

WECOSS Enforcement and Justice Working Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting (Via Microsoft Teams)

Present: Lindsey Beaudoin (SWDC), Celine Damphouse (WECHU), Alexis Erickson (WECHU), Francis Kalamba (WECHU), Joe Rafuse (WPS – Co-Chair), David Connor (WPS), Toluwalope Adedugbe (WECHU), Jocelyn Hurst (SOLGEN), Katie Bryan (weCHC), Jennifer Cline (WEC – Housing Corporation), Kelly Barill (Recorder)

Regrets: Chris Ciliska (OPP), Denam Hardiman (SWDC), Melissa Major (HDGH – MHART), Alison Malott (Peer Rep.), Brad Thornton (LaSalle Police), Diane Quadros (CMHA), Wendy Desjardins (OPP), Shawn Hand (OPP), Stephanie Caron (OPP), Stacey Shepley (Essex-Windsor EMS), EMS-MHART VPN

Chair: Joe Rafuse

Recorder: Kelly Barill

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| 1.0 | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. | |
| 2.0 | Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda approved. | |
| 3.0 | Review of Action Items and Approval of Minutes from November 26th, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact J. Rafuse and A. Erickson if interested in the EJWG Co-Chair position (J. Rafuse). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The second Co-Chair position remains vacant. Contact Joe Rafuse and Alexis Erickson if interested. • Share any other feedback on the WECOSS Working Group partnership by completing the online partnership evaluation survey or contacting J. Rafuse and A. Erickson (J. Rafuse & A. Erickson). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No other feedback received since the partnership evaluation was presented to the EJWG at the last meeting. ○ Recommendations will be developed that aim to improve the WECOSS partnership using the existing feedback and results. The outcomes of this work will be shared with the EJWG once complete. • Update 2025 project proposal based on EJWG feedback and present the proposal to the WECOSS Leadership Committee in December 2024 for approval (J. Rafuse). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete – Project proposal updated and approved with the Leadership Committee at the December | Contact Joe Rafuse and Alexis Erickson if interested in the vacant EJWG Co-Chair position (All). |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the duration of the grant, neighbourhood safety plans were developed for high-risk areas for opioid overdose (N8W, N8X, N8Y, N9A): https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/social-services/social-policy-and-pathway-to-potential/community-safety-and-well-being/ssnapp/neighbourhood-safety-plans • Around 1000 neighbourhood safety plans have been distributed since October of 2024. • Online survey results showed majority of individuals found the plans helpful in finding resources and referrals. • 25 workshops were hosted for over 800 service providers throughout the last three years on topics like de-escalation, addictions and mental health, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed care. • 11 community-based events were held in partnership with the WECOSS and the Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative. They were offered in high priority neighborhoods. Naloxone kits and resources were handed out to the community during events. | |
| 6.0 | <p>Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act Poster Translation (C. Damphouse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WECHU is looking to translate the EJWG’s Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act poster into French, Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese. At a recent community event in Glengarry, translated resources were identified as a need. • Windsor Police, Lasalle Police, and OPP logos are on the English version of the poster. Require approval from each policing organization to adapt the poster into other languages. • Joe Rafuse provided approval on behalf of the Windsor Police Service. • No Lasalle Police or OPP representatives were present at the meeting. Need to follow-up to gain approval. • Will also be translating the “Five Steps to Responding to an Opioid Overdose Using Naloxone” poster into other languages. | Reach out to Lasalle Police and OPP to request approval to translate the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act poster into other languages (Celine Damphouse). |
| 7.0 | <p>2025 Project Implementation – Strengthening Community Safety and Well-Being</p> <p>Project Overview and Current Status (T. Adedugbe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recap of the 2025 project for the EJWG was presented. • The purpose of the project is to sustain and expand the neighbourhood safety planning project initiated by SSNAPP. • The goals of the project would be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate residents on the existing safety plans (N9A, N8Y, N8W, N8X) at community housing events organized by the WEC-Housing Corporation, CMHA, the WPS, and other community partners over the course of the year. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a neighbourhood safety plan for the area of Leamington. <p>Strategies and Next Steps for Project Implementation (Group Discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Get the local partners in Leamington (e.g., OPP, BIA, social service agencies) on board. ● Upcoming events in partnership with WEC-Housing Corporation, CMHA, the WPS, and other partners where safety plans will be distributed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 11th at Glengarry (heath fair with private areas set up for treatment/counselling, etc.) ○ West End: Community family block party, including family and youth from Glengarry. ○ Five overdoses due to a bad batch of fentanyl at Glengarry recently, so having the drug test strips and naloxone kits also available at these events are important and highly sought after. ● Also looking at opportunities to train community housing staff on the safety plans. ● Jennifer Cline to assist in identifying the high-risk housing units in Leamington. More info to come after the County events this month. | Identify high-risk housing units in Leamington to inform neighbourhood safety planning for this area (Jennifer Cline). |
| 8.0 | <p>2025 Working Group Membership (A. Erickson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alexis Erickson reached out to all members in advance of the meeting asking them to please confirm their membership status for 2025. ● Thank you to those who have responded thus far. A friendly reminder to connect with Alexis if you haven't already. ● Reviewed current membership list. New suggested potential members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Racquele Smith from Family Services ○ Leamington OPP ○ Municipality of Leamington ○ Samantha Jones at Southwest Detention Centre ○ Laura from Essex-County Homelessness Hub | Share contact information for new suggested members with Alexis Erickson (All). |
| 9.0 | <p>Community Agency Roundtable (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katie Bryan from the weCHC stated that Street Health has moved to 1200 University Avenue. It is now known as the Downtown location. Hep C team is there and completely mobile. | |
| 10.0 | <p>WECOSS Pillar Updates (A. Erickson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treatment and Recovery – Focusing on a project this year that aims to improve access to opioid agonist therapy (OAT) through education to frontline service providers and the creation of new referral pathways. ● Prevention and Education – Working on developing a | |

