



WECOSS Enforcement and Justice Working Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting (Via Microsoft Teams)

Present: Chris Ciliska (OPP), Celine Damphouse (WECHU), Alexis Erickson (WECHU), Cindy Gignac (WECHU), Surjeet Gill (WPS), Shawn Hand (OPP), Kristen Merritt (Windsor Probation and Parole), Diane Quadros (CMHA), Joe Rafuse (WPS - Chair), Theresa Sarkis (WECHU - Recorder), & Stacey Shepley (Essex-Windsor EMS)

Regrets: Mike Agostinis (LaSalle Police), Maureen Armstrong (SOLGEN), Lindsey Beaudoin (SWDC), Jennifer Cline (WECHC – Housing), Denam Hardiman (SWDC), Pat Lenehan (OPP), Alison Malott (Peer Rep.), & Lisa Whitelaw (OPP)

		<i>Action Required</i>
1.0	Welcome, Introductions, and Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. Welcome to all. 	
2.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda approved. 	
3.0	Review of Action Items and Approval of Minutes from May 7th, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved. 	
4.0	Meeting Goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review progress and next steps of ongoing projects Discuss 2025 Project Planning 	
5.0	Project Updates Substance Use Workshops (C. Gignac) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivered a presentation at the Southwest Detention Centre on June 20th, which was well-received with 15 participants. Shared resources with attendees with interactive aspects and a lot of dialogue. 11 post-presentation evaluation surveys were completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% reported increased competence in supporting those who use substances. 27% reported positive changes in attitude towards those who use substances. At the end of September, delivering another workshop to Police Foundations students at St. Clair College. Substance Supports in Neighbourhoods Accessed through Police Partnerships (SSNAPP) (S. Gill/C. Damphouse) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community safety plans are being finalized and will soon be ready to circulate to intended neighbourhoods. The N9A, N8W, N8X and N8Y postal code areas are included in 	

	<p>this launch. Next step is to introduce the safety plans to the BIAs and City Council. The plans will then be launched, released to the community, and shared with WECOSS partners. A survey will be attached to these plans for evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse/police team was created to address opioid and substance use-related crime and improve safety and effectiveness of emergency response in these instances. From January 1st until the end of August 2024, there were 1,541 calls for service, 527 emergency room visits diverted from Windsor Regional Hospital, 360 community referrals, 114 substance-related wounds treated, and multiple other supports provided by the team. • Three more training workshops are planned for the Fall and Winter. 	
6.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>Co-Chair Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking two new Co-Chairs for this group. • A. Erickson can provide further information about the role and associated responsibilities for those who are interested. <p>2025 Project Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the need to better streamline work for all working groups. • SSNAPP grant is slated to end in March of 2025. There may be a possibility to continue the work of SSNAPP with this group. • Potential engagement with businesses related to community safety and substance use. Multiple community engagement resources targeted to businesses were created as part of the SafePoint project, which have yet to be used as intended due to the pause in services. There may be potential to adapt the resources to focus on community safety as it relates to substance use in general and to reengage with businesses in this work. 	<p>If interested in Co-Chair positions, please contact J. Rafuse and A. Erickson.</p> <p>Engagement with businesses to be explored as a 2025 project. Supporting the work and resources that are already created.</p>
7.0	<p>Community Agency Roundtable - Open Discussion (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WECHU – Working on internal safer supply review. Supporting a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIR) pilot project with primary care providers. • OPP – Currently responding to individuals dealing fentanyl in Leamington and elsewhere. • Essex-Windsor EMS – Community Paramedic Team is receiving extra training focusing on mental health and substance use response for frequent EMS 911 callers and frequent ED visitors. EMS now providing support for signs and symptoms of withdrawal, along with referrals to RAAM clinics. • CMHA – Shelter health program expanding with the CHC. 	

	<p>Staff and supervisors have been hired. Release from Custody referrals are busy; trends include housing availability. Resources may be shifted to ensure services are meeting needs as they are trending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windsor Probation & Parole – Seeing a lot of mental health and substance use concerns with referrals to the CMHA Release from Custody program. There are Probation Officers at H4 two days per week to connect with clients. • WPS – Strengthening the core downtown initiative is focusing on business engagement, working with displaced individuals. Three naloxone training workshops have been completed. Medicine Cabinet Cleanout will be planned during Crime Prevention Week in November – last event took place in April on Earth Day. 	
8.0	<p>WECOSS Pillar Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention and Education: Implementing the WECOSS’ continuous communication strategy. Communication plan and toolkit was developed and shared with the WECOSS membership to allow for distribution of shared messaging throughout the year. WECHU has been posting to social media regularly using this toolkit. Other upcoming marketing activities include bus ads and google ads. Evaluation of this project will continue. • Harm Reduction: Focusing on delivery of community overdose prevention training events. Originally planned for 4 events in 2024, but this has expanded to 6 events due to high level of need and interest. Have distributed over 100 naloxone kits and trained over 100 individuals on naloxone administration thus far. Another event planned for November 19th at the Safety Village, which is targeted to the construction industry. • Treatment and Recovery: Focusing on the launch of WEC Connect, an online program and service inventory for people who use drugs and their loved ones. This has been integrated onto the WECOSS website and piloted with peer groups to gauge current efficacy and opportunities for improvement before public release. Currently modifying the inventory based on feedback received and planning release and promotion for the end of October. Also working on sustainability plan for this inventory to keep it up to date. • WECOSS General: Partnership evaluation surveys were distributed in the Summer to evaluate work and operations of the WECOSS Working Groups, with low response rate. Looking at opportunities to redistribute in the Fall. More information to follow. 	
9.0	Next Steps & Recap of Action Items	Alexis and Celine to collaborate on a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft 2025 project proposal for review at next meeting – Alexis and Celine will draft a project proposal to review at the next meeting. 	draft project proposal.
10.0	Adjournment: 10:51 a.m.	
11.0	Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, November 26th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 	