



Treatment & Recovery Working Group Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Anastasia Adams (Welcome Centre Shelter), Elizabeth Dulmage (Brentwood- Co-Chair), Erica Bassakos (HDGH), Holly Busi (ESC LHIN), Kamillo Lamosa (ESC), Kelsey Vasovski (AEGIS Health), Kevin Matte (HDGH/CMHA), Lori Pinksen (Salvation Army), Lynn Mitchell (Erie Shores Healthcare), Patrick Kolowicz (HDGH), Selena Scebba (WECHU), Theresa Sarkis (WECHU-Recorder)

Regrets: Alison Malott (Peer Representative), Amy Visser (weCHC), Chris Thibert (Downtown Mission), Jennifer Cline (Legal Assistance of Windsor), Judy Lear-Zylstra (HDGH), Kimberly Mallais (House of Sophrosyne- Co-Chair), Kristi Benjamin (Peer Representative), Mack Park (University of Windsor), MHART Representatives (EMS/HDGH), Milvia Mendoza-Ramesar (Salvation Army), Rio Anzolin (WRH), Robert Cameron (DWCC), Silvana DeLorenzis (CMHA)

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Dulmage and Kimberly Mallais

Recorder: Theresa Sarkis

		<i>Action Required</i>
1.0	Welcome & Introductions Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.	
2.0	Approval of Agenda Agenda approved.	
3.0	Review of Action Items and Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload of inventory to WECOSS website. • Website shared. • Plan discussion for dissemination of this information to the community. Moved to updates later in the meeting. Approval of Minutes from September 25th, 2023 Minutes approved.	
4.0	Meeting Goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss priorities for the 2024 Project Proposal. 2. Review and discuss the WECOSS 2023 Annual Report. 	
5.0	Project Updates Enhancing PATHWAYS to Substance Use Treatment and Recovery, Mental Health, and Supportive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding status of a position to support this work is not yet confirmed - Selena will share any details as they become available. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At this time there is no plan for public dissemination, but when info is received, it will be shared. Inventory is not published but has been used to inform the 'Get Help' page on WECHU.org. 	
6.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>2024 Project Discussion (S. Scebba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intake and Assessment working group of the MHAN table for the development of a tool for frontline service providers. This group has also conducted an inventory of assessment tools being used including looking at quality standards Ontario recommendations in terms of substance use. This can be shared and may be useful as it contains specific instructions for substance use, opioids use etc. Is there an opportunity to create a dialogue around supportive housing as this is a critical local issue? Support for transitional housing as this is a non-ministry funded group and may be a gap. New WEOHT group working on patient navigation - this could be a good track to move forward with client assistance. A large focus of employment / unemployment is necessary for pathways to recovery. The City of Windsor is now the overseer of all the service providers that can be linked to clients in need. There is an issue of clients not having access to technology, or having it stolen or destroyed. This may be a barrier to accessing information that is available technologically. Poll to determine group's preference for a 2024 project – transitional housing was top choice. Next step -What is the scope that WECOSS would take within this topic (i.e., health promotion lens, physical resources, and online resources). First step can be to create an inventory of transitional housing options available throughout WE and how they are funded, the resources available to clients to continue with treatment. <p>2023 Annual Report (S. Scebba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages have been developed along with some social messages. Communication Toolkit with these messages will be shared once all groups have reviewed. 	<p>Selena to create project proposal with the information shared in terms of scope and needs for next steps of transitional housing work.</p> <p>If anyone has any messaging or services you would like highlighted reach out to Selena.</p>
7.0	Community Agency Roundtable	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDGH: New Indigenous peer worker for mental health and addiction. • ERHC: Working with weCHC to bring on addiction support worker for the Emergency department. • Brentwood: Waiting for news about bed-based funding - have started scaling back on admissions and therapy. <p>Providers of Addiction Treatment (PAT) Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting April 18th at UNIFOR Local 444 at 9:00 a.m. <p>WECOSS Pillars Update (S. Scebba)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement & Justice: To do substance use workshops with social workers, corrections officers, and post-secondary students enrolled in those programs. • Prevention & Education: Continuing with communication campaign. • Harm Reduction: Planning to deliver overdose prevention trainings in the community. 	
8.0	<p>Next Steps & Recap of Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop 2024 Project Proposal and present to the WECOSS LC for approval 	
9.0	<p>Adjournment: 2:58 p.m.</p>	
10.0	<p>2023 Meeting Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, April 22nd, 2024, 1:30pm – 3:00pm • Monday, June 24th, 2024, 1:30pm – 3:00pm • Monday, October 21st, 2024, 1:30pm – 3:00pm 	