportunities for a crime prevention initiative such as the WRCPC. Some of the issues may have direct bearing on the work of the WRCPC others may lead to the WRCPC assisting CSC through focusing its collaborative discussions on issues such as:

- 1) The continuity of health care for those transitioning into the institution as well as ensuring linkages and supports in the community for those transitioning out of the federal institutions
- 2) Accessing community based mental health interventions and crisis supports for inmates with mental health issues
- 3) CSC's decreases in community corrections as a result of which half way house operators across the country are struggling. Programs such as **Lifeline** and **Circles of Accountability and Support** are in crisis despite the fact that they pose an economical alternative to CSC services and provide interventions that work.

Lastly, Mr. Sapers suggested that the WRCPC host a national forum or dialogue on preventing deaths in custody (or for as long as someone is under state control).

A member of Council suggested a dialogue about correctional services, primary care and mental health.

Howard Sapers shared that some provinces have moved to single healthcare providers for their provincial correctional systems and that some provinces have moved responsibility for healthcare entirely out of the justice sector.

Howard Sapers agreed to send a copy of his presentation from the September 10th, 2015 event to Christiane.

7. **"Breaking the Silence" Presentation: Juanita Metzger**

Juanita Metzger presented the report "Breaking the Silence"

The report **Breaking The Silence On Hidden Violence - Addressing Hate Crime & Violence Against the LGBTQ Community in Waterloo Region** is the result of issues first raised at Council about increases in hate crime against the LGBTQ community. This led to a discussion at the **Friends of Crime Prevention** meeting on November 14th, 2014. Following that event there was an interest from many participants to continue to be involved and work together on bringing awareness to this issue. A group of interested community members met several times in order to review all of the recommendations from the Friends event and to distil them down to 2 to 3 areas that need more immediate attention.

The Report Breaking the Silence is summary of the issue, what took place over the past year

	<p>in terms of community engagement with the issue and recommendations for moving forward.</p> <p>Juanita shared the five action areas (Page 8 of the Report) that the group agreed to move forward with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote safety • Build alliances • Enhance community collaboration • Provide public education • Show strong leadership <p>A working group was formed that aligned itself with the newly formed Rainbow Community Council which as a council functions much like the WRCPC. It includes service providers, community groups and members of the LGBT community who want to work on advancing safety and increasing community collaboration with regards to LGBTQ issues.</p> <p>Juanita, on behalf of the working group, asked the WRCPC as individuals and as sector representatives to review the “Call for Actions” listed on page 8 and 9 of the report and take these actions to their places of influence. Juanita finally asked that WRCPC members make her aware of any actions taken that come out for the review of the report and to email her with suggestions for additional distribution.</p> <p>William Walters was acknowledged for facilitating the larger part of the process that led to the report and for co-writing the report.</p>
8.	<p>Approval of the Smart on Crime 2015-2018: Christiane Sadeler</p> <p>The WRCPC reviewed the Smart on Crime 2015-2018 presented by Christiane Sadeler. The WRCPC participated in an exercise and provided further feedback. Christiane asked the Council to review the plan and to provide further comments to her by September 18, 2015.</p> <p>Moved to adopt the Smart on Crime 2015-2018 in principle by Felix Munger. Seconded by John Shewchuk. Carried.</p>
9.	<p>New WRCPC Website: Tracy Jasmins and Chris Steingart</p> <p>Tracy Jasmins and Chris Steingart presented the new WRCPC website to the WRCPC. For more information please visit the WRCPC website. www.preventingcrime.ca</p>
10.	<p>Other Business: None</p>
11.	<p>Adjournment: Moved by Peter Rubenschuh. Carried at 11:35a.m.</p>